

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..	119,443	124,364	154,300	143,984	186,724	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	270,830	248,822	260,038	272,806	312,660	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	118,090	121,984	152,625	135,750	179,413	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	199,071	201,648	232,433	220,821	258,528	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	114,638	115,023	147,312	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	55,219	56,527	61,140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	84,433	86,625	85,121	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	26,337	25,838	17,942	30,186	36,960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	71,759	47,174	27,605	51,985	54,132	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	14,938	20,005	(NA)	30,624	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	16,319	14,611	(NA)	18,868	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	40,502	11,399	(NA)	2,493	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	1,159	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	14,785	16,613	13,854	(NA)	29,143	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	5,502	5,687	2,556	(NA)	4,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,328	2,426	1,001	(NA)	1,906	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,742	852	391	(NA)	686	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	980	260	140	(NA)	235	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	9,390	22,387	17,461	25,043	4,560	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	24,984	23,458	16,267	21,952	29,649	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	12,541	13,303	10,701	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	11,881	9,346	5,203	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	562	809	363	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	93,106	98,526	136,358	113,798	149,764	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	50,330	52,154	80,784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	39,886	40,220	50,624	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,890	6,152	4,950	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,353	2,380	1,675	8,234	7,311	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	73,383	84,120	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	12,787,064	13,170,227	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	53,392	68,320	84,577	64,757	(NA)	92,865	98,310	121,116
dollars..	62,975,027	65,618,700	51,451,952	25,529,084	(NA)	31,713,599	24,375,708	31,494,150
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	14,607	20,143	30,216	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	8,178	10,213	13,763	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	9,799	13,489	16,889	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	6,884	9,493	11,424	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	8,555	9,776	8,869	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	3,261			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	1,349	5,206	3,416	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	476			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	283			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	107,897	119,302	143,534	127,556	(NA)	140,617	149,842	156,719
dollars..	183,124,047	158,634,557	129,439,905	44,336,018	(NA)	56,458,332	43,620,645	51,678,017
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	100,027	98,123	(NA)	84,756	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	31,411,719	27,003,152	(NA)	7,652,630	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	93,520	(NA)	110,512	108,368	(NA)	⁵ 107,988	(NA)	144,231
dollars..	31,200,926	(NA)	14,759,409	8,976,874	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	15,628,341
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	41,783	(NA)	61,417	61,930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	5,021,749	(NA)	4,598,488	3,230,019	(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.