

farm labor



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Winter Farm Work Force Routine Size

The Nation's farm labor force had an estimated 3,350,000 workers during the January 24-30, 1971, survey week, 1 percent less than last month, but 3 percent above the corresponding week last year. Included were 2,669,000 working farm operators and unpaid family members while the remaining 681,000 persons were hired workers.

Farm workers averaged 33.7 hours during the January survey week compared with 32.4 hours a month earlier. Farm operators averaged 34.2 hours while other unpaid family members worked 28.9 hours. Hired workers averaged 35.7 hours during the survey week. (Continued on page 4)

Farm employment and indexes, January 1971, with comparisons, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1969	: Annual : average : 1970	: January : 19-25, : 1970	: January : 18-24, : 1971	: January : 24-30, : 1971
FARM EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}					
(Thousands)					
Total	4595.8	4486.0	3404.4	3245.7	3349.8
Family labor	3419.4	3319.4	2775.2	2644.6	2668.6
Hired labor	1176.4	1166.6	629.2	601.1	681.2
INDEXES ^{2/}					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	34	33	35	34	35
Family labor	34	33	35	33	33
Hired labor	35	34	38	36	41
(1967=100)					
Total	94	92	98	93	95
Family labor	94	92	97	92	92
Hired labor	92	89	100	95	108

^{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.

Workers on farms, January 1971 1/

State and division	January 1969			January 1970			January 1971		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	16.4	12	4.4	15.3	11	4.3	15.3	11	4.3
N. H.	5.7	3.9	1.8	5.3	3.6	1.7	5.2	3.6	1.6
Vt.	14.4	11	3.4	14.2	11	3.2	14.1	11	3.1
Mass.	13.3	9.6	3.7	12.6	8.7	3.9	12.5	8.4	4.1
R. I.	1.7	1.0	.7	1.9	1.3	.6	1.7	1.1	.6
Conn.	8.9	6.7	2.2	8.5	6.1	2.4	7.8	5.6	2.2
N. Eng.	60.4	44.2	16.2	57.8	41.7	16.1	56.6	40.7	15.9
N. Y.	81	65	16	78	64	14	81	66	15
N. J.	14	9.0	5.0	13	9.0	4.0	11	8.0	3.0
Pa.	93	82	11	88	78	10	89	78	11
M. Atl.	188	156	32	179	151	28	181	152	29
Ohio	121	114	7.0	114	108	6.0	111	105	6.0
Ind.	111	107	4.0	107	102	5.0	110	105	5.0
ILL.	124	109	15	115	102	13	116	101	15
Mich.	111	97	14	108	94	14	108	93	15
Wis.	175	165	10	168	158	10	167	156	11
E. N. Cent.	642	592	50	612	564	48	612	560	52
Minn.	145	139	6.0	136	129	7.0	135	128	7.0
Iowa	153	143	10	151	140	11	147	136	11
Mo.	143	134	9.0	139	129	10	155	142	13
N. Dak.	35	32	3.0	34	31	3.0	34	31	3.0
S. Dak.	49	46	3.0	48	45	3.0	46	43	3.0
Nebr.	86	81	5.0	82	76	6.0	83	76	7.0
Kans.	83	79	4.0	81	76	5.0	81	76	5.0
W. N. Cent.	694	654	40	671	626	45	681	632	49
Del.	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
Md.	22	18	4.0	21	17	4.0	20	16	4.0
Va.	81	68	13	79	66	13	77	64	13
W. Va.	28	25	3.0	27	24	3.0	26	23	3.0
N. C.	148	134	14	142	129	13	152	136	16
S. C.	51	43	8.0	48	41	7.0	47	40	9.0
Ga.	72	60	12	66	56	10	61	59	9.0
Fla.	131	28	103	127	29	98	132	28	104
S. Atl.	537	379	158	514	365	149	528	369	159
Ky.	113	104	9.0	101	93	8.0	102	96	6.0
Tenn.	104	95	9.0	103	95	8.0	102	93	9.0
Ala.	58	47	11	55	44	11	55	44	11
Miss.	84	71	13	79	64	15	81	64	17
E. S. Cent.	359	317	42	338	296	42	340	297	43
Ark.	80	66	14	77	59	18	83	65	18
La.	51	41	10	45	38	7.0	48	38	10
Okla.	107	101	6.0	107	100	7.0	105	97	8.0
Texas	217	163	54	193	154	39	218	161	57
W. S. Cent.	455	371	84	422	351	71	454	361	93
Mont.	26	23	3.0	27	23	4.0	26	22	4.0
Idaho	27	25	2.0	29	25	4.0	26	23	3.0
Wyo.	9.0	7.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	2.0
Colo.	32	27	5.0	29	24	5.0	32	25	7.0
N. Mex.	18	13	5.0	17	12	5.0	17	12	5.0
Ariz.	38	6.0	32	36	6.0	30	35	5.0	30
Utah	14	12	2.0	14	12	2.0	14	12	2.0
Nev.	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.9	1.9	1.0	3.2	1.9	1.3
Mount.	167	115	52	163.9	110.9	53.0	162.2	107.9	54.3
Wash.	50	40	10	51	39	12	55	41	14
Oreg.	40	35	5.0	43	37	6.0	46	39	7.0
Calif.	212	72	140	194	63	131	234	69	165
Pac.	302	147	155	288	139	149	335	149	186
U. S.	3,404.4	2,775.2	629.2	3,245.7	2,644.6	601.1	3,349.8	2,668.6	681.2

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 January 24-30, 1971				
	Farm operators	Other family members 1/	All family 1/	Hired workers	All workers 1/
	Hours				
Maine	44.9	32.1	41.4	46.5	43.4
N. H.	54.1	44.1	51.6	47.6	50.3
Vt.	58.0	28.2	48.0	40.6	45.4
Mass.	51.1	25.8	40.3	44.4	41.7
R. I.	37.4	20.5	34.0	40.0	36.7
Conn.	47.2	54.1	48.9	45.8	47.7
N. Eng.	50.1	34.2	44.6	44.6	44.5
N. Y.	52.7	30.8	45.4	37.8	43.2
N. J.	32.9	29.5	32.1	35.8	32.8
Pa.	43.9	29.1	39.4	32.1	38.0
M. Atl.	46.9	29.8	41.4	35.4	40.0
Ohio	32.2	28.0	31.3	28.6	30.8
Ind.	30.4	27.6	29.9	30.6	30.0
Ill.	28.4	29.1	28.5	30.5	28.8
Mich.	38.3	30.8	36.6	29.5	35.0
Wis.	49.6	28.8	41.6	36.6	40.8
E. N. Cent.	35.6	28.8	33.4	31.3	33.7
Minn.	38.2	28.3	35.3	31.5	34.9
Iowa	39.4	24.8	35.8	27.3	34.6
Mo.	36.3	31.2	35.4	29.2	34.3
N. Dak.	30.3	31.6	30.6	35.8	31.1
S. Dak.	36.6	28.4	34.6	28.8	33.9
Nebr.	38.5	30.4	36.5	26.1	35.2
Kans.	34.4	31.3	33.9	29.9	33.3
W. N. Cent.	37.0	29.0	35.0	29.1	34.3
Del.	26.9	39.1	28.8	28.1	28.6
Md.	37.8	26.2	34.8	34.5	34.8
Va.	31.7	27.3	30.9	31.3	31.1
W. Va.	32.1	26.9	30.8	24.6	30.0
N. C.	27.4	28.0	27.6	24.2	26.6
S. C.	30.7	27.1	30.0	24.5	27.8
Ga.	32.0	30.7	31.7	30.6	31.3
Fla.	42.2	39.0	41.7	41.7	41.7
S. Atl.	31.2	29.1	30.7	36.9	32.2
Ky.	28.1	27.4	28.0	27.0	27.8
Tenn.	24.6	25.7	24.8	21.5	24.2
Ala.	26.1	24.8	25.8	27.4	26.3
Miss.	26.4	26.5	26.4	25.8	26.1
E. S. Cent.	26.3	26.2	26.3	25.5	26.1
Ark.	25.4	25.8	25.5	27.7	26.4
La.	24.6	32.3	25.9	27.4	26.4
Okla.	33.4	29.8	32.7	28.5	32.0
Texas	36.2	29.8	36.6	36.2	36.4
W. S. Cent.	33.0	29.4	32.3	32.9	32.5
Mont.	33.7	28.8	32.6	40.6	34.0
Idaho	32.9	26.3	31.3	32.2	31.4
Wyo.	43.7	26.1	39.3	43.5	40.7
Colo.	35.8	33.8	35.4	35.3	35.4
N. Mex.	40.3	33.1	38.5	43.0	40.0
Ariz.	42.0	29.3	40.4	46.0	43.6
Utah	30.8	25.9	29.6	19.8	27.9
Nev.	34.4	22.7	32.0	34.6	32.7
Mount.	35.4	29.3	34.0	41.9	36.4
Wash.	35.1	29.1	33.9	34.4	34.1
Oreg.	30.6	27.7	30.0	30.9	30.2
Calif.	39.5	37.0	39.0	39.4	39.3
Pac.	35.6	31.9	34.8	38.7	37.2
U. S.	34.2	28.9	32.8	35.7	33.7

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

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Farm Activities Curtailed by Winter Weather

Harvest activities were limited to citrus and winter vegetable crops in southern areas. In the North, activity was restricted to livestock care and general chores.

Florida citrus harvest was progressing rapidly following a severe freeze. Citrus picking continued active in Texas and Arizona.

Vegetable harvest was slowed in Florida by the severe freeze. Reseeding of sweet corn, watermelons and tomatoes was a major activity on many farms.

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.