

# Farm Labor

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NUMBER OF WORKERS - DECEMBER  
WAGE RATES - JANUARY 1

## December Work Force Declined Seasonally

The national farm labor force for the week of December 21-27 dropped 18 percent below the November survey week and 3 percent below the December 1968 survey week. The estimated 3,495,000 total workers consisted of 2,842,000 farm operators and unpaid family members together with 653,000 hired workers. The number of hired workers was down 32 percent from November.

The 1969 annual average of 4,582,000 farm workers was 3 percent below 1968. Family workers for 1969 averaged 3,428,000 persons, 3 and 6 percent below 1968 and 1967, respectively.

The hired farm worker force, averaging 1,153,000 persons in 1969, was 5 percent below 1968 and 8 percent below 1967. This continuing reduction in the hired work force reflects further mechanization in handling high labor use commodities and in improved techniques.

Farm workers on reporting farms worked an average of 32.7 hours during the December work week, 3.7 hours less than a month earlier. Farm operators averaged 33.3 hours, other family members 29.1 hours, and hired workers 34.1 hours of farm work during the survey week, which included the Christmas holiday.

## Farm Wage Rates Up 10 Percent During 1969

The 1969 annual composite hourly rate for farm workers averaged \$1.33, an increase of 10 percent over 1968. The rate per hour without room or board averaged \$1.58 in 1969, also an increase of 10 percent over the previous year. Wage rates for other hiring arrangements indicate corresponding increases. The annual average wage rates for 1968 and 1969 are shown by States and Regions on pages 9 and 10.

The January 1, 1970 composite hourly rate, at \$1.50, was up 9 percent from January 1, 1969. The average cash rate per hour without room or board, at \$1.67 per hour was up 6 percent from a year earlier. Pay rates by the day, week and month were up similarly. These rates represent cash payments only with no allowances for values of housing, food, or other items furnished in addition to cash wages.

#### Winter Weather Curtails Farm Work Activity

Farmers from the Great Plains eastward knew winter had arrived with all its fury. The Northeast States were hit particularly hard by heavy snow and record low temperatures in many locations. The Pacific Coast was lashed by high winds and heavy rainfall. Most farm work consisted of maintenance and livestock care.

Very little corn remains to be harvested in the Corn Belt. A few soybeans were still in the field in the Southeastern States. Sugarcane harvest was active in Florida. Cotton harvest was in the scrapping stage in most growing areas with only modest amounts remaining in Texas and Arizona.

Citrus harvest was active in California, Florida, Arizona, and Texas although slowed by the Christmas Holiday and weather conditions.

Vegetable harvest in Florida was slowed by cool temperatures and cold winds. Arizona and California winter vegetable harvest continued in full swing.

Farm employment represents the number of family and hired labor working during the survey week. Family labor includes farm operators working on farms 1 hour or more plus other family members working 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages during the survey week. These data should not be confused with data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The BLS data are derived from a household survey where each member 16 years of age and older is classified as performing farm or nonfarm work on the basis of major activity during the survey week.

Farm employment and indexes, December 1969, with comparisons, United States

Item	Annual average 1967	Annual average 1968	December 24-30, 1967	December 22-28, 1968	December 21-27, 1969
<b>FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/</b>					
(Thousands)					
Total .....	4,903	4,745.8	3,701	3,617.9	3,494.8
Family labor .....	3,650	3,532.4	3,026	2,945.9	2,841.9
Hired labor .....	1,253	1,213.4	675	672.0	652.9
<b>INDEXES 2/</b>					
(1910-14=100)					
Total .....	36	35	36	36	34
Family labor .....	36	35	36	35	34
Hired labor .....	37	36	39	39	37
(1957-59=100)					
Total .....	66	63	66	65	63
Family labor .....	66	64	66	64	62
Hired labor .....	64	62	67	67	65

1/ Employment during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

2/ Monthly indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

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Farm wage rates and indexes, January 1, 1970, United States

Item	Annual average 1968	January 1, 1968	January 1, 1969	January 1, 1970
<b>FARM WAGE RATES</b>				
Composite rate per hour 1/ .....	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.38	\$ 1.50
Per month with house .....	283	269	294	318
Per month with board and room .....	216	209	230	251
Per week with board and room .....	52.50	47.75	53.25	57.75
Per week without board or room .....	66.50	60.50	68.50	75.50
Per day with house .....	8.20	8.10	9.20	10.00
Per day with board and room .....	9.30	8.70	9.50	10.40
Per day without board or room .....	9.90	9.30	10.60	11.60
Per hour with house .....	1.28	1.15	1.28	1.38
Per hour without board or room .....	1.44	1.42	1.57	1.67
<b>INDEXES 2/</b>				
(1910-14=100) .....	931	870	965	1,050
(1957-59=100) .....	160	150	166	181

1/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis. Composite rate does not include piece rate workers.

2/ Indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

Workers on farms, December 1969 1/

State and division	December 1967			December 1968			December 1969		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	18	14	4	16	12	4.0	15.7	11	4.7
N. H.	7	5	2	7.0	5.0	2.0	5.7	4.0	1.7
Vt.	16	13	3	15	12	3.0	14.4	11	3.4
Mass.	15	10	5	15	10	5.0	13.5	9.2	4.3
R. I.	2	1	1	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.1	.6
Conn.	9	7	2	10	7.0	3.0	8.8	6.6	2.2
N. Eng.	67	50	17	65	47	18	59.8	42.9	16.9
N. Y.	89	70	19	85	67	18	84	67	17
N. J.	14	9	5	14	9.0	5.0	14	9.0	5.0
Pa.	102	89	13	95	84	11	91	80	11
M. Atl.	205	168	37	194	160	34	189	156	33
Ohio	135	128	7	128	121	7.0	121	115	6.0
Ind.	118	109	9	113	107	6.0	112	106	6.0
Ill.	153	136	17	135	121	14	134	120	14
Mich.	125	109	16	115	103	12	111	97	14
Wis.	161	149	12	171	160	11	165	153	12
E. N. Cent.	692	631	61	662	612	50	643	591	52
Minn.	144	138	6	139	133	6.0	137	131	6.0
Iowa	174	162	12	163	153	10	163	152	11
Mo.	154	141	13	169	157	12	150	141	9.0
N. Dak.	40	35	5	39	35	4.0	35	31	4.0
S. Dak.	57	53	4	57	53	4.0	54	51	3.0
Nebr.	94	88	6	91	85	6.0	87	81	6.0
Kans.	95	90	5	92	87	5.0	91	85	6.0
W. N. Cent.	758	707	51	750	703	47	717	672	45
Del.	4	3	1	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
Md.	26	21	5	24	20	4.0	24	20	4.0
Va.	90	77	13	89	77	12	86	74	12
W. Va.	34	30	4	30	27	3.0	29	26	3.0
N. C.	166	149	17	166	147	19	153	135	18
S. C.	55	45	10	52	43	9.0	51	42	9.0
Ga.	75	62	13	75	62	13	75	61	14
Fla.	128	33	95	119	27	92	120	28	92
S. Atl.	578	420	158	559	406	153	542	389	153
Ky.	151	137	14	144	134	10	138	130	8.0
Tenn.	134	119	15	126	113	13	122	113	9.0
Ala.	86	70	16	81	68	13	77	64	13
Miss.	88	76	12	80	73	7.0	78	69	9.0
E. S. Cent.	459	402	57	431	388	43	415	376	39
Ark.	82	68	14	81	67	14	77	59	18
La.	54	46	8	49	43	6.0	48	41	7.0
Okla.	106	98	8	104	95	9.0	110	99	11
Texas	196	149	47	215	154	61	202	148	54
W. S. Cent.	438	361	77	449	359	90	437	347	90
Mont.	30	24	6	28	23	5.0	30	25	5.0
Idaho	33	28	5	32	27	5.0	31	27	4.0
Wyo.	12	9	3	12	9.0	3.0	12	9.0	3.0
Colo.	36	29	7	43	32	11	41	30	11
N. Mex.	22	15	7	23	16	7.0	20	14	6.0
Ariz.	36	6	30	40	7.0	33	39	6.0	33
Utah	18	16	2	17	15	2.0	17	15	2.0
Nev.	4	2	2	3.9	1.9	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
Mount.	191	129	62	198.9	130.9	68.0	193	128	65
Wash.	53	39	14	52	38	14	54	39	15
Oreg.	52	45	7	45	40	5.0	44	40	4.0
Calif.	208	74	134	212	62	150	201	61	140
Pac.	313	158	155	309	140	169	299	140	159
U. S.	3,701	3,026	675	3,617.9	2,945.9	672.0	3,494.8	2,841.9	652.9

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Workers on farms: Average January through December 1969 1/

State and division	January through December 1967			January through December 1968			January through December 1969		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	----- Thousands -----								
Maine	24	15	9	22	14	8.0	20.9	13	7.9
N. H.	8	6	2	7	5.0	2.0	7.1	4.7	2.4
Vt.	17	13	4	15	12	3.0	14.6	11	3.6
Mass.	21	12	9	19	11	8.0	18.0	10.2	7.8
R. I.	3	2	1	3	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.3	.8
Conn.	14	8	6	14	8.0	6.0	13.7	7.8	5.9
N. Eng.	87	56	31	80	52	28	76.4	48.0	28.4
N. Y.	105	77	28	101	74	27	98	72	26
N. J.	23	10	13	23	10	13	21	10	11
Pa.	128	109	19	121	104	17	115	99	16
M. Atl.	256	196	60	245	188	57	234	181	53
Ohio	163	144	19	157	138	19	150	134	16
Ind.	133	120	13	130	118	12	122	112	10
Ill.	177	147	30	167	141	26	166	139	27
Mich.	152	126	26	143	118	25	136	114	22
Wis.	198	178	20	201	181	20	197	178	19
E. N. Cent.	823	715	108	798	696	102	771	677	94
Minn.	200	179	21	193	172	21	187	168	19
Iowa	223	194	29	217	189	28	214	187	27
Mo.	204	169	35	196	165	31	190	161	29
N. Dak.	65	53	12	63	52	11	60	50	10
S. Dak.	70	62	8	68	61	7.0	68	60	8.0
Nebr.	114	97	17	110	96	14	108	94	14
Kans.	123	106	17	117	102	15	110	96	14
W. N. Cent.	999	860	139	964	837	127	937	816	121
Del.	8	5	3	7	4.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
Md.	36	26	10	33	25	8.0	32	24	8.0
Va.	125	93	32	120	89	31	99	86	13
W. Va.	41	35	6	39	33	6.0	38	32	6.0
N. C.	280	204	76	260	192	68	250	186	64
S. C.	88	64	24	85	63	22	76	57	19
Ga.	112	85	27	109	85	24	103	81	22
Fla.	116	36	80	112	35	77	112	34	78
S. Atl.	806	548	258	765	526	239	716	504	212
Ky.	196	153	43	172	138	34	165	136	29
Tenn.	168	134	34	161	130	31	149	123	26
Ala.	107	83	24	104	82	22	100	78	22
Miss.	138	106	32	142	110	32	130	101	29
E. S. Cent.	609	476	133	579	460	119	544	438	106
Ark.	136	87	49	138	85	53	145	83	62
La.	97	61	36	92	57	35	85	54	31
Okla.	129	110	19	125	108	17	126	109	17
Texas	298	200	98	291	192	99	286	191	95
W. S. Cent.	660	458	202	646	442	204	642	437	205
Mont.	43	30	13	40	29	11	40	29	11
Idaho	50	36	14	48	35	13	46	34	12
Wyo.	17	11	6	15	10	5.0	15	10	5.0
Colo.	57	36	21	58	38	20	57	35	22
N. Mex.	25	15	10	25	16	9.0	24	15	9.0
Ariz.	37	7	30	37	6.0	31	37	6.0	31
Utah	25	18	7	25	18	7	25	18	7.0
Nev.	5	3	2	4.8	2.4	2.4	4.4	2.5	1.9
Mount.	259	156	103	252.8	154.4	98.4	248.4	149.5	98.9
Wash.	79	52	27	80	53	27	80	52	28
Oreg.	71	49	22	70	48	22	71	48	23
Calif.	254	84	170	266	76	190	262	78	184
Pac.	404	185	219	416	177	239	413	178	235
U. S.	4,903	3,650	1,253	4,745.8	3,532.4	1,213.4	4,581.8	3,428.5	1,153.3

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Farm Work: Weekly hours worked per worker

State and division	Average for reporting farms - week of November 23-29, 1969				
	Farm operators	Other family members <sup>1/</sup>	All family <sup>1/</sup>	Hired workers	All workers <sup>1/</sup>
	----- Hours -----				
Maine	51.8	34.1	47.3	34.6	43.2
N. H.	52.5	33.7	48.1	34.5	42.2
Vt.	55.6	34.8	48.8	46.7	48.0
Mass.	51.8	35.6	47.0	41.2	44.7
R. I.	34.9	18.0	31.5	53.5	37.8
Conn.	47.9	29.3	42.4	46.3	43.4
N. Eng.	51.7	33.4	46.5	40.9	44.5
N. Y.	53.0	32.2	46.2	40.4	44.4
N. J.	36.5	31.6	35.4	35.3	35.4
Pa.	45.7	32.0	41.6	33.1	40.0
M. Atl.	48.1	32.1	43.1	37.2	41.6
Ohio	31.5	27.5	30.6	30.1	30.5
Ind.	29.2	24.3	28.3	26.1	28.0
Ill.	29.7	32.4	30.1	31.6	30.3
Mich.	39.6	34.7	38.3	29.7	36.4
Wis.	50.2	29.6	41.8	35.2	40.8
E. N. Cent.	35.9	29.7	33.7	31.1	33.7
Minn.	38.5	29.2	35.6	32.0	35.3
Iowa	40.8	28.6	37.7	34.3	37.3
Mo.	31.9	30.3	31.6	28.7	31.2
N. Dak.	29.4	31.8	29.9	29.5	29.9
S. Dak.	38.8	27.7	35.5	31.5	35.1
Nebr.	37.0	31.0	35.5	31.4	35.1
Kans.	35.4	30.2	34.2	30.0	33.6
W. N. Cent.	36.4	29.7	34.6	31.3	34.4
Del.	32.1	27.8	30.9	33.4	31.7
Md.	36.2	35.2	35.9	35.8	35.9
Va.	31.6	30.1	31.3	30.2	31.0
W. Va.	32.1	28.1	31.2	26.2	30.4
N. C.	25.6	27.9	26.1	28.1	26.6
S. C.	30.0	26.9	29.3	25.6	27.9
Ga.	29.6	27.5	29.1	25.8	27.9
Fla.	31.6	30.6	31.4	36.4	35.3
S. Atl.	29.1	28.6	29.0	33.2	30.2
Ky.	29.2	29.4	29.2	25.9	28.3
Tenn.	24.7	26.9	25.1	24.0	24.9
Ala.	25.8	24.6	25.6	25.4	25.5
Miss.	24.5	21.6	23.9	24.1	24.0
E. S. Cent.	26.2	26.0	26.1	24.9	26.0
Ark.	22.5	27.5	23.1	22.0	22.8
La.	24.7	27.1	25.2	26.4	25.5
Okla.	33.9	27.9	32.5	25.7	31.1
Texas	32.9	32.3	32.8	31.7	32.4
W. S. Cent.	30.2	29.8	30.0	28.6	29.6
Mont.	35.3	30.9	34.1	40.1	35.1
Idaho	35.3	26.2	32.6	31.7	32.4
Wyo.	46.8	27.7	40.3	43.2	41.4
Colo.	37.3	33.9	36.4	41.3	37.3
N. Mex.	34.8	30.0	33.6	40.4	35.7
Ariz.	42.3	27.3	38.9	37.0	37.8
Utah	32.8	24.6	30.3	26.8	29.8
Nev.	37.1	21.4	32.5	36.4	33.4
Mount.	36.5	29.2	34.4	37.9	35.6
Wash.	27.0	26.6	26.9	27.3	27.1
Oreg.	29.7	28.0	29.3	29.0	29.3
Calif.	34.4	33.9	34.3	40.5	38.8
Pac.	30.7	29.9	30.6	39.0	35.3
U. S.	33.3	29.1	32.0	34.1	32.7

<sup>1/</sup> Includes as "other family" only those farm household members working 15 hours or more per week without receiving cash wages.

Farm Wage Rates, January 1, 1969 1/

State and division	Per month		Per week			Per day			Per hour		Com- posite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/ Percent	
	With house: room	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house: room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house: room	With board or room				
Maine	295	215	57.00	82.00	---	---	13.40	---	1.60	1.47	858		
N. H.	300	230	61.00	83.00	---	---	13.00	---	1.62	1.50	948		
Vt.	305	230	60.00	80.00	---	---	13.00	---	1.62	1.47	948		
Mass.	345	230	65.00	88.00	---	---	13.60	---	1.73	1.60	1,003		
R. I.	340	230	64.00	88.00	---	---	13.60	---	1.73	1.59	1,062		
Conn.	340	235	64.00	88.00	---	---	13.60	---	1.75	1.60	1,068		
N. Eng.	320	227	61.50	84.50	---	---	13.40	---	1.67	1.53	972		
N. Y.	309	214	59.50	81.00	---	---	12.90	---	1.57	1.34	825		
N. J.	325	240	60.00	76.00	---	---	13.40	---	1.71	1.39	985		
Pa.	281	211	52.00	68.00	---	---	10.70	---	1.44	1.20	956		
M. Atl.	301	217	57.00	75.75	---	---	12.20	---	1.54	1.30	899		
Ohio	285	198	---	---	---	---	8.90	11.20	---	1.45	1.18	907	
Ind.	265	197	---	---	---	---	9.80	11.70	---	1.50	1.18	929	
Ill.	305	229	---	---	---	---	10.40	13.10	---	1.57	1.33	969	
Mich.	349	249	---	---	---	---	11.50	14.00	---	1.51	1.42	992	
Wis.	309	236	---	---	---	---	10.20	12.80	---	1.55	1.35	904	
E. N. Cent.	309	227	---	---	---	---	10.40	12.90	---	1.53	1.32	951	
Minn.	290	215	---	---	---	---	10.10	12.50	---	1.48	1.27	807	
Iowa	332	265	---	---	---	---	11.20	13.70	---	1.56	1.44	863	
Mo.	244	179	---	---	---	---	8.40	10.70	---	1.41	1.12	986	
N. Dak.	261	204	---	---	---	---	8.80	10.90	---	1.32	1.16	699	
S. Dak.	269	210	---	---	---	---	9.20	11.20	---	1.35	1.19	720	
Nebr.	330	254	---	---	---	---	10.50	12.80	---	1.48	1.38	904	
Kans.	303	229	---	---	---	---	9.80	12.20	---	1.46	1.30	1,028	
W. N. Cent.	290	222	---	---	---	---	9.70	12.10	---	1.45	1.27	867	
Del.	250	---	---	---	---	---	10.70	---	---	1.38	1.39	1,157	
Md.	257	175	50.00	63.00	---	---	11.10	---	---	1.38	1.39	1,274	
Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.00	---	9.30	1.01	1.25	1,148	
W. Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.20	---	.984	723	
N. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.00	---	9.30	1.02	1.20	1,166	
S. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.80	---	7.60	.91	1.01	1,146	
Ga.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.20	---	8.00	1.03	1.17	.999	1,051
Fla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.00	---	12.00	1.20	1.40	1.38	1,268
S. Atl.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.70	---	10.70	1.13	1.31	1.26	1,202
Ky.	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.60	---	8.50	.97	1.21	1.04	922
Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.60	---	8.10	.90	1.11	.987	915
Ala.	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.80	---	7.40	.94	1.08	.931	922
Miss.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.60	---	8.60	1.10	1.15	1.06	1,037
E. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.90	---	8.10	.97	1.14	.999	945
Ark.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.40	---	10.10	1.12	1.23	1.23	1,081
La.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.80	---	8.80	1.08	1.15	1.07	1,048
Okla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.90	---	11.00	1.21	1.36	1.33	973
Texas	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.80	---	10.80	1.14	1.27	1.29	989
W. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.50	---	10.50	1.14	1.26	1.26	1,034
Mont.	300	220	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.60	1.54	1.56	1.31	671
Idaho	335	260	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.00	1.45	1.55	1.44	800
Wyo.	299	216	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.60	1.34	1.48	1.20	616
Colo.	302	216	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.80	1.42	1.52	1.30	851
N. Mex.	253	197	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.80	1.09	1.20	1.11	882
Ariz.	360	260	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.50	---	1.37	1.41	879
Utah	320	260	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.60	---	1.54	1.40	816
Nev.	350	240	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.60	---	1.60	1.41	753
Mount.	329	241	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.20	1.30	1.42	1.34	807
Wash.	400	295	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.70	1.75	1.77	857	
Oreg.	335	265	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.56	1.60	1.59	785	
Calif.	410	300	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.68	1.78	1.80	810	
Pac.	405	298	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.68	1.77	1.79	822	
U. S.	294	230	53.25	68.50	9.20	9.50	10.60	1.28	1.57	1.38	965		

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Farm Wage Rates, January 1, 1970 1/

State and division	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100	
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With house			With board or room
	Dollars										
	Percent										
Maine	305	240	59.00	90.00	---	---	15.00	---	1.65	1.58	923
N. H.	325	250	66.00	89.00	---	---	15.20	---	1.74	1.62	1,025
Vt.	320	250	65.00	86.00	---	---	15.00	---	1.79	1.60	1,028
Mass.	360	260	69.00	96.00	---	---	15.70	---	1.86	1.73	1,089
R. I.	350	260	67.00	96.00	---	---	15.70	---	1.86	1.72	1,151
Conn.	350	265	67.00	96.00	---	---	15.70	---	1.86	1.72	1,154
N. Eng.	335	254	65.25	92.25	---	---	15.40	---	1.79	1.66	1,054
N. Y.	350	230	68.50	89.00	---	---	13.10	---	1.67	1.46	897
N. J.	360	260	67.00	85.00	---	---	14.50	---	1.79	1.52	1,072
Pa.	305	236	59.00	80.25	---	---	12.20	---	1.56	1.35	1,074
M. Atl.	337	236	65.25	85.50	---	---	13.00	---	1.65	1.43	991
Ohio	278	211	---	---	---	---	9.90	12.40	1.54	1.25	954
Ind.	283	218	---	---	---	---	10.00	12.40	1.57	1.27	1,008
Ill.	323	245	---	---	---	---	11.80	14.40	1.72	1.44	1,045
Mich.	370	265	---	---	---	---	11.60	14.20	1.65	1.54	1,072
Wis.	327	241	---	---	---	---	10.80	13.50	1.70	1.41	942
E. N. Cent.	324	241	---	---	---	---	11.00	13.60	1.66	1.41	1,016
Minn.	305	235	---	---	---	---	11.00	13.50	1.62	1.38	875
Iowa	360	286	---	---	---	---	12.50	15.20	1.75	1.59	949
Mo.	276	192	---	---	---	---	9.80	12.00	1.56	1.24	1,093
N. Dak.	287	227	---	---	---	---	10.20	12.50	1.50	1.30	786
S. Dak.	303	235	---	---	---	---	10.30	12.40	1.47	1.32	799
Nebr.	362	271	---	---	---	---	11.80	14.60	1.63	1.52	990
Kans.	329	248	---	---	---	---	10.70	13.50	1.58	1.41	1,117
W. N. Cent.	317	240	---	---	---	---	11.00	13.40	1.61	1.40	953
Del.	255	---	---	---	---	---	11.20	---	1.47	1.45	1,211
Md.	260	175	55.00	69.00	---	---	12.00	---	1.53	1.51	1,385
Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.70	10.20	1.11	1.33	1,248
W. Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.70	1.17	1.05	774
N. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.00	10.40	1.12	1.33	1,301
S. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.40	8.10	1.01	1.11	.992
Ga.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.10	---	1.09	1.25	1,151
Fla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.20	12.60	1.27	1.51	1,45
S. Atl.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.90	11.50	1.21	1.42	1,34
Ky.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.10	9.20	1.05	1.31	1.12
Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.40	9.00	1.11	1.24	1.10
Ala.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.80	8.30	1.04	1.18	1.04
Miss.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.10	9.20	1.20	1.25	1.14
E. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.60	8.90	1.09	1.24	1.10
Ark.	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.50	11.00	1.25	1.30	1.34
La.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.40	10.10	1.22	1.32	1.25
Okla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.00	12.80	1.39	1.48	1.47
Texas	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.70	11.70	1.23	1.35	1.47
W. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.60	11.50	1.25	1.35	1.39
Mont.	310	242	---	---	---	---	12.70	1.51	1.68	1.40	716
Idaho	358	282	---	---	---	---	13.90	---	1.69	1.55	862
Wyo.	335	235	---	---	---	---	12.90	1.48	1.64	1.40	719
Colo.	328	231	---	---	---	---	13.50	1.48	1.63	1.39	910
N. Mex.	287	220	---	---	---	---	10.60	---	1.28	1.20	960
Ariz.	395	285	---	---	---	---	14.10	---	1.55	1.56	974
Utah	325	260	---	---	---	---	12.90	---	1.60	1.43	838
Nev.	340	240	---	---	---	---	12.00	---	1.60	1.39	743
Mount.	358	262	---	---	---	---	13.40	---	1.56	1.47	885
Wash.	410	310	---	---	---	---	---	1.80	1.85	1.87	903
Oreg.	379	280	---	---	---	---	---	1.63	1.74	1.73	853
Calif.	430	325	---	---	---	---	---	1.77	1.84	1.88	845
Pac.	427	322	---	---	---	---	---	1.77	1.84	1.88	863
U. S.	318	251	57.75	75.50	10.00	10.40	11.60	1.38	1.67	1.50	1,050

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Average Farm Wage Rates, 1968 1/

State and division	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100	
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	With house	With board and room			
Dollars										Percent	
Maine	290	213	55.75	80.50	---	---	13.10	---	1.54	1.39	837
N. H.	296	218	58.75	80.00	---	---	12.30	---	1.59	1.39	914
Vt.	294	217	57.75	77.50	---	---	12.50	---	1.58	1.37	901
Mass.	339	223	63.50	87.00	---	---	13.50	---	1.66	1.49	974
R. I.	335	222	62.50	87.00	---	---	13.40	---	1.68	1.49	1,035
Conn.	335	226	62.75	87.00	---	---	13.40	---	1.71	1.50	1,034
N. Eng.	313	219	59.75	83.25	---	---	13.20	---	1.61	1.44	941
N. Y.	303	205	57.75	79.00	---	---	12.60	---	1.54	1.28	795
N. J.	329	248	60.75	75.75	---	---	12.90	---	1.60	1.35	964
Pa.	272	202	52.00	67.50	---	---	11.00	---	1.42	1.16	935
M. Atl.	298	212	56.50	74.50	---	---	12.20	---	1.51	1.26	881
Ohio	264	191	---	---	---	---	8.80	11.10	1.39	1.10	833
Ind.	258	191	---	---	---	---	9.30	11.70	1.47	1.14	898
Ill.	297	225	---	---	---	---	10.40	13.00	1.54	1.24	919
Mich.	329	247	---	---	---	---	10.90	13.30	1.51	1.29	928
Wis.	295	216	---	---	---	---	9.80	12.20	1.51	1.21	829
E. N. Cent.	293	218	---	---	---	---	10.00	12.40	1.49	1.20	888
Minn.	282	218	---	---	---	---	10.50	12.60	1.47	1.24	785
Iowa	327	257	---	---	---	---	11.40	13.90	1.52	1.34	817
Mo.	237	184	---	---	---	---	9.00	11.00	1.35	1.08	964
N. Dak.	280	230	---	---	---	---	10.40	13.00	1.40	1.21	695
S. Dak.	268	208	---	---	---	---	9.60	11.50	1.34	1.13	685
Nebr.	321	239	---	---	---	---	10.60	13.10	1.47	1.27	847
Kans.	294	229	---	---	---	---	10.60	12.90	1.45	1.24	992
W. N. Cent.	284	221	---	---	---	---	10.30	12.60	1.44	1.21	834
Del.	259	---	---	---	---	---	10.70	---	1.32	1.21	1,110
Md.	253	178	49.50	63.75	---	---	10.70	---	1.37	1.21	1,222
Va.	---	---	---	---	7.60	---	9.00	1.00	1.17	.984	1,093
W. Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.00	---	1.07	.897	712
N. C.	---	---	---	---	8.00	---	9.20	1.01	1.16	.995	1,144
S. C.	---	---	---	---	6.50	---	7.40	.87	.99	.824	1,114
Ga.	---	---	---	---	6.90	---	7.80	.96	1.11	.894	1,016
Fla.	---	---	---	---	8.90	---	9.80	1.12	1.39	1.12	1,143
S. Atl.	---	---	---	---	8.10	---	9.00	1.06	1.21	1.01	1,135
Ky.	---	---	---	---	6.40	---	8.50	.94	1.37	1.02	962
Tenn.	---	---	---	---	6.50	---	8.00	.86	1.09	.888	897
Ala.	---	---	---	---	6.30	---	7.10	.90	1.02	.832	914
Miss.	---	---	---	---	7.10	---	7.70	1.05	1.08	.886	953
E. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	6.60	---	7.90	.93	1.17	.917	945
Ark.	---	---	---	---	9.10	---	9.60	1.10	1.22	1.10	1,028
La.	---	---	---	---	7.80	---	8.50	1.01	1.13	.997	1,049
Okla.	---	---	---	---	9.60	---	11.30	1.18	1.33	1.22	931
Texas	---	---	---	---	9.40	---	10.40	1.09	1.23	1.15	950
W. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	9.10	---	9.90	1.08	1.21	1.12	991
Mont.	294	227	---	---	---	---	12.30	1.36	1.45	1.19	623
Idaho	342	262	---	---	---	---	13.10	1.38	1.53	1.31	766
Wyo.	307	214	---	---	---	---	12.00	1.29	1.44	1.18	631
Colo.	299	219	---	---	---	---	12.90	---	1.48	1.22	830
N. Mex.	262	197	---	---	---	---	10.30	1.06	1.17	1.02	872
Ariz.	349	235	---	---	---	---	12.40	---	1.33	1.22	835
Utah	308	250	---	---	---	---	11.90	---	1.50	1.24	790
Nev.	328	229	---	---	---	---	11.90	---	1.67	1.28	711
Mount.	318	239	---	---	---	---	12.30	1.28	1.42	1.22	772
Wash.	386	292	---	---	---	---	---	1.65	1.71	1.68	828
Oreg.	343	259	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.47	1.54	746
Calif.	403	284	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.59	1.70	780
Pac.	379	283	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.59	1.69	782
U. S.	283	216	52.50	66.50	8.20	9.30	9.90	1.28	1.44	1.21	931

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Average Farm Wage Rates, 1969 1/

State and division	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		Com- posite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/				
	With: house: room	With: board: and room	With: board: and room	Without: board: or room	With: house: room	With: board: and room	Without: board: or room	Without: board: or room						
Dollars														
Percent														
Maine	297	225	58.00	86.50	---	---	13.80	---	1.60	1.46	880			
N. H.	315	241	63.75	85.50	---	---	14.20	---	1.69	1.50	987			
Vt.	311	238	62.25	82.25	---	---	13.90	---	1.73	1.49	980			
Mass.	356	248	67.25	92.00	---	---	14.90	---	1.81	1.61	1,052			
R. I.	345	242	65.25	91.00	---	---	14.60	---	1.80	1.58	1,097			
Conn.	347	250	65.75	91.75	---	---	14.90	---	1.81	1.60	1,103			
N. Eng.	327	239	63.00	88.50	---	---	14.50	---	1.72	1.53	1,000			
N. Y.	321	223	61.00	84.00	---	---	13.00	---	1.65	1.36	845			
N. J.	347	252	63.50	81.50	---	---	14.10	---	1.78	1.46	1,043			
Pa.	301	237	58.75	73.50	---	---	11.90	---	1.49	1.26	1,016			
M. Atl.	320	233	61.00	80.25	---	---	12.90	---	1.64	1.35	944			
Ohio	281	208	---	---	---	---	9.70	12.10	---	1.51	1.19	902		
Ind.	281	202	---	---	---	---	10.30	12.80	---	1.60	1.23	969		
Ill.	319	242	---	---	---	---	11.10	13.90	---	1.67	1.34	993		
Mich.	359	258	66.75	90.75	---	---	11.70	14.10	---	1.65	1.38	993		
Wis.	322	239	---	---	---	---	10.50	13.20	---	1.66	1.42	973		
E. N. Cent.	318	234	---	---	---	---	10.80	13.30	---	1.62	1.32	971		
Minn.	304	240	---	---	---	---	11.30	13.80	---	1.59	1.34	848		
Iowa	358	279	---	---	---	---	12.60	15.10	---	1.67	1.47	896		
Mo.	261	192	---	---	---	---	9.50	12.00	---	1.53	1.19	1,062		
N. Dak.	304	250	---	---	---	---	10.90	13.70	---	1.50	1.29	741		
S. Dak.	285	228	---	---	---	---	10.30	12.40	---	1.43	1.26	764		
Nebr.	350	259	---	---	---	---	11.60	14.20	---	1.61	1.39	927		
Kans.	328	253	---	---	---	---	11.10	13.70	---	1.56	1.34	1,072		
W. N. Cent.	309	237	---	---	---	---	11.00	13.50	---	1.57	1.32	910		
Del.	264	---	---	---	---	---	11.70	---	---	1.37	1.28	1,174		
Md.	266	196	52.50	68.25	---	---	12.00	---	---	1.50	1.33	1,343		
Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.40	---	---	9.80	1.09	1.26	1,189	
W. Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.50	---	1.14	.950	754
N. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.60	---	---	9.90	1.10	1.26	1.07	1,230
S. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.30	---	---	8.20	.965	1.10	.912	1,232
Ga.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.70	---	---	8.60	1.05	1.20	.982	1,116
Fla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.20	---	---	10.60	1.24	1.42	1.21	1,235
S. Atl.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.70	---	---	9.80	1.18	1.29	1.11	1,247
Ky.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.00	---	---	9.10	1.01	1.48	1.10	1,038
Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.20	---	---	8.64	1.03	1.18	.974	984
Ala.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.40	---	---	8.00	1.01	1.14	.942	1,035
Miss.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.00	---	---	8.90	1.16	1.24	1.02	1,097
E. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.40	---	---	8.80	1.04	1.29	1.02	1,052
Ark.	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.10	---	---	10.90	1.19	1.30	1.21	1,131
La.	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.80	---	---	9.50	1.12	1.23	1.10	1,158
Okla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.40	---	---	12.00	1.29	1.42	1.32	1,008
Texas	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.20	---	---	11.20	1.17	1.31	1.23	1,017
W. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	---	---	9.90	---	---	10.90	1.18	1.30	1.21	1,071
Mont.	309	242	---	---	---	---	12.90	---	---	1.43	1.56	1.27	---	665
Idaho	354	269	---	---	---	---	13.60	---	---	1.63	1.38	---	---	807
Wyo.	328	228	---	---	---	---	12.60	---	---	1.41	1.55	1.26	---	674
Colo.	318	231	---	---	---	---	14.30	---	---	1.47	1.63	1.33	---	905
N. Mex.	275	207	---	---	---	---	10.80	---	---	1.25	1.08	---	---	923
Ariz.	372	263	---	---	---	---	13.40	---	---	1.44	1.33	---	---	905
Utah	328	257	---	---	---	---	12.60	---	---	1.59	1.30	---	---	828
Nev.	319	224	---	---	---	---	12.60	---	---	1.63	1.28	---	---	711
Mount.	336	246	---	---	---	---	13.20	---	---	1.38	1.53	1.30	---	883
Wash.	406	305	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.81	1.85	1.80	---	887
Oreg.	361	269	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.61	1.63	1.59	---	791
Calif.	421	312	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.72	1.81	1.78	---	832
Pac.	414	308	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.71	1.80	1.76	---	834
U. S.	307	234	56.50	72.75	9.00	10.10	10.90	1.42	1.58	1.33	---	---	---	1,023

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