

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..	60,148	63,492	74,931	82,370	102,902	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	97,674	105,056	113,498	134,021	165,995	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	59,669	62,576	74,527	79,266	101,007	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	85,196	92,482	109,732	119,193	150,963	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	57,487	56,924	69,608	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	19,788	24,845	28,736	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	27,709	35,558	40,124	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	5,136	7,055	2,096	9,299	10,414	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....persons..	12,478	12,574	3,766	14,828	15,032	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	1,767	2,863	(NA)	4,353	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	2,926	4,504	(NA)	9,544	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	7,785	4,829	(NA)	931	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	378	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	2,985	4,562	1,468	(NA)	7,930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	1,138	1,437	348	(NA)	1,547	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	655	750	181	(NA)	669	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	256	244	72	(NA)	240	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	102	62	27	(NA)	28	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	8,422	17,926	22,669	16,912	1,845	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	4,657	6,139	1,692	6,195	8,519	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	2,780	3,546	1,038	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	1,725	2,210	533	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	152	383	121	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	55,012	56,437	72,835	73,071	92,488	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	37,101	34,185	44,753	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	15,891	16,993	23,284	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	2,030	5,269	4,798	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	479	916	404	3,104	1,895	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	23,172	18,965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	1,867,087	1,357,801	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	19,622	25,865	37,216	26,089	(NA)	28,933	24,300	31,328
dollars..	9,466,618	10,862,555	8,559,604	4,012,859	(NA)	5,011,736	3,761,022	4,786,810
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	10,791	14,507	25,323	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	3,225	4,022	4,979	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	2,647	3,634	3,626	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	1,197	1,604	1,703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	1,118	1,318	1,098	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	360			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	163		487	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	77	780		(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	44			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	54,911	58,564	75,211	57,119	(NA)	44,942	51,466	47,183
dollars..	28,961,696	24,013,154	20,873,380	5,082,859	(NA)	5,693,976	5,962,121	5,639,713
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil.....farms reporting..	24,859	19,288	(NA)	25,379	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	3,639,463	2,907,143	(NA)	993,703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	33,898	(NA)	51,575	44,956	(NA)	⁵ 30,208	(NA)	35,309
dollars..	3,216,752	(NA)	1,971,611	1,301,135	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,709,546
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	9,417	(NA)	19,970	14,351	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	627,935	(NA)	1,099,335	483,102	(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.