

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..	10,706	11,547	12,106	13,097	17,089	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	25,581	25,581	22,739	26,755	30,882	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm reporting.....persons..	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers, including operators....farms reporting..	10,469	11,175	11,900	12,410	16,522	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	17,219	18,236	17,685	17,812	23,881	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators working 1 or more hours.....persons..	10,255	10,790	11,576	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Unpaid members of operator's family working 15 or more hours.....farms reporting..	4,488	4,993	4,403	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	6,964	7,446	6,109	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers.....farms reporting..	2,688	3,177	2,132	3,391	3,404	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
persons.....	8,057	7,345	5,054	8,943	7,001	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by month.....persons..	5,301	6,079	(NA)	6,617	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by day or week.....persons..	861	751	(NA)	1,861	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Workers hired by hour or on piece-work basis.....persons..	1,895	473	(NA)	465	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
No report as to basis of payment.....persons..	...	62	(NA)	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms reporting by number of hired workers:								
1 hired worker.....farms reporting..	1,379	1,878	1,279	(NA)	2,182	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2 hired workers.....farms reporting..	580	663	386	(NA)	590	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
3 or 4 hired workers.....farms reporting..	376	339	233	(NA)	374	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
5 to 9 hired workers.....farms reporting..	217	195	173	(NA)	186	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or more workers.....farms reporting..	136	102	61	(NA)	72	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by kind of workers during specified week:								
No workers reported.....farms..	649	1,068	970	1,921	398	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers and hired workers.....farms..	2,451	2,805	1,926	2,704	2,837	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and hired workers.....farms..	1,479	1,770	1,335	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator, members of his family, and hired workers.....farms..	927	953	547	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family and hired workers...farms..	45	82	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Family workers only.....farms..	8,018	8,370	9,974	9,706	13,685	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator only.....farms..	4,502	4,412	6,162	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operator and members of his family.....farms..	3,347	3,655	3,532	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Members of operator's family only.....farms..	169	303	280	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired workers only.....farms..	237	372	206	687	567	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
SPECIFIED FARM EXPENDITURES ³								
Machine hire.....farms reporting..	5,353	6,511	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	2,288,305	2,515,572	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hired labor ⁴farms reporting..	6,208	7,933	8,577	7,606	(NA)	8,481	7,012	6,961
dollars..	14,844,765	16,146,198	14,095,042	6,714,633	(NA)	8,605,019	5,733,408	6,717,376
\$1 to \$99.....farms reporting..	821	1,200	1,460	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$100 to \$199.....farms reporting..	716	942	1,212	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$200 to \$499.....farms reporting..	1,202	1,405	1,890	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$500 to \$999.....farms reporting..	883	1,231	1,179	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$1,000 to \$2,499.....farms reporting..	1,109	1,570	1,512	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....farms reporting..	712	1,585	1,324	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....farms reporting..	372			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$10,000 to \$19,999.....farms reporting..	175			(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
\$20,000 and over.....farms reporting..	118	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Feed for livestock and poultry.....farms reporting..	9,285	9,970	10,292	9,308	(NA)	7,995	7,050	8,823
dollars..	14,875,948	16,116,837	9,155,894	3,677,101	(NA)	5,136,287	2,587,228	6,909,684
Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil....farms reporting..	10,469	10,571	(NA)	10,557	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	7,738,922	6,593,138	(NA)	1,895,968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Commercial fertilizer and fertilizing material.....farms reporting..	2,289	(NA)	1,356	1,182	(NA)	5203	(NA)	55
dollars..	1,001,481	(NA)	124,064	92,535	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8,489
Lime and liming material.....farms reporting..	7	(NA)	2	79	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
dollars..	1,958	(NA)	380	4,491	(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.