

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 (Oct.-Nov.)	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..	97,929	100,314	112,896	136,271	168,384	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	283,475	189,717	184,847	259,100	387,775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.9	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	96,735	98,907	112,156	130,833	165,179	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	175,764	147,452	165,893	202,388	331,359	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	94,481	93,599	108,254	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family								
working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	42,659	36,366	43,262	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	81,283	53,853	57,639	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	18,489	11,916	5,633	17,526	17,579	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	107,711	42,285	18,954	56,712	56,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	2,715	3,378	(NA)	11,081	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	40,947	26,522	(NA)	40,061	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on								
piece-work basis.....persons..	64,049	11,911	(NA)	5,570	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	454	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	4,694	5,188	3,128	(NA)	10,059	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,481	2,626	1,106	(NA)	3,327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,842	2,161	701	(NA)	2,133	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,576	1,288	399	(NA)	1,169	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	2,896	653	299	(NA)	891	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	13,311	23,708	16,399	13,756	1,832	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	17,295	10,509	4,873	12,088	14,374	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	9,538	7,154	3,591	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family,								
and hired workers.....farms..	7,452	2,985	1,146	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	305	370	136	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	79,440	88,398	107,263	118,745	150,805	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	44,538	55,398	65,283	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	32,953	28,062	38,234	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	1,949	4,938	3,746	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,194	1,407	760	5,438	3,205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	40,970	34,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	10,787,516	6,212,655	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	44,059	43,356	42,024	38,924	(NA)	35,919	27,191	30,166
dollars..	39,392,890	38,900,898	30,102,470	14,546,990	(NA)	13,081,388	11,855,948	19,699,806
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	15,233	17,281	19,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	8,243	7,506	6,934	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	9,757	8,526	7,140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	3,945	3,886	3,356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	3,915	3,197	3,092	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,585	2,960	2,370	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	722			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	391			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	268			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	82,020	80,545	80,700	60,212	(NA)	59,055	66,910	56,423
dollars..	31,755,844	21,930,347	16,529,000	5,571,868	(NA)	7,871,850	10,120,935	12,232,235
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	49,618	32,246	(NA)	56,079	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	17,762,388	12,866,474	(NA)	3,979,734	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and								
fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	73,908	(NA)	63,874	78,808	(NA)	⁵ 66,333	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	18,927,788	(NA)	7,374,360	3,956,530	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	37,652
3,804,469								
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	2,462	(NA)	7,153	489	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	489,615	(NA)	720,788	22,076	(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; homework 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.