

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 (Oct.-Nov.)	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..	18,680	19,222	27,068	29,674	40,500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	64,877	41,047	50,256	53,113	69,947	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	3.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	18,113	18,672	26,764	27,885	39,327	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	29,334	29,015	43,146	41,609	58,583	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	17,423	17,511	26,238	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	7,453	7,450	11,047	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	11,911	11,504	16,908	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	5,648	4,585	2,992	4,883	5,620	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	35,543	12,032	7,110	11,504	11,364	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	3,603	3,661	(NA)	5,196	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	5,928	4,034	(NA)	5,541	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	26,012	4,235	(NA)	767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	102	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	2,056	2,208	1,763	(NA)	3,694	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,008	1,226	595	(NA)	1,010	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	827	672	356	(NA)	523	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	792	344	185	(NA)	289	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	965	135	93	(NA)	104	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	2,297	4,281	2,627	4,431	869	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	5,081	4,035	2,688	3,094	4,447	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	2,986	2,770	1,693	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	1,912	1,166	932	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	183	99	63	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	13,032	14,637	24,076	24,791	34,880	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	7,674	8,452	14,024	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	4,851	5,123	9,589	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	507	1,062	463	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	567	550	304	1,789	1,173	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	7,868	9,251	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	4,744,062	4,341,803	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	9,619	11,305	14,035	10,079	(NA)	12,483	11,823	11,538
dollars..	24,675,069	23,189,501	14,814,719	5,521,186	(NA)	6,556,566	4,933,522	5,259,834
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	1,946	2,448	4,127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	1,012	1,248	1,947	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	1,532	1,978	2,798	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	1,138	1,523	1,902	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	1,789	1,890	1,919	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,001	2,218	1,342	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	640			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	386			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	175			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	14,852	13,758	17,166	17,063	(NA)	12,476	15,349	14,586
dollars..	22,100,234	13,376,892	10,154,003	3,903,759	(NA)	3,816,339	3,346,644	5,370,823
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	14,727	13,830	(NA)	14,009	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	8,949,685	7,907,507	(NA)	2,042,336	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	3,417	(NA)	2,092	1,249	(NA)	⁵ 720	(NA)	1,458
dollars..	2,387,039	(NA)	259,429	112,387	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	113,483
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	12	(NA)	238	63	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	3,782	(NA)	22,740	2,294	(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.