

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..	186,489	205,042	206,752	255,192	305,552	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	488,963	362,821	342,180	462,237	642,368	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.5	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	185,017	202,644	206,076	246,509	300,480	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	349,091	307,513	335,217	410,910	606,826	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	180,020	190,609	199,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	88,402	76,116	88,044	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	169,071	116,904	136,015	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	19,626	14,548	3,017	20,559	17,779	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	119,872	55,308	6,963	51,327	35,542	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	4,680	5,819	(NA)	18,008	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	46,084	42,682	(NA)	30,181	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	70,108	6,110	(NA)	3,138	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	697	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	5,401	7,072	1,693	(NA)	11,743	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,617	2,814	622	(NA)	2,976	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,110	2,100	385	(NA)	1,717	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,457	1,394	236	(NA)	975	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	3,041	1,168	81	(NA)	368	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	29,038	46,244	56,776	35,900	6,131	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	17,794	12,150	2,341	11,876	12,707	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	10,249	8,494	1,269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	7,086	3,018	999	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	459	638	73	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	167,223	190,494	203,735	234,633	287,773	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	86,366	118,034	116,763	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	76,319	61,063	80,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	4,538	11,397	6,801	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,832	2,398	676	8,683	5,072	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	115,709	113,285	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	19,144,943	15,966,413	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	86,754	81,171	55,153	41,968	(NA)	47,811	29,159	43,151
.....dollars..	45,918,072	44,212,203	23,335,076	9,147,929	(NA)	6,552,266	4,535,371	6,326,842
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	40,851	47,881	32,430	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	17,361	13,175	8,794	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	15,914	10,342	7,307	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	5,398	3,827	2,716	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	3,916	2,975	2,065	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,550			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	971	2,971	1,841	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	533			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	260			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	119,970	134,083	106,137	67,884	(NA)	92,814	95,897	77,718
.....dollars..	46,172,124	25,866,811	18,128,553	4,909,097	(NA)	11,496,363	10,655,748	10,260,642
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	84,551	54,573	(NA)	55,734	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	23,510,809	16,512,123	(NA)	3,219,364	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	180,449	(NA)	145,061	178,206	(NA)	⁵ 151,063	(NA)	71,296
.....dollars..	40,773,991	(NA)	14,483,124	8,883,948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,288,165
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	6,372	(NA)	12,614	905	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars..	1,007,228	(NA)	1,528,890	33,825	(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.