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### AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN IDAHO, 1900-1960

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Census statistics show a substantial rise and decline in farm employment between 1900 and 1960.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Farm Population</u>	<u>%</u>
1900	26,780	46	703	15.5	27,483	43.7	81,000	50
1920	66,147	48.9	1,104	6.3	67,251	42.7	148,000	34.2
1940					57,398	32.4	203,000	38.7
1960	40,088	24	2,832	4.2	42,920	18.4	158,000	23.7

In farm employment (including self-employed farmers), farm wives went uncounted unless they were field workers. Housework was not regarded as work unless it was done by non-family employees. Idaho's total employment (including self-employment) was 58,167 male and 4,656 female, out of a total of 933,367 male and 68,405 female, including children, in 1900. In 1960, these totals rose to 166,054 male workers (including professions and service occupations) out of 338,136; and 66,804 out of 329,055 female inhabitants.

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