

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..	97,584	106,316	133,539	132,922	170,780	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	244,750	207,155	230,728	254,499	299,982	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	95,830	103,241	131,380	125,521	164,866	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	150,591	154,409	188,796	190,463	232,231	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	93,298	98,941	128,588	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	40,624	39,781	44,546	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	57,293	55,468	60,208	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	27,743	39,024	25,829	37,340	47,831	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	94,168	52,746	41,932	64,036	67,751	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	15,038	21,839	(NA)	41,352	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	22,001	19,369	(NA)	19,577	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	57,129	10,791	(NA)	3,107	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	747	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	14,534	18,601	18,896	(NA)	37,744	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	5,307	6,186	4,082	(NA)	6,479	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,546	2,893	1,878	(NA)	2,599	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,412	1,006	733	(NA)	842	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	1,944	338	240	(NA)	167	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	8,087	18,464	15,951	20,316	6,245	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	25,989	25,949	23,670	29,939	41,917	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	15,377	17,099	17,249	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	10,032	8,161	6,073	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	580	689	348	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	69,841	77,292	107,710	95,582	122,949	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	39,829	46,361	69,585	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	28,060	27,320	35,681	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	1,952	3,611	2,444	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,754	3,075	2,159	7,401	5,914	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	56,323	68,127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	11,020,023	11,260,715	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	50,553	68,561	80,847	73,243	(NA)	90,455	101,091	121,256
dollars..	88,105,448	94,444,339	79,651,812	37,958,608	(NA)	45,421,486	42,235,628	49,345,689
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	9,377	13,749	18,818	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	6,792	8,898	11,264	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	9,633	14,211	16,577	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	6,591	10,752	13,545	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	9,715	12,551	13,784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	4,599	8,400	6,859	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	2,284			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	1,074			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	488			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	87,221	101,063	123,164	119,657	(NA)	131,917	145,614	158,428
dollars..	171,549,253	169,751,855	145,792,293	59,905,711	(NA)	77,399,938	62,075,138	82,966,321
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	85,988	91,380	(NA)	87,847	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	31,995,443	27,663,316	(NA)	10,154,356	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	65,390	(NA)	80,641	78,666	(NA)	⁵ 81,424	(NA)	113,578
dollars..	27,256,696	(NA)	15,921,268	8,841,464	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15,067,371
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	26,040	(NA)	36,356	39,992	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	3,788,989	(NA)	2,627,787	1,850,591	(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.