

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..	1,783	2,120	3,333	2,452	4,062	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	3,989	4,583	6,281	5,746	7,792	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.3	1.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	1,746	2,022	3,286	2,116	3,807	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	2,656	3,937	5,129	3,317	5,256	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	1,731	1,887	3,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family								
working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	610	715	1,281	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	925	1,050	1,893	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	462	690	476	998	1,167	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	1,333	1,646	1,152	2,429	2,536	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	73	327	(NA)	908	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	679	1,003	(NA)	1,321	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on								
piece-work basis.....persons..	581	287	(NA)	200	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	29	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	197	355	245	(NA)	710	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	111	156	122	(NA)	235	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	73	124	64	(NA)	134	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	50	47	31	(NA)	66	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	31	8	14	(NA)	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	170	486	270	562	265	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	425	592	429	662	912	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	275	377	325	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family,								
and hired workers.....farms..	140	200	103	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	10	15	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	1,321	1,430	2,857	1,454	2,895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	861	930	1,680	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	455	380	1,128	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	5	120	49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	37	98	47	336	255	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	601	741	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	116,845	140,452	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	707	1,146	1,610	1,222	(NA)	1,885	2,159	2,296
dollars..	1,824,638	2,717,019	2,588,845	1,640,282	(NA)	2,276,788	1,894,161	1,730,402
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	85	150	402	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	80	115	168	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	100	240	265	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	106	195	193	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	131	160	300	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	91	286	282	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	72			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	31			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	11			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	1,567	1,906	3,103	2,407	(NA)	2,892	3,633	3,608
dollars..	4,575,080	5,792,260	5,457,434	2,429,547	(NA)	3,047,274	3,046,410	2,889,450
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	1,287	1,681	(NA)	1,787	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	535,541	709,472	(NA)	335,237	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and								
fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	836	(NA)	1,838	1,546	(NA)	⁵ 1,872	(NA)	2,297
dollars..	328,261	(NA)	446,130	282,936	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	379,786
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	277	(NA)	687	641	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	28,916	(NA)	33,464	27,223	(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.