TABLE B–100.—*Farm input use, selected inputs, 1948–2003*

Year	Farm population, April[1]		Farm employment (thousands)[3]			Crops harvested (millions of acres)[5]	Selected indexes of input use (1996=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	Feed, seed, and purchased livestock	Other purchased inputs
1948	24,383	16.6	10,363	8,026	2,337	356	101	341	116	70	66	22	55	14
1949	24,194	16.2	9,964	7,712	2,252	360	106	334	116	82	73	24	59	31
1950	23,048	15.2	9,926	7,597	2,329	345	106	321	117	94	75	29	59	32
1951	21,890	14.2	9,546	7,310	2,236	344	108	308	117	105	77	28	62	34
1952	21,748	13.9	9,149	7,005	2,144	349	107	298	118	114	81	29	61	35
1953	19,874	12.5	8,864	6,775	2,089	348	106	282	118	119	83	29	62	38
1954	19,019	11.7	8,651	6,570	2,081	346	104	275	117	125	82	30	59	36
1955	19,078	11.5	8,381	6,345	2,036	340	108	279	117	127	85	31	65	41
1956	18,712	11.1	7,852	5,900	1,952	324	109	264	116	129	85	33	68	46
1957	17,656	10.3	7,600	5,660	1,940	324	108	246	116	127	83	31	72	52
1958	17,128	9.8	7,503	5,521	1,982	324	109	235	115	125	81	32	76	51
1959	16,592	9.3	7,342	5,390	1,952	324	111	234	115	125	82	38	77	59
1960	15,635	8.7	7,057	5,172	1,885	324	111	228	115	127	83	45	77	60
1961	14,803	8.1	6,919	5,029	1,890	302	110	222	115	124	85	48	76	58
1962	14,313	7.7	6,700	4,873	1,827	295	111	220	115	122	87	46	80	57
1963	13,367	7.1	6,518	4,738	1,780	298	112	214	116	122	88	50	82	56
1964	12,954	6.7	6,110	4,506	1,604	298	109	202	116	124	89	56	80	57
1965	12,363	6.4	5,610	4,128	1,482	298	109	196	116	126	91	60	80	58
1966	11,595	5.9	5,214	3,854	1,360	294	110	183	116	129	92	69	86	55
1967	10,875	5.5	4,903	3,650	1,253	306	110	174	115	134	92	70	86	60
1968	10,454	5.2	4,749	3,535	1,213	300	108	168	115	139	92	60	87	62
1969	10,307	5.1	4,596	3,419	1,176	290	109	165	115	142	94	61	91	60
1970	9,712	4.7	4,523	3,348	1,175	293	110	163	114	143	94	72	93	58
1971	9,425	4.5	4,436	3,275	1,161	305	110	160	113	144	92	72	94	60
1972	9,610	4.6	4,373	3,228	1,146	294	112	158	112	145	91	77	99	58
1973	9,472	4.5	4,337	3,169	1,168	321	112	159	111	147	92	80	98	49
1974	9,264	4.3	4,389	3,075	1,314	328	110	147	111	156	88	86	94	48
1975	8,864	4.1	4,331	3,021	1,310	336	109	147	112	162	103	77	91	53
1976	8,253	3.8	4,363	2,992	1,371	337	113	145	112	166	116	91	95	58
1977	[6] 6,194	[6] 2.8	4,143	2,852	1,291	345	111	140	113	171	122	80	94	62
1978	[6] 6,501	[6] 2.9	3,937	2,680	1,256	338	117	133	114	175	127	87	106	77
1979	[6] 6,241	[6] 2.8	3,765	2,495	1,270	348	119	130	113	180	116	95	109	78
1980	[6] 6,051	[6] 2.7	3,699	2,401	1,298	352	120	126	115	186	113	112	109	73
1981	[6] 5,850	[6] 2.5	[7] 3,582	[7] 2,324	[7] 1,258	366	115	128	114	186	108	101	103	71
1982	[6] 5,628	[6] 2.4	[7] 3,466	[7] 2,248	[7] 1,218	362	113	122	110	183	102	82	107	79
1983	[6] 5,787	[6] 2.5	[7] 3,349	[7] 2,171	[7] 1,178	306	113	121	110	174	99	81	107	79
1984	5,754	2.4	[7] 3,233	[7] 2,095	[7] 1,138	348	109	119	111	166	103	88	99	74
1985	5,355	2.2	3,116	2,018	1,098	342	106	111	111	158	92	90	100	81
1986	5,226	2.2	2,912	1,873	1,039	325	104	103	109	147	86	105	101	81
1987	4,986	2.1	2,897	1,846	1,051	302	102	103	107	136	95	96	100	84
1988	4,951	2.1	2,954	1,967	1,037	297	102	106	107	129	95	80	99	83
1989	4,801	2.0	2,863	1,935	928	318	100	105	107	123	94	82	95	86
1990	4,591	1.9	2,891	2,000	892	322	102	105	106	119	94	95	101	87
1991	4,632	1.9	2,877	1,968	910	318	102	108	105	116	94	96	101	90
1992	.....	.....	2,810	1,944	866	319	100	102	104	113	94	98	101	89
1993	.....	.....	2,800	1,942	857	308	100	98	103	109	94	94	103	99
1994	.....	.....	2,767	1,925	842	321	101	99	102	106	97	101	103	104
1995	.....	.....	2,836	1,967	869	314	104	103	101	103	102	92	109	110
1996	.....	.....	2,842	2,010	832	326	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1997	.....	.....	2,867	1,990	877	333	103	101	99	98	102	108	105	108
1998	.....	.....	2,827	1,947	880	327	103	98	98	98	104	105	111	119
1999 ...	.....	.....	2,977	2,048	929	327	106	101	97	99	105	104	117	127
2000 ...	.....	.....	2,952	2,062	890	324	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2001 ...	.....	.....	2,923	2,050	873	321	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2002 ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	886	317	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2003 *p*	.....	.....	.....	.....	836	324	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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

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

[3] Includes 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-35) because of differences in the method of approach, in concepts of employment, and in time of month for which the data are collected.

[4] Prior to 1982 this category was termed "family workers" and did not include nonfamily unpaid workers. Series discontinued in 2002.

[5] Acreage harvested plus acreages in fruits, tree nuts, and vegetables and minor crops.

[6] Based 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.

[7] Basis 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 (Economic Research Service) and Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census).

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