

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..	21,040	21,375	21,778	20,681	29,068	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	47,212	40,480	31,893	33,859	43,991	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	20,802	21,075	21,531	19,814	28,534	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	33,476	33,060	28,600	28,065	38,808	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	20,276	20,252	21,056	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	8,248	8,382	5,584	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	13,201	12,808	7,544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	4,037	3,457	1,542	2,714	2,608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	13,736	7,420	3,293	5,794	5,183	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	2,983	3,315	(NA)	2,468	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	2,141	1,689	(NA)	2,253	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	8,612	2,235	(NA)	1,073	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	181	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Forms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	1,796	2,076	888	(NA)	1,645	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	839	684	337	(NA)	510	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	601	434	201	(NA)	239	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	571	198	94	(NA)	159	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	230	65	22	(NA)	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	1,968	2,823	4,544	4,730	1,627	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	3,799	3,157	1,295	1,847	2,074	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	1,954	1,821	934	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	1,748	1,251	337	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	97	85	24	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	17,003	17,918	20,236	17,967	26,460	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	10,600	10,872	15,013	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	5,973	6,308	4,772	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	430	738	451	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	238	300	247	867	534	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES ³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	14,663	15,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	4,018,863	3,884,895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	11,555	13,706	16,790	12,653	(NA)	15,127	14,917	15,033
dollars..	13,004,865	16,068,502	12,773,592	4,388,123	(NA)	6,058,647	5,145,466	7,472,300
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	2,649	3,125	4,600	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	2,008	2,211	2,967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	2,582	3,202	4,127	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	1,583	2,023	2,154	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	1,493	1,695	1,767	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	700			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	332	1,450	1,175	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	152			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	56			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	18,758	16,546	19,152	13,859	(NA)	13,929	11,313	13,082
dollars..	23,144,840	26,621,873	18,831,474	5,113,053	(NA)	4,937,875	2,502,090	3,941,388
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	18,219	16,882	(NA)	9,590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	7,539,127	6,073,620	(NA)	1,142,955	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	6,530	(NA)	5,717 ⁵	3,888	(NA)	5106	(NA)	1,017
dollars..	1,565,902	(NA)	36,600	123,873	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	108,956
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	41	(NA)	290 ⁵	57	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	773	(NA)	11,460 ⁵	1,258	(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.

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