

TABLE B-100.—Farm input use, selected inputs, 1948-2004

Year	Farm employment (thousands) ¹			Crops harvested (millions of acres) ³	Selected indexes of input use (1996=100)											
	Total	Self-employed and unpaid workers ²	Hired workers		Total farm input	Capital input			Labor input			Materials input				
						Total	Durable equipment	Total	Hired labor	Self-employed	Total	Feeds, seeds, and purchased livestock	Energy	Agricultural chemicals	Purchased services	
1948	10,363	8,026	2,337	356	104	101	70	341	279	365	49	60	65	23	44	
1949	9,964	7,712	2,252	360	108	105	82	334	260	363	55	62	72	24	43	
1950	9,926	7,597	2,329	345	108	108	95	321	271	340	56	62	74	30	45	
1951	9,546	7,310	2,236	344	110	111	106	308	261	326	58	65	76	28	49	
1952	9,149	7,005	2,144	349	107	112	115	298	255	315	55	65	80	30	34	
1953	8,864	6,775	2,089	348	109	116	120	282	248	296	59	66	82	29	49	
1954	8,651	6,570	2,081	346	106	118	126	275	234	291	56	62	81	30	47	
1955	8,381	6,345	2,036	340	111	118	128	279	230	298	61	69	83	32	49	
1956	7,852	5,900	1,952	324	111	118	129	264	210	285	63	72	83	34	51	
1957	7,600	5,660	1,940	324	110	117	127	246	201	264	65	75	82	32	52	
1958	7,503	5,521	1,982	324	110	116	125	235	203	247	68	79	80	33	54	
1959	7,342	5,390	1,952	324	112	116	126	234	198	248	71	80	81	39	73	
1960	7,057	5,172	1,885	324	112	116	127	228	198	240	72	80	82	46	71	
1961	6,919	5,029	1,890	302	110	116	125	222	197	231	71	77	84	50	70	
1962	6,700	4,873	1,827	295	111	116	123	220	197	228	72	80	85	47	71	
1963	6,518	4,738	1,780	298	112	116	123	214	196	220	75	83	86	51	70	
1964	6,110	4,506	1,604	298	110	117	124	202	177	211	74	81	88	57	67	
1965	5,610	4,128	1,482	298	109	117	126	196	167	208	74	80	89	61	69	
1966	5,214	3,854	1,360	294	110	118	130	183	150	196	79	86	91	70	69	
1967	4,903	3,650	1,253	306	109	119	134	174	140	187	80	87	90	72	72	
1968	4,749	3,535	1,213	300	108	121	140	168	135	181	79	88	91	62	70	
1969	4,596	3,419	1,176	290	108	121	142	165	136	176	81	92	92	62	68	
1970	4,523	3,348	1,175	293	109	121	143	163	137	173	83	95	92	74	65	
1971	4,436	3,275	1,161	305	108	121	145	160	136	169	82	93	90	74	65	
1972	4,373	3,228	1,146	294	109	120	145	158	135	167	84	95	89	79	64	
1973	4,337	3,169	1,168	321	109	120	148	159	137	167	86	96	90	81	69	
1974	4,389	3,075	1,314	328	108	122	156	147	146	147	86	96	86	88	69	
1975	4,331	3,021	1,310	336	107	123	162	147	148	147	83	91	102	79	70	
1976	4,363	2,992	1,371	337	111	125	166	145	150	143	89	95	115	93	74	
1977	4,143	2,852	1,291	345	108	126	171	140	146	138	86	91	120	82	76	
1978	3,937	2,680	1,256	338	115	128	175	133	138	132	98	104	126	89	89	
1979	3,765	2,495	1,270	348	117	129	181	130	143	126	103	111	116	97	93	
1980	3,699	2,401	1,298	352	119	132	188	126	142	120	106	116	113	114	84	
1981	⁴ 3,582	⁴ 2,324	⁴ 1,258	366	115	130	188	128	141	122	100	111	108	103	80	
1982	⁴ 3,466	⁴ 2,248	⁴ 1,218	362	113	129	185	122	126	120	98	113	102	84	87	
1983	⁴ 3,349	⁴ 2,171	⁴ 1,178	306	113	126	176	121	140	113	99	115	99	83	86	
1984	⁴ 3,233	⁴ 2,095	⁴ 1,138	348	108	121	168	119	130	114	94	103	102	90	83	
1985	3,116	2,018	1,098	342	106	120	159	111	113	110	94	104	92	92	85	
1986	2,912	1,873	1,039	325	103	115	148	103	109	101	94	104	85	107	78	
1987	2,897	1,846	1,051	302	102	112	137	103	112	100	94	101	95	98	81	
1988	2,954	1,967	1,037	297	100	109	130	106	117	102	91	99	95	83	82	
1989	2,863	1,935	928	318	99	107	124	105	108	104	91	95	94	85	89	
1990	2,891	2,000	892	322	101	106	120	105	109	103	96	103	94	84	85	
1991	2,877	1,968	910	318	102	105	117	108	110	107	98	103	94	96	91	
1992	2,810	1,944	866	319	100	104	113	102	103	101	96	102	93	97	88	
1993	2,800	1,942	857	308	100	103	109	98	102	96	100	105	93	94	97	
1994	2,767	1,925	842	321	102	102	106	99	101	98	103	106	96	100	100	
1995	2,836	1,967	869	314	104	101	103	103	110	100	106	111	101	92	105	
1996	2,842	2,010	832	326	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
1997	2,867	1,990	877	333	103	100	98	101	105	99	107	108	103	108	107	
1998	2,827	1,947	880	327	105	99	98	98	107	94	112	116	104	104	111	
1999	2,977	2,048	929	327	107	99	99	101	112	96	116	123	106	103	114	
2000	2,952	2,062	890	324	104	98	99	98	107	94	111	120	100	101	110	
2001	2,923	2,050	873	321	103	98	99	96	106	93	110	117	97	97	113	
2002	.....	.....	886	316	102	98	100	96	105	92	107	113	97	97	107
2003	.....	.....	836	324	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2004 ^P	.....	.....	825	321	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹Includes 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.

²Prior to 1982 this category was termed "family workers" and did not include nonfamily unpaid workers. Series discontinued in 2002.

³Acreage harvested plus acreages in fruits, tree nuts, and vegetables and minor crops. Includes double-cropping.

⁴Basis for farm employment series was discontinued for 1981 through 1984. Employment is estimated for these years.

Sources: Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service.