

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 (October)	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..	125,830	128,384	150,386	153,517	191,373	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	262,601	214,902	232,518	261,331	310,147	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	124,789	126,782	149,405	147,829	187,811	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	198,855	190,717	217,569	224,570	270,955	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	121,664	120,705	144,982	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	53,066	49,106	54,817	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	77,191	70,012	72,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	19,159	14,686	10,304	22,429	30,441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	63,746	24,185	14,949	36,761	39,192	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	6,576	9,596	(NA)	20,301	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	10,002	5,932	(NA)	13,656	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	47,168	7,873	(NA)	2,804	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	784	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	10,504	10,663	8,342	(NA)	26,075	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,374	2,525	1,201	(NA)	2,831	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,215	1,007	491	(NA)	1,046	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,604	335	188	(NA)	397	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	1,462	156	82	(NA)	92	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	13,113	27,135	24,882	34,072	5,144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	18,118	13,084	9,323	16,741	26,879	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	9,551	8,482	6,479	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	8,202	4,174	2,662	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	365	428	182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	106,671	113,698	140,082	131,088	160,932	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	62,172	69,194	88,109	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	41,739	38,855	47,732	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,760	5,649	4,241	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,041	1,602	981	5,688	3,562	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	85,289	100,836	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	15,281,274	15,473,567	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	56,118	76,578	80,148	71,076	(NA)	76,078	85,213	102,431
dollars..	40,744,165	47,435,545	40,692,246	19,203,722	(NA)	19,852,747	19,847,287	24,875,549
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	19,413	29,100	31,509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	9,908	12,873	14,595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	11,253	16,085	15,951	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	6,250	8,216	8,748	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	5,776	6,890	6,528	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	2,060			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	1,004	3,414	2,817	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	319			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	135			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	103,309	116,368	135,046	107,045	(NA)	107,275	95,302	111,191
dollars..	68,302,131	56,922,367	53,602,902	14,108,621	(NA)	21,050,635	14,599,725	21,938,870
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	119,371	115,275	(NA)	95,483	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	36,600,754	30,064,444	(NA)	7,742,957	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	98,755	(NA)	95,401	76,906	(NA)	566,550	(NA)	65,782
dollars..	32,832,859	(NA)	10,263,779	4,438,157	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,872,543
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	13,653	(NA)	25,581	14,145	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	1,542,826	(NA)	1,426,235	519,895	(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.