

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..	29,262	30,950	34,785	35,535	43,511	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	65,968	67,796	64,821	74,685	83,821	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	28,559	29,770	33,761	31,934	41,437	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	43,746	46,544	51,761	48,512	60,848	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	27,856	27,950	31,791	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	10,717	12,731	13,798	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	15,890	18,594	19,970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	8,683	10,026	7,778	13,313	7,778	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	22,222	21,251	13,060	26,173	22,973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	5,134	6,466	(NA)	13,024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	8,836	9,416	(NA)	11,743	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	8,252	5,055	(NA)	1,406	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	314	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	4,492	5,486	5,372	(NA)	9,975	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,238	2,491	1,474	(NA)	2,637	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,202	1,393	634	(NA)	1,044	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	502	492	235	(NA)	391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	249	164	63	(NA)	86	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	3,221	5,212	6,490	6,575	901	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	7,980	8,846	6,754	9,712	12,059	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	4,863	5,569	4,238	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	2,915	2,982	2,269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	202	295	247	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	20,579	20,924	27,007	22,222	29,378	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	12,979	11,470	15,725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	7,099	7,929	9,559	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	501	1,525	1,723	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	703	1,180	1,024	3,601	2,074	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	16,202	18,759	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	3,797,363	3,790,231	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	16,540	19,604	25,438	20,846	(NA)	25,454	24,665	29,123
.....dollars..	26,154,558	26,436,925	23,333,144	10,682,579	(NA)	12,865,994	9,833,006	12,915,060
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	3,158	4,307	6,105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	2,526	2,341	3,583	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	3,009	3,652	4,638	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	2,050	2,767	4,337	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	3,305	4,050	4,867	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,549			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	609			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	216	2,487	1,908	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	118			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	25,732	28,725	34,664	28,228	(NA)	32,070	32,544	33,353
.....dollars..	54,940,807	50,580,372	42,842,747	9,335,262	(NA)	10,613,261	7,599,600	8,044,715
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	24,253	22,430	(NA)	16,668	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	10,022,408	7,976,651	(NA)	1,918,993	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	24,439	(NA)	29,510	29,577	(NA)	533,676	(NA)	39,270
.....dollars..	12,849,050	(NA)	6,316,507	3,904,717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7,610,478
Lime and liming material ⁵farms reporting..	9,097	(NA)	17,213	11,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	1,849,989	(NA)	1,999,768	823,815	(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 Censuses 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.