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Item	Farms reporting		Number of persons working		
	Number	Percent of total	Total	Average per farm reporting	Percent of total
Number of farms.....	1959... 3,707,973	100.0	xxx	xxx	xxx
	1954 ¹ .. 4,783,021	100.0	xxx	xxx	xxx
	1950 ² .. 5,385,000	100.0	xxx	xxx	xxx
	1945 ³ .. 5,859,169	100.0	xxx	xxx	xxx
	1940 ⁴ .. 6,101,794	100.0	xxx	xxx	xxx
	1935 ¹ .. 6,812,350	100.0	xxx	xxx	xxx
ALL WORKERS					
Family and/or hired workers ³	week preceding enumeration 1959... 3,175,314	85.6	6,332,478	2.0	100.0
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 4,296,694	89.8	9,597,343	2.2	100.0
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 4,552,762	84.5	8,568,847	1.9	100.0
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 5,155,346	88.0	8,373,239	1.6	100.0
	last week of March 1940 ⁴ .. 5,321,248	87.2	9,751,619	1.8	100.0
	last week of September 1939 ⁴ .. 5,190,166	85.1	11,312,783	2.2	100.0
	first week of January 1935 ¹ .. 6,640,286	97.5	12,407,614	1.9	100.0
Family workers (operator and unpaid members of his family).....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 3,125,131	84.3	4,748,325	1.5	75.0
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 4,241,835	88.7	6,867,693	1.6	71.6
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 4,475,332	83.1	6,991,101	1.6	81.6
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 5,111,005	87.2	7,624,898	1.5	91.1
	last week of March 1940 ⁴ .. 5,085,518	83.3	7,948,058	1.6	81.5
	last week of September 1939 ⁴ .. 4,909,620	80.5	8,137,208	1.7	71.9
	first week of January 1935 ¹ .. 6,488,846	95.3	10,762,012	1.7	86.7
Operators.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 3,047,761	82.2	3,047,761	1.0	48.1
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 4,142,352	86.6	4,142,352	1.0	43.2
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 4,250,501	78.9	4,250,501	1.0	49.6
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 4,977,666	85.0	4,977,666	1.0	59.4
Unpaid members of operator's family.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 1,176,433	31.7	1,700,564	1.4	26.9
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 1,738,414	36.3	2,725,341	1.6	28.4
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 1,850,434	34.4	2,740,600	1.5	32.0
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 1,946,890	33.2	2,647,232	1.4	31.6
Hired workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 547,611	14.8	1,584,153	2.9	25.0
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 751,581	15.7	2,729,650	3.6	28.4
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 703,833	13.1	1,577,746	2.2	18.4
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 402,489	6.9	748,341	1.9	8.9
	last week of March 1940 ⁴ .. 1,892,648	14.6	2,180,561	2.0	18.5
	last week of September 1939 ⁴ .. 1,109,501	18.2	2,317,575	2.9	28.1
	first week of January 1935 ¹ .. 967,594	14.2	1,645,602	1.7	13.3
KIND OF WORKERS					
Family workers only.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 2,627,703	70.9	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 3,545,113	74.1	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 3,648,929	71.5	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 4,752,857	81.1	NA	NA	xxx
	last week of March 1940 ⁴ .. 4,428,600	72.6	NA	NA	xxx
	last week of September 1939 ⁴ .. 4,080,665	66.9	NA	NA	xxx
Operator only.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 1,637,954	44.2	1,637,954	1.0	25.9
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 2,101,083	43.9	2,101,083	1.0	21.9
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 2,226,462	41.3	2,226,462	1.0	26.0
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 2,925,407	49.9	2,925,407	1.0	34.9
Operator and unpaid members of his family.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 921,828	24.9	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 1,358,970	28.4	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 1,418,907	26.3	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 1,702,091	29.1	NA	NA	xxx
Unpaid members of operator's family only.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 67,921	1.8	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 85,060	1.8	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 203,560	3.8	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 125,359	2.1	NA	NA	xxx
Both family workers and hired workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 497,428	13.4	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 696,722	14.6	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 626,403	11.6	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 358,148	6.1	NA	NA	xxx
	last week of March 1940 ⁴ .. 653,248	10.7	NA	NA	xxx
	last week of September 1939 ⁴ .. 825,137	13.5	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1935 ¹ .. 816,154	12.0	NA	NA	xxx
Operator and hired workers only.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 310,744	8.4	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 402,338	8.4	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 398,436	7.4	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 238,708	4.1	NA	NA	xxx
Operator, unpaid members of his family and hired workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 177,235	4.8	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 279,961	5.9	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 206,696	3.8	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 111,460	1.9	NA	NA	xxx
Unpaid members of operator's family and hired workers only.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 9,449	0.3	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 14,423	0.3	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 21,271	0.4	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 7,980	0.1	NA	NA	xxx
Hired workers only.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 50,183	1.4	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 54,859	1.1	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 77,430	1.4	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 44,341	0.8	NA	NA	xxx
	last week of March 1940 ⁴ .. 239,400	3.9	NA	NA	xxx
	last week of September 1939 ⁴ .. 284,364	4.7	NA	NA	xxx
	first week of January 1935 ¹ .. 151,440	2.2	NA	NA	xxx
No workers reported.....	week preceding enumeration 1959... 532,659	13.6	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ .. 486,327	10.2	NA	NA	NA
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² .. 832,238	15.5	NA	NA	NA
	first week of January 1945 ³ .. 703,823	12.0	NA	NA	NA
	last week of March 1940 ⁴ .. 775,551	12.7	NA	NA	NA
	last week of September 1939 ⁴ .. 906,633	14.9	NA	NA	NA
	first week of January 1935 ¹ .. 172,064	2.5	NA	NA	NA

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	Number	Percent of total	Total	Average per farm reporting	Percent of total	
TYPE OF HIRED WORKERS						
Hired workers, total ³	week preceding enumeration 1959...	547,611	100.0	1,584,153	2.9	100.0
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	751,581	100.0	2,729,650	3.6	100.0
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	703,833	100.0	1,577,746	2.2	100.0
Regular workers (to be employed 150 or more days).....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	316,571	57.8	700,256	2.2	44.2
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	332,932	44.3	691,068	2.1	25.3
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	504,527	71.7	1,036,115	2.1	65.7
Seasonal workers (to be employed less than 150 days).....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	306,797	56.0	883,897	2.9	55.8
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	504,556	67.1	2,038,582	4.0	74.7
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	271,621	38.6	541,631	2.0	34.3
Both regular and seasonal workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	75,757	13.8	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	85,907	11.4	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	72,247	10.3	NA	NA	xxx
Regular workers and no seasonal workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	240,814	44.0	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	247,025	32.9	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	431,794	61.4	NA	NA	xxx
Seasonal workers and no regular workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	231,040	42.2	NA	NA	NA
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	418,649	55.7	NA	NA	xxx
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	199,093	28.3	NA	NA	xxx
BASIS OF PAYMENT OF HIRED WORKERS						
Hired workers, total ³	week preceding enumeration 1959...	547,611	100.0	1,584,153	2.9	100.0
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	751,581	100.0	2,729,650	3.6	100.0
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	703,833	100.0	1,577,746	2.2	100.0
	last week of March 1940...	1,892,648	100.0	2,180,561	2.0	100.0
	last week of September 1939...	1,109,501	100.0	2,317,575	2.9	100.0
Workers by the month.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	161,590	29.5	264,865	1.6	16.7
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	204,484	27.2	316,231	1.5	11.6
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	266,531	37.9	400,771	1.5	25.8
	last week of March 1940 ² ..	500,558	56.1	745,982	1.5	41.4
	last week of September 1939 ² ..	489,885	44.2	749,005	1.5	23.6
Workers by the week or day.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	NA	NA	526,039	NA	33.2
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	NA	NA	737,488	NA	27.0
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	NA	NA	667,572	NA	42.9
	last week of March 1940 ² ..	413,248	46.3	859,847	2.1	47.7
	last week of September 1939 ² ..	605,961	54.6	1,578,492	2.6	49.7
Workers by the week.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	106,391	19.4	207,229	1.9	13.1
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	98,919	13.2	195,249	2.0	7.2
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	103,932	14.8	195,265	1.9	12.6
Workers by the day.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	136,508	24.9	318,810	2.3	20.1
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	217,335	28.9	542,239	2.5	19.9
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	226,622	32.2	472,307	2.1	30.4
Workers by the hour or on a piece-work basis.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	NA	NA	793,249	NA	50.1
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	NA	NA	1,675,931	NA	61.4
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	NA	NA	456,335	NA	29.3
	last week of March 1940 ² ..	58,910	6.6	197,732	3.4	11.0
	last week of September 1939 ² ..	173,835	15.7	848,078	4.9	26.7
Workers by the hour.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	163,217	29.8	434,082	2.7	27.4
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	209,256	27.8	616,893	2.9	22.6
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	138,738	19.7	359,223	2.6	23.1
Workers on a piece-work basis.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	51,895	9.5	359,167	6.9	22.7
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	121,279	16.1	1,059,038	8.7	38.8
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	24,868	3.5	97,112	3.9	6.2
No report as to basis of payment.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	14,122	2.0	30,591	2.2	2.0
FARMS BY NUMBER OF HIRED WORKERS						
Hired workers, total ³	week preceding enumeration 1959...	547,611	100.0	1,584,153	2.9	100.0
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	751,581	100.0	2,729,650	3.6	100.0
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	703,833	100.0	1,577,746	2.2	100.0
	first week of January 1945 ¹ ..	402,489	100.0	748,341	1.9	100.0
	last week of March 1940...	1,892,648	100.0	2,180,561	2.0	100.0
	first week of January 1935 ¹ ..	967,594	100.0	1,645,602	1.7	100.0
1 hired worker.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	303,178	55.4	303,178	1.0	19.1
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	380,021	50.6	380,021	1.0	13.9
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	447,479	63.6	447,479	1.0	28.4
	first week of January 1945 ¹ ..	290,418	72.2	290,418	1.0	38.8
	last week of March 1940 ¹ ..	609,900	68.3	609,900	1.0	34.8
	first week of January 1935 ¹ ..	722,645	74.7	722,645	1.0	43.9
2 hired workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	112,786	20.6	225,572	2.0	14.2
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	142,546	19.0	285,092	2.0	10.4
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	133,808	19.0	267,616	2.0	17.0
	first week of January 1945 ¹ ..	60,584	15.1	121,168	2.0	16.2
	last week of March 1940 ¹ ..	152,146	17.0	304,292	2.0	17.4
	first week of January 1935 ¹ ..	137,670	14.2	275,340	2.0	16.7
3 or 4 hired workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	69,507	12.7	232,582	3.3	14.7
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	101,427	13.5	NA	NA	NA
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	72,961	10.4	NA	NA	NA
	first week of January 1945 ¹ ..	30,257	7.5	NA	NA	NA
5 to 9 hired workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	38,177	7.0	238,555	6.2	15.1
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	72,013	9.6	NA	NA	NA
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	33,826	4.8	NA	NA	NA
	first week of January 1945 ¹ ..	15,127	3.8	NA	NA	NA
	first week of January 1935 ¹ ..	29,913	3.1	NA	NA	NA
10 or more hired workers.....	week preceding enumeration 1959...	23,963	4.4	584,266	24.4	36.9
	week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2; or Oct. 24-30 1954 ¹ ..	55,574	7.4	NA	NA	NA
	week preceding enumeration 1950 ² ..	15,759	2.2	NA	NA	NA
	first week of January 1945 ¹ ..	6,103	1.5	NA	NA	NA
	first week of January 1935 ¹ ..	11,410	1.2	NA	NA	NA

NA Not available. ¹Data for Alaska and Hawaii not included. ²Data for Alaska not included. ³Housework and contract construction work not included. For 1959, 1954, and 1950, operators who worked 1 or more hours, hired workers who worked anytime during specified week, and unpaid members of operator's family who worked 15 or more hours at farm work. For 1945, 1940, and 1939, persons 14 years old and over who worked at farm work the equivalent of 2 or more days during the specified week. For 1935, persons who worked at farm work the equivalent of 2 or more days during the specified week.