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[2].....farms reporting..	*58,576*	*56,719*	63,600	67,395	80,298	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	*137,695*	*111,471*	106,256	124,464	142,097	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	*2.3*	*2.0*	1.7	1.9	1.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	*57,839*	*56,111*	63,149	65,784	79,395	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	*105,050*	*99,742*	99,500	110,122	128,602	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	*56,809*	*54,152*	61,775	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	*29,350*	*26,888*	26,019	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	*48,241*	*45,590*	37,725	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	*15,255*	*7,906*	5,510	9,624	10,879	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons..	*32,545*	*11,729*	6,756	14,342	13,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	*9,094*	*7,463*	(NA)	10,073	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	*7,756*	*1,974*	(NA)	3,797	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	*15,695*	*1,923*	(NA)	472	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	*369*	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	*10,464*	*5,943*	4,721	(NA)	9,176	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	*2,547*	*1,249*	565	(NA)	1,263	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	*1,316*	*478*	175	(NA)	341	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	*482*	*201*	45	(NA)	95	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	*446*	*35*	4	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	*3,232*	*8,583*	5,920	6,567	4,308	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	*14,518*	*7,298*	5,059	8,013	9,976	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	*7,503*	*4,279*	3,099	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	*6,738*	*2,730*	1,739	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	*277*	*289*	221	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	*43,321*	*48,813*	58,090	57,771	69,419	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	*20,986*	*24,944*	34,031	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	*21,582*	*22,199*	22,906	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	*753*	*1,670*	1,153	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	*737*	*608*	451	1,611	903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES[3]								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	*33,008*	*38,165*	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	*10,295,760*	*11,444,667*	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor[4].....farms reporting..	*33,701*	*44,087*	53,983	38,950	(NA)	57,838	62,050	51,109
dollars..	*25,299,548*	*32,131,313*	34,785,211	9,603,606	(NA)	24,594,684	33,502,659	27,786,109
$1 to $99.....farms reporting..	*6,399*	*7,775*	8,301	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$100 to $199.....farms reporting..	*5,825*	*6,872*	8,539	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$200 to $499.....farms reporting..	*8,722*	*12,427*	16,739	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$500 to $999.....farms reporting..	*5,941*	*8,628*	11,299	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$1,000 to $2,499.....farms reporting..	*4,913*	*6,438*	7,152	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$2,500 to $4,999.....farms reporting..	*1,252*	*1,947*	1,953	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$5,000 to $9,999.....farms reporting..	*431*			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$10,000 to $19,999.....farms reporting..	*158*			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	*60*			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	*42,768*	*47,018*	50,967	30,849	(NA)	28,296	26,260	41,967
dollars..	*17,203,564*	*13,922,138*	9,093,122	3,590,141	(NA)	4,203,745	3,845,079	12,155,122
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	*59,521*	*61,018*	(NA)	61,360	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	*49,927,321*	*44,894,367*	(NA)	11,928,007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	*9,984*	(NA)	1173 ~~147~~	654	(NA)	[5]342	(NA)	488
dollars..	*4,518,316*	(NA)	~~190,189~~ 433,080	63,328	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	119,502
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	*13*	(NA)	155 ~~11~~	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	*166*	(NA)	~~802~~ 9984	1,468	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.
[1]Census 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.
[2]See text for differences in definition of farm workers.
[3]For Census of 1954, expenditures during calendar year 1954; for earlier Censuses, expenditures during the preceding calendar year.
[4]Cash 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.
[5]Farms reporting tons of commercial fertilizer.