

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..	20,975	21,339	24,476	22,041	28,944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	69,458	55,807	47,658	54,641	59,255	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	3.3	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	20,469	20,529	24,100	20,056	28,072	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	34,062	32,594	35,585	33,540	42,073	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	19,834	19,480	23,349	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	9,931	9,480	8,937	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	14,228	13,114	12,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	8,961	8,789	5,842	8,635	8,878	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	35,396	23,213	12,073	21,101	17,182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	4,235	5,579	(NA)	8,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	8,564	8,921	(NA)	10,318	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	22,597	8,495	(NA)	2,153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	218	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	4,097	4,625	3,718	(NA)	5,826	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,977	2,087	1,201	(NA)	1,690	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,266	1,181	561	(NA)	861	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	930	660	258	(NA)	356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	691	256	104	(NA)	145	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	1,720	3,440	1,750	3,794	431	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	8,455	7,979	5,466	6,650	8,006	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	4,505	4,616	3,693	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	3,750	3,109	1,702	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	200	254	71	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	12,014	12,550	18,634	13,406	20,066	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	6,033	6,433	11,470	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	5,546	5,322	6,484	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	435	795	680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	506	810	376	1,985	872	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	8,487	9,714	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	2,050,436	2,219,342	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	12,318	13,936	14,339	12,351	(NA)	14,648	15,478	18,588
dollars..	41,817,277	39,096,154	30,184,601	14,919,478	(NA)	17,552,491	14,186,113	14,358,519
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	1,006	1,380	1,753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	855	1,060	1,195	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	1,775	2,082	2,524	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	1,660	2,020	2,457	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	3,110	3,433	3,737	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,968			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	1,108			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	562	3,961	3,073	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	274			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	16,816	18,685	22,123	19,480	(NA)	20,970	24,906	24,933
dollars..	88,875,433	70,511,259	46,908,229	18,968,056	(NA)	20,828,358	16,469,007	14,719,159
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	17,553	18,343	(NA)	15,507	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	8,841,264	7,615,186	(NA)	3,124,235	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	12,819	(NA)	15,733	15,061	(NA)	16,913	(NA)	22,774
dollars..	11,898,511	(NA)	7,013,168	4,855,959	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	10,742,682
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	5,954	(NA)	10,235	9,378	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	1,035,981	(NA)	1,119,368	708,699	(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.