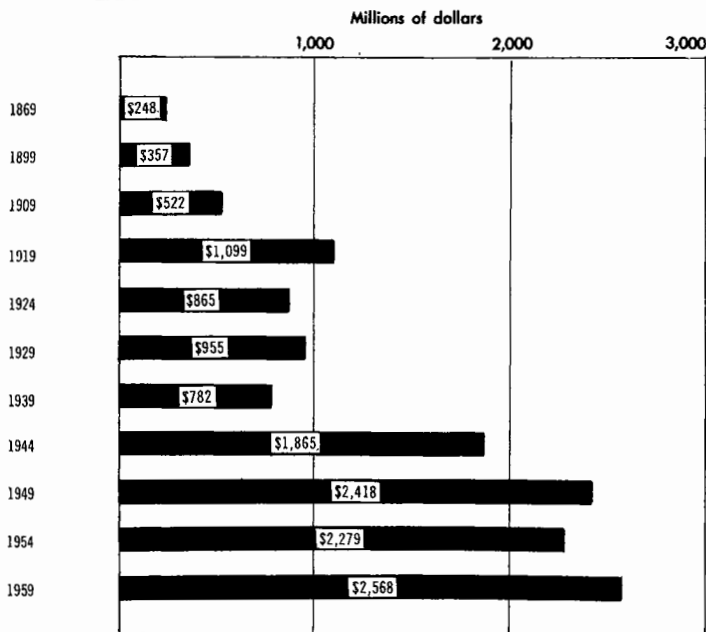


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Table 19.—RATIO OF SELECTED FARM EXPENDITURES TO THE VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS AND AVERAGE PER FARM, FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES: 1920 TO 1959

Item and census year	Ratio of total expenditures to value of land and buildings (percent)	Average per farm (for all farms)		
Hired labor.....	1959.....	1.99	694	
	1954.....	2.34	477	
	1949.....	3.21	450	
	1944.....	4.02	318	
	1939.....	2.32	128	
	1929.....	2.00	162	
	1919.....	1.66	170	
Machine hire.....	1959.....	0.62	217	
	1954.....	0.65	133	
	1949.....	0.81	114	
	1944.....	3.68	1,282	
	1939.....	4.00	817	
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	1959.....	4.02	562	
	1954.....	5.23	414	
	1949.....	2.19	120	
	1944.....	1.92	146	
	1939.....	1.65	170	
	Gasoline and other petroleum fuel and oil for the farm business.....	1959.....	1.20	419
		1954.....	1.40	286
1949.....		1.51	211	
1944.....		0.96	53	
1939.....				

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The changes in the amount of expenditures from census to census reflect changes in price level as well as actual changes. The

following table provides figures on the amount of expenditures reported in the census and the amount of those expenditures adjusted to 1959 price level by the use of the U.S. Department of Agriculture index numbers of prices paid by farmers for these items. The figures at constant (1959) prices indicate more accurately the change in amounts of farm expenditures than do the figures reported at current prices in the census.

Table 20.—INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR SPECIFIED COMMODITIES BOUGHT FOR USE IN PRODUCTION, AND OF FARM WAGE RATES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1910 TO 1959

[Calendar years 1910-1914=100]

Year	Commodities bought for use in production				Wage rates
	Livestock	Feed	Fertilizer	All commodities	
1959.....	380	199	152	266	612
1954.....	302	226	158	255	510
1949.....	344	206	160	238	430
1944.....	202	173	118	173	318
1939.....	139	93	101	121	127
1929.....	177	136	130	146	186
1924.....	116	139	120	140	182
1919.....	183	208	182	195	206
1910.....	92	98	99	97	96

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Table 21.—EXPENDITURES FOR SELECTED ITEMS AS REPORTED BY THE CENSUS AND ADJUSTED TO 1959 PRICE LEVEL, FOR THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES: 1909 TO 1959

Item and census year	Amount reported in census (dollars)	Amount adjusted to 1959 prices (dollars)	
		Total	Average per farm (for all farms)
Hired labor.....	1959.....	2,567,047,247	694
	1954.....	2,279,343,699	572
	1949.....	2,418,460,857	640
	1944.....	1,865,026,434	613
	1939.....	781,791,558	618
	1929.....	955,420,313	500
	1919.....	1,098,712,517	506
Feed for livestock and poultry.....	1959.....	4,743,822,134	1,282
	1954.....	3,906,048,162	719
	1949.....	3,023,840,651	543
	1944.....	2,426,725,495	476
	1939.....	736,116,548	258
	1929.....	919,189,626	214
	1919.....	1,097,224,648	163
Purchase of livestock and poultry.....	1959.....	3,852,220,611	1,041
	1949.....	2,389,809,254	491
	1944.....	1,317,441,017	423