

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..	169,381	178,520	214,380	215,635	269,302	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	303,323	298,140	317,876	341,630	451,137	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators.....farms reporting..	167,449	175,542	213,118	206,548	265,564	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	245,774	264,003	301,352	300,079	414,222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	163,904	164,877	208,513	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family								
working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	55,972	61,347	68,839	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	81,870	89,326	92,839	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	23,689	24,692	9,985	25,095	23,419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	57,549	44,137	16,524	41,551	36,915	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	2,649	5,148	(NA)	9,948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	45,521	34,459	(NA)	28,225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on								
piece-work basis.....persons..	9,379	3,505	(NA)	3,378	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	1,026	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	10,864	15,382	6,921	(NA)	16,940	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	5,918	5,372	1,809	(NA)	3,779	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,229	2,841	841	(NA)	1,924	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,203	865	345	(NA)	655	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	475	232	69	(NA)	121	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	24,065	39,717	24,121	37,259	8,996	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	21,757	21,714	8,723	16,008	19,681	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	12,480	14,793	6,229	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family,								
and hired workers.....farms..	8,742	5,994	2,269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	535	927	225	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	145,692	153,828	204,395	190,540	245,883	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	98,997	99,402	138,050	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	43,685	44,488	61,965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	3,010	9,938	4,380	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,932	2,978	1,262	9,087	3,738	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	81,002	73,175	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	10,174,649	9,600,532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	90,265	96,952	93,788	66,100	(NA)	70,788	54,870	76,953
dollars..	30,357,525	36,207,911	27,921,000	11,943,901	(NA)	11,488,725	8,880,839	15,292,169
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	42,884	45,930	48,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	17,941	17,798	17,000	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	16,743	17,384	15,426	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	6,248	8,091	6,773	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	4,449	5,366	4,571	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,337			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	424	2,383	1,530	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	187			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	52			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	138,564	152,884	171,080	116,264	(NA)	105,486	94,052	119,689
dollars..	47,462,441	41,777,016	37,625,215	8,723,612	(NA)	12,506,509	9,163,075	16,016,669
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	96,335	71,339	(NA)	75,820	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	19,128,162	14,899,120	(NA)	2,922,897	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and								
fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	142,400	(NA)	121,413	103,830	(NA)	573,822	(NA)	86,687
dollars..	27,586,147	(NA)	7,518,298	3,007,162	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,597,449
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	27,956	(NA)	28,248	26,276	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	3,074,354	(NA)	1,909,134	1,038,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹Census of 1954, week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; 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.