

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..	185,523	187,161	197,803	193,781	219,155	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	340,523	336,324	308,387	342,144	368,312	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	184,340	185,270	196,542	187,002	216,641	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	292,501	296,194	285,209	286,293	319,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	181,926	180,455	194,383	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	76,582	78,722	69,427	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	110,575	115,739	90,826	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	33,348	30,845	19,691	41,025	40,646	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	48,022	40,130	23,178	55,851	48,532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	17,087	23,649	(NA)	38,751	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	12,476	9,441	(NA)	14,432	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	18,459	5,917	(NA)	2,668	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	1,123	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	25,443	25,617	17,612	(NA)	35,950	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	5,088	3,877	1,543	(NA)	3,463	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,108	1,066	368	(NA)	976	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	620	232	143	(NA)	226	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	89	53	25	(NA)	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	7,486	15,994	11,131	19,537	2,831	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	32,165	28,954	18,430	34,246	38,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	18,641	17,791	12,208	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	13,101	10,437	5,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	423	726	232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	152,175	156,316	178,112	152,756	178,509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	89,147	88,757	114,907	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	61,037	63,470	61,278	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	1,991	4,089	1,927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,183	1,891	1,261	6,779	2,514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES ³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	133,676	158,216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	31,695,357	37,352,067	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	97,917	131,307	124,831	109,132	(NA)	122,669	119,753	136,682
dollars..	54,108,363	68,268,615	56,879,987	29,500,447	(NA)	39,681,156	35,529,168	52,942,172
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	33,295	42,729	37,324	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	18,090	22,980	22,046	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	19,985	28,978	29,057	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	10,427	16,367	19,338	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	12,177	16,731	15,074	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	3,149			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	592	3,512	1,992	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	147			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	55			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	177,956	181,695	189,664	162,648	(NA)	145,500	134,282	147,605
dollars..	390,368,732	234,103,808	182,582,647	48,942,232	(NA)	53,702,953	49,281,009	79,068,535
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	174,815	173,047	(NA)	164,265	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	84,262,885	75,560,728	(NA)	21,995,454	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	112,724	(NA)	183	6,388	(NA)	⁵ 10,015	(NA)	3,177
dollars..	46,968,597	(NA)	163,907	351,022	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	596,537
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	31,082	(NA)	184	16,894	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	4,582,863	(NA)	85,015	860,557	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹Census of 1954, week of Oct. 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.