

TABLE B-96.—Farm input use, selected inputs, 1948-95

Year	Farm population, April ¹		Farm employment (thousands) ³			Crops harvested (millions of acres) ⁵	Selected indexes of input use (1982=100)							
	Number (thousands)	As percent of total population ²	Total	Self-employed and unpaid workers ⁴	Hired workers		Total	Farm labor	Farm real estate	Durable equipment	Energy	Agricultural chemicals ⁶	Feed, seed, and purchased livestock ⁷	Other purchased inputs
1948	24,383	16.6	10,363	8,026	2,337	356	95	278	92	38	65	35	55	73
1949	24,194	16.2	9,964	7,712	2,252	360	97	272	94	45	72	36	57	74
1950	23,048	15.2	9,926	7,597	2,329	345	97	261	95	52	73	44	56	74
1951	21,890	14.2	9,546	7,310	2,236	344	98	251	97	58	76	43	59	80
1952	21,748	13.9	9,149	7,005	2,144	349	98	243	98	63	79	44	58	82
1953	19,874	12.5	8,864	6,775	2,089	348	97	230	99	66	81	43	60	79
1954	19,019	11.7	8,651	6,570	2,081	346	94	224	100	69	81	44	55	75
1955	19,078	11.5	8,381	6,345	2,036	340	99	227	100	70	83	46	62	78
1956	18,712	11.1	7,852	5,900	1,952	324	98	215	101	71	83	51	64	78
1957	17,656	10.3	7,600	5,660	1,940	324	97	201	101	69	82	49	67	80
1958	17,128	9.8	7,503	5,521	1,982	324	98	192	101	68	80	50	71	83
1959	16,592	9.3	7,342	5,390	1,952	324	100	191	101	68	81	57	72	95
1960	15,635	8.7	7,057	5,172	1,885	324	99	186	101	69	82	59	71	95
1961	14,803	8.1	6,919	5,029	1,890	302	97	181	98	68	84	62	68	93
1962	14,313	7.7	6,700	4,873	1,827	295	97	179	97	67	85	56	70	94
1963	13,367	7.1	6,518	4,738	1,780	298	98	174	97	67	86	62	73	95
1964	12,954	6.7	6,110	4,506	1,604	298	96	164	97	67	88	67	71	93
1965	12,363	6.4	5,610	4,128	1,482	298	95	160	96	69	89	72	70	94
1966	11,595	5.9	5,214	3,854	1,360	294	96	149	95	71	90	83	75	95
1967	10,875	5.5	4,903	3,650	1,253	306	95	142	98	73	90	79	75	95
1968	10,454	5.2	4,749	3,535	1,213	300	94	137	96	76	90	68	76	94
1969	10,307	5.1	4,596	3,419	1,176	290	95	135	95	78	92	73	81	92
1970	9,712	4.7	4,523	3,348	1,175	293	95	133	95	78	92	76	83	89
1971	9,425	4.5	4,436	3,275	1,161	305	94	131	97	79	90	80	81	86
1972	9,610	4.6	4,373	3,228	1,146	294	95	129	95	79	89	85	83	87
1973	9,472	4.5	4,337	3,169	1,168	321	97	129	99	81	90	95	83	94
1974	9,264	4.3	4,389	3,075	1,314	328	96	120	100	85	86	100	82	99
1975	8,864	4.1	4,331	3,021	1,310	336	95	120	99	89	101	92	78	97
1976	8,253	3.8	4,363	2,992	1,371	337	98	118	100	91	113	101	82	100
1977	⁸ 6,194	⁸ 2.8	4,143	2,852	1,291	345	96	114	100	94	119	99	78	102
1978	⁸ 6,501	⁸ 2.9	3,937	2,680	1,256	338	101	110	99	96	125	109	90	119
1979	⁸ 6,241	⁸ 2.8	3,765	2,495	1,270	348	104	106	100	99	113	120	97	127
1980	⁸ 6,051	⁸ 2.7	3,699	2,401	1,298	352	105	102	102	102	110	133	102	116
1981	⁸ 5,850	⁸ 2.5	⁹ 3,582	⁹ 2,324	⁹ 1,258	366	103	102	102	102	106	132	97	109
1982	⁸ 5,628	⁸ 2.4	⁹ 3,466	⁹ 2,248	⁹ 1,218	362	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1983	⁸ 5,787	⁸ 2.5	⁹ 3,349	⁹ 2,171	⁹ 1,178	306	97	95	93	95	97	93	102	106
1984	5,754	2.4	⁹ 3,233	⁹ 2,095	⁹ 1,138	348	97	95	98	91	100	106	92	109
1985	5,355	2.2	3,116	2,018	1,098	342	94	91	97	86	90	100	93	103
1986	5,226	2.2	2,912	1,873	1,039	325	91	85	95	80	84	110	94	93
1987	4,986	2.1	2,897	1,846	1,051	302	89	84	91	74	93	101	91	97
1988	4,951	2.1	2,954	1,967	1,037	297	86	86	91	70	93	92	89	86
1989	4,801	2.0	2,863	1,935	928	318	86	85	92	67	92	96	86	91
1990	4,591	1.9	2,891	2,000	892	322	89	85	91	65	92	98	93	103
1991	4,632	1.9	2,877	1,968	910	318	90	87	91	63	92	103	91	110
1992	.....	.....	2,810	1,944	866	317	90	82	91	61	92	103	96	114
1993	.....	.....	2,800	1,942	857	308	90	81	89	60	92	106	96	126
1994	.....	.....	2,767	1,925	842	321	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1995 ^p	.....	.....	2,827	1,958	869	315	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹Farm population as defined by Department of Agriculture and Department of Commerce, i.e., civilian population living on farms in rural areas, regardless of occupation. See also footnote 8. Series discontinued in 1992.

²Total population of United States including Armed Forces overseas, as of July 1.

³Includes persons doing farmwork on all farms. These data, published by the Department of Agriculture, differ from those on agricultural employment by the Department of Labor (see Table B-31) because of differences in the method of approach, in concepts of employment, and in time of month for which the data are collected.

⁴Prior to 1982 this category was termed "family workers" and did not include nonfamily unpaid workers.

⁵Acres harvested plus acreages in fruits, tree nuts, and farm gardens.

⁶Fertilizer, lime, and pesticides.

⁷Includes purchases of broiler- and egg-type chicks and turkey poults and livestock imports for purposes other than immediate slaughter.

⁸Based on new definition of a farm. Under old definition of a farm, farm population (in thousands and as percent of total population) for 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, and 1983 is 7,806 and 3.6; 8,005 and 3.6; 7,553 and 3.4; 7,241 and 3.2; 7,014 and 3.1; 6,880 and 3.0; 7,029 and 3.0, respectively.

⁹Basis for farm employment series was discontinued for 1981 through 1984. Employment is estimated for these years.

Note.—Population includes Alaska and Hawaii beginning 1960.

Sources: Department of Agriculture and Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census).