

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..	187,161	197,360	221,559	227,311	273,593	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	336,577	339,548	333,524	360,090	433,944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	185,925	195,429	220,262	219,348	269,864	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	278,156	305,596	317,159	314,567	393,202	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	182,717	187,083	216,853	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	68,166	84,079	78,098	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	95,439	118,512	100,306	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	18,767	20,998	11,129	29,156	28,595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	68,421	33,953	16,365	45,523	40,742	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	5,272	7,857	(NA)	16,556	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	16,469	16,568	(NA)	26,267	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	36,680	8,526	(NA)	2,700	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	1,002	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	10,428	14,927	8,801	(NA)	22,927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,187	3,829	1,434	(NA)	3,296	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,173	1,608	613	(NA)	1,636	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,664	473	218	(NA)	627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	1,315	161	63	(NA)	109	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	14,529	32,598	21,375	28,789	4,861	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	17,541	19,067	9,832	21,193	24,866	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	10,317	10,951	6,724	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	6,805	7,526	2,959	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	419	590	149	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	188,384	176,362	210,430	198,155	244,998	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	107,442	100,399	135,440	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	58,153	68,207	71,730	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,789	7,756	3,260	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,226	1,931	1,297	7,963	3,729	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	112,020	115,683	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	25,728,734	22,891,512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	79,693	108,246	109,298	76,720	(NA)	96,649	94,715	125,248
dollars..	41,719,092	47,852,814	40,481,142	16,698,517	(NA)	19,851,509	18,631,739	33,037,414
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	32,784	47,998	48,065	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	14,579	19,010	20,490	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	14,979	20,453	20,580	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	7,028	9,683	10,859	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	6,881	7,881	7,024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	2,309			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	816			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	227	3,311	2,280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	91			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	174,922	188,034	206,096	172,671	(NA)	167,613	144,742	164,639
dollars..	154,366,120	117,841,924	113,201,559	25,426,055	(NA)	47,252,496	33,841,346	60,171,516
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	141,979	125,406	(NA)	129,631	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	44,824,451	32,545,069	(NA)	7,802,401	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	113,418	(NA)	63,020	34,549	(NA)	32,564	(NA)	47,383
dollars..	44,794,528	(NA)	5,237,904	1,568,614	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,941,488
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	31,198	(NA)	43,093	12,340	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	4,383,164	(NA)	3,040,201	588,789	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

¹Census of 1954, week of October 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.