

State Table 7.—FARM LABOR AND SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES: CENSUSES OF 1920 TO 1954

[Data in italics are based on reports for only a sample of farms. See text]

Item (For definitions and explanations, see text)	Census of—							
	1954 (November)	1950 (April 1)	1945 (January 1)	1940 (April 1)	1935 (January 1)	1930 (April 1)	1925 (January 1)	1920 (January 1)
FARM LABOR								
Farm workers for specified week:¹								
Family and/or hired workers ²farms reporting..	140,260	141,124	157,030	165,423	197,240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	244,342	237,471	240,495	256,141	321,525	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	139,171	139,561	156,033	159,223	194,406	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	207,088	210,033	226,830	220,924	287,455	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	136,568	133,659	151,989	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	50,811	54,378	58,994	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	70,520	76,374	74,841	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	20,321	17,813	9,770	24,871	26,679	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	37,254	27,438	13,665	35,217	34,070	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	4,531	6,870	(NA)	15,431	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	16,258	13,926	(NA)	17,992	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	16,465	6,062	(NA)	2,194	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	580	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	13,363	13,468	7,921	(NA)	22,677	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,128	2,767	1,193	(NA)	2,702	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,954	1,114	466	(NA)	929	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	615	374	146	(NA)	314	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	241	90	44	(NA)	57	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	13,437	25,514	18,940	19,126	3,595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	19,232	16,250	8,773	18,671	23,845	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	11,224	9,843	5,804	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	7,696	6,016	2,770	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	312	391	199	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	119,939	123,311	147,260	140,552	170,561	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	77,136	75,340	91,235	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	40,512	42,460	52,180	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,291	5,511	3,845	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,089	1,563	997	6,200	2,834	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	88,640	101,463	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	17,396,737	19,035,936	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	62,807	80,907	78,913	58,673	(NA)	68,943	66,430	93,207
.....dollars..	37,914,032	41,053,945	30,983,721	14,897,357	(NA)	16,786,360	14,648,159	25,608,743
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	24,571	32,848	33,478	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	11,171	14,566	14,720	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	11,989	15,688	15,008	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	5,738	7,819	8,238	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	6,242	7,603	5,874	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	2,170			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	636	2,385	1,595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	202			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	88			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	127,427	133,802	149,992	123,882	(NA)	113,734	102,795	130,075
.....dollars..	156,381,173	109,126,395	90,821,788	21,522,171	(NA)	26,135,018	19,065,687	42,306,030
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	121,434	111,826	(NA)	91,852	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	47,251,076	41,374,801	(NA)	9,933,964	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	118,681	(NA)	108,182	89,822	(NA)	581,679	(NA)	98,703
.....dollars..	60,042,240	(NA)	13,631,492	5,946,220	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8,734,698
Lime and liming material ⁵farms reporting..	42,029	(NA)	47,181	16,977	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	5,228,701	(NA)	4,218,843	784,590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹Census of 1954, week of October 24-30; Census of 1950, week preceding enumeration; Censuses of 1945 and 1935, first week of January; Census of 1940, last week of March.²See text for differences in definition of farm workers.³For Census of 1954, expenditures during calendar year 1954; for earlier censuses, expenditures during the preceding calendar year.⁴Cash payments for farm labor; housework not included. For 1954, 1950, 1945, and 1940, the data do not include expenditures for contract construction work, machine hire, and labor included in cost of machine hire. For 1920, the value of board furnished was included.⁵Farms reporting tons of commercial fertilizer.