

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..	161,360	169,831	195,455	201,307	248,584	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	294,708	293,044	303,455	327,939	387,930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	160,270	167,729	194,186	192,423	244,193	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	246,795	257,499	283,899	282,316	338,393	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	156,958	160,145	188,247	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	62,265	67,950	73,841	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	89,837	97,354	95,652	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	23,483	21,874	13,249	30,419	36,519	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	47,911	35,645	19,556	45,623	49,537	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	7,657	11,222	(NA)	22,756	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	13,715	13,504	(NA)	20,272	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	26,539	9,882	(NA)	2,595	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	957	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	14,747	15,810	10,479	(NA)	30,394	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,825	3,794	1,687	(NA)	3,993	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,484	1,575	719	(NA)	1,439	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	954	514	278	(NA)	532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	473	181	86	(NA)	161	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	15,738	29,389	25,120	32,476	6,562	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	22,393	19,772	11,980	21,535	32,128	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	12,430	11,915	8,070	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	9,572	7,274	3,660	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	391	583	250	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	137,877	147,957	182,206	170,888	212,065	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	85,575	87,864	112,275	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	49,381	53,092	64,242	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,921	7,001	5,689	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,090	2,102	1,269	8,884	4,391	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES ³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	104,208	121,901	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	18,403,643	19,882,420	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	70,672	93,772	95,172	82,646	(NA)	90,363	92,190	124,806
dollars..	45,850,927	55,083,548	42,355,242	23,278,083	(NA)	25,409,282	22,026,027	36,339,046
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	26,433	35,642	39,038	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	13,512	17,290	17,764	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	13,908	19,380	18,345	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	6,934	9,747	10,212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	6,313	8,113	7,299	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	2,259			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	765			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	388	3,600	2,514	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	160			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	143,099	160,262	183,018	158,588	(NA)	140,122	142,395	161,658
dollars..	134,490,700	113,952,003	97,409,152	26,148,671	(NA)	32,603,845	26,086,571	40,378,027
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	139,165	134,005	(NA)	116,625	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	47,235,713	41,814,515	(NA)	11,055,006	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	137,615	(NA)	150,164	145,079	(NA)	5 ¹²⁹ 129,486	(NA)	165,556
dollars..	51,710,805	(NA)	17,897,909	9,787,074	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	13,206,018
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	47,918	(NA)	64,870	36,001	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	6,510,921	(NA)	4,273,428	1,387,464	(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.