

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..	179,550	187,540	207,118	212,361	262,856	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	393,285	312,964	307,459	343,016	460,970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	177,693	184,407	206,321	204,260	257,828	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	293,453	266,497	296,292	297,641	421,474	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	172,626	173,245	200,712	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	71,771	64,670	75,113	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	120,827	93,252	95,580	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	24,626	24,088	6,722	26,738	25,432	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	99,832	46,467	11,167	45,375	39,496	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	2,690	3,752	(NA)	9,587	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	34,441	33,121	(NA)	32,836	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	62,701	8,281	(NA)	2,952	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	1,313	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	9,592	14,147	4,897	(NA)	18,639	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,687	5,727	1,031	(NA)	4,099	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,457	3,056	492	(NA)	1,864	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	3,587	903	247	(NA)	691	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	2,303	255	55	(NA)	139	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	23,835	43,984	27,313	35,256	10,927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	22,769	20,955	5,925	18,637	20,404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	12,042	13,480	4,164	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	10,042	6,385	1,560	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	685	1,090	201	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	154,924	163,452	200,396	185,623	237,424	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	93,880	106,257	127,044	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	56,662	47,123	67,944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	4,382	10,072	5,408	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	1,857	3,133	797	8,101	5,028	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	89,033	86,752	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	9,699,918	9,529,170	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	85,643	94,951	84,090	69,065	(NA)	71,184	56,341	70,494
dollars..	28,588,094	30,726,904	18,598,049	9,769,787	(NA)	8,661,098	7,096,679	9,647,363
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	44,440	49,754	49,040	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	15,204	16,439	14,134	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	14,391	16,082	12,432	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	5,840	6,513	4,822	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	4,003	4,391	2,709	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	1,145			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	372	1,772	953	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	184			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	64			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	152,504	150,394	161,275	107,020	(NA)	104,476	92,139	100,074
dollars..	46,774,638	34,909,916	33,836,620	7,694,917	(NA)	10,809,981	8,701,231	11,165,456
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	95,382	71,488	(NA)	74,205	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	18,747,951	14,424,412	(NA)	2,901,698	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	153,055	(NA)	125,186	111,909	(NA)	596,613	(NA)	84,827
dollars..	26,797,255	(NA)	7,826,770	3,405,875	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,525,133
Line and lining material.....farms reporting..	10,330	(NA)	27,700	21,919	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	769,764	(NA)	2,252,619	687,664	(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.