

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..	100,957	117,284	134,938	124,901	160,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	231,762	243,295	221,749	298,537	386,239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	2.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	89,446	114,916	133,735	116,500	155,666	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	173,877	198,027	207,395	227,984	333,099	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	95,881	106,502	131,042	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	41,376	54,349	54,520	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	77,996	91,525	76,353	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	14,432	16,411	7,145	27,552	25,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	57,885	45,268	14,354	70,553	53,140	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	1,426	2,890	(NA)	20,802	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	29,229	33,265	(NA)	41,438	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	27,230	8,082	(NA)	8,313	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	1,031	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	4,967	8,522	4,374	(NA)	15,500	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,148	3,337	1,379	(NA)	5,145	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,910	2,448	816	(NA)	3,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,164	1,474	471	(NA)	1,700	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	1,243	630	105	(NA)	409	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	23,231	21,911	12,807	12,657	4,509	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	12,921	14,043	5,942	19,151	20,438	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	7,347	9,031	3,804	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	5,071	4,242	1,916	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	503	770	222	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	86,525	100,873	127,793	97,349	135,228	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	50,723	51,536	75,411	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	32,740	41,693	49,911	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	3,062	7,644	2,471	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,511	2,369	1,203	8,401	5,329	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	65,511	66,257	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	6,444,761	6,426,840	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	64,034	62,745	64,962	51,288	(NA)	49,180	39,531	62,095
dollars..	29,039,966	27,648,200	22,167,930	11,552,491	(NA)	9,002,864	8,158,892	13,687,695
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	24,800	27,465	29,198	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	13,036	12,630	13,851	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	15,306	12,747	12,886	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	5,152	4,675	4,626	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	3,528	3,120	2,881	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,312	2,108	1,520	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	620			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	199			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	81			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	66,354	65,041	49,980	23,226	(NA)	40,134	26,741	60,088
dollars..	23,879,780	17,187,023	8,900,299	2,249,742	(NA)	3,573,494	2,321,975	5,903,625
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	65,093	48,261	(NA)	36,022	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	15,948,245	11,564,411	(NA)	1,967,535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	108,274	(NA)	116,074	126,508	(NA)	5138,976	(NA)	176,537
dollars..	36,057,690	(NA)	24,331,832	15,145,150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52,546,795
Lime and liming material ⁵farms reporting..	5,546	(NA)	10,534	3,836	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	683,199	(NA)	917,588	141,200	(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.