

# farm labor



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## July Farm Labor Force Rises Above June Level

The Nation's farm labor force for the survey week of July 18-24 is estimated at 5,384,000 workers, approximately 3 percent more than during the June 1971 survey week. The farm work force consisted of 3,558,000 farm operators and unpaid family members and 1,826,000 hired workers.

Farm workers averaged 38.6 hours during the July survey week compared with 40.1 hours in June. Farm operators worked an average of 45.9 hours; other unpaid family members, 34.5; and hired hands, 32.4 hours during the July week.

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### Farm employment and indexes, July 1971, with comparisons, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1969	: Annual : average : 1970	: July : 20-26, : 1969	: July : 19-25, : 1970	: July : 18-24, : 1971
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/ (Thousands)					
Total	: 4,595.8	: 4,522.6	: 5,581.3	: 5,441.1	: 5,384.1
Family labor	: 3,419.4	: 3,348.1	: 3,724.8	: 3,644.9	: 3,557.7
Hired labor	: 1,176.4	: 1,174.5	: 1,856.5	: 1,796.2	: 1,826.4
INDEXES 2/ (1910-14=100)					
Total	: 34	: 33	: 35	: 34	: 34
Family labor	: 34	: 33	: 34	: 33	: 32
Hired labor	: 35	: 35	: 37	: 36	: 36
(1967=100)					
Total	: 94	: 92	: 95	: 93	: 91
Family labor	: 94	: 92	: 94	: 92	: 89
Hired labor	: 92	: 92	: 97	: 95	: 95

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, July 1971 1/

State and division	July 1969 Week of 20-26			July 1970 Week of 19-25			July 1971 Week of 18-24		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	T h o u s a n d s								
Maine	24	14	10	23.3	14	9.3	22.4	13	9.4
N. H.	8.4	5.3	3.1	8.0	5.2	2.8	7.5	4.6	2.9
Vt.	16.5	12	4.5	16	12	4.0	15.1	11	4.1
Mass.	26	11	15	25	11	14	23	11	12
R. I.	2.3	1.4	.9	2.2	1.4	.8	2.3	1.5	.8
Conn.	23.2	8.2	15	22.1	8.1	14	18.6	7.6	11
N. Eng.	100.4	51.9	48.5	96.6	51.7	44.9	88.9	48.7	40.2
N. Y.	121	80	41	122	81	41	121	80	41
N. J.	33	10	23	33	10	23	31	10	21
Pa.	131	111	20	135	112	23	131	110	21
M. Atl.	285	201	84	290	203	87	283	200	83
Ohio	171	148	23	171	148	23	172	144	28
Ind.	136	120	16	137	122	15	144	125	19
Ill.	199	155	44	195	151	44	187	148	39
Mich.	171	134	37	166	128	38	164	128	36
Wis.	225	195	30	216	189	27	205	178	27
E. N. Cent.	902	752	150	885	738	147	872	723	149
Minn.	247	201	46	237	188	49	241	187	54
Iowa	273	209	64	267	206	61	270	200	70
Mo.	222	173	49	231	176	55	210	157	53
N. Dak.	92	69	23	86	61	25	82	59	23
S. Dak.	85	67	18	84	67	17	79	64	15
Nebr.	139	110	29	135	107	28	146	109	37
Kans.	141	106	35	136	104	32	144	105	39
W. N. Cent.	1,199	935	264	1,176	909	267	1,172	881	291
Del.	10	5.0	5.0	12	6.0	6.0	10	5.0	5.0
Md.	41	28	13	44	30	14	41	29	12
Va.	138	79	59	125	81	44	146	81	65
W. Va.	40	34	6.0	41	35	6.0	44	36	8.0
N. C.	431	217	214	394	215	179	393	219	174
S. C.	101	67	34	107	68	39	98	62	36
Ga.	105	81	24	98	74	24	96	74	22
Fla.	90	31	59	91	32	59	91	31	60
S. Atl.	956	542	414	912	541	371	919	537	382
Ky.	169	129	40	155	121	34	154	119	35
Tenn.	151	116	35	156	116	40	153	112	41
Ala.	83	62	21	75	57	18	73	56	17
Miss.	151	115	36	144	103	41	140	97	43
E. S. Cent.	554	422	132	530	397	133	520	384	136
Ark.	175	76	99	161	73	88	170	77	93
La.	80	48	32	74	43	31	72	42	30
Okla.	139	109	30	136	107	29	122	102	20
Texas	346	220	126	337	217	120	323	205	118
W. S. Cent.	740	453	287	708	440	268	687	426	261
Mont.	54	31	23	53	31	22	54	30	24
Idaho	64	41	23	63	40	23	64	42	22
Wyo.	19	11	8.0	19	11	8.0	19	11	8.0
Colo.	81	40	41	83	43	40	78	39	39
N. Mex.	28	17	11	27	15	12	24	14	10
Ariz.	34	6.0	28	34	7.0	27	32	5.0	27
Utah	32	22	10	31	21	10	30	21	9.0
Nev.	5.9	2.9	3.0	6.5	3.2	3.3	6.2	3.0	3.2
Mount.	317.9	170.9	147	316.5	171.2	145.3	307.2	165.0	142.2
Wash.	113	62	51	120	67	53	114	66	48
Oreg.	112	53	59	106	51	55	122	53	69
Calif.	302	82	220	301	76	225	299	74	225
Pac.	527	197	330	527	194	333	535	193	342
U. S.	5,581.3	3,724.8	1,856.5	5,441.1	3,644.9	1,796.2	5,384.1	3,557.7	1,826.4

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 July 18-24, 1971				
	Farm operators	Other family members 1/	All family 1/	Hired workers	All workers 1/
Hours					
Maine	56.7	38.5	50.9	31.1	40.5
N. H.	50.4	24.6	43.6	35.1	39.7
Vt.	62.6	40.1	54.5	45.0	50.3
Mass.	57.1	40.4	51.1	38.8	45.9
R. I.	39.0	15.0	28.7	28.7	28.7
Conn.	48.1	38.3	44.6	45.8	45.0
N. Eng.	55.7	37.0	49.4	39.1	44.1
N. Y.	60.2	33.7	49.6	36.4	44.8
N. J.	44.6	34.1	41.7	31.5	38.4
Pa.	53.9	32.7	46.3	31.6	42.5
M. Atl.	55.9	33.2	47.4	33.9	43.0
Ohio	47.9	33.9	43.2	24.0	37.0
Ind.	42.5	33.0	39.9	21.0	34.8
Ill.	43.6	33.2	41.2	28.3	38.0
Mich.	50.8	33.5	45.0	29.7	41.0
Wis.	57.7	35.8	48.6	39.5	46.7
E. N. Cent.	48.4	33.9	43.5	28.9	39.9
Minn.	57.1	35.5	48.6	31.1	44.4
Iowa	55.3	34.4	48.0	22.4	40.3
Mo.	40.4	33.9	38.9	28.8	35.9
N. Dak.	59.1	44.2	53.2	45.4	51.6
S. Dak.	62.8	43.4	55.6	34.4	51.4
Nebr.	61.9	40.2	53.5	36.8	49.1
Kans.	52.4	40.9	49.1	33.8	44.9
W. N. Cent.	53.5	37.3	47.7	31.0	43.6
Del.	43.7	36.8	41.3	26.2	35.9
Md.	46.9	33.5	42.0	28.5	38.2
Va.	41.6	33.7	39.3	30.0	35.1
W. Va.	40.5	30.8	37.2	23.2	33.3
N. C.	39.9	30.6	36.4	20.8	27.0
S. C.	39.4	31.9	37.3	21.6	27.4
Ga.	37.8	33.1	36.5	20.4	28.3
Fla.	36.4	28.6	33.8	28.5	30.1
S. Atl.	39.8	31.7	37.1	24.0	29.7
Ky.	38.0	34.1	37.0	25.5	33.0
Tenn.	33.1	30.4	32.5	22.5	29.5
Ala.	30.0	28.3	29.6	26.8	28.7
Miss.	34.5	28.0	32.8	29.6	30.8
E. S. Cent.	34.2	30.5	33.3	26.1	30.8
Ark.	36.7	34.4	36.0	33.2	34.5
La.	30.4	30.6	30.4	32.9	31.4
Okla.	44.7	33.4	41.7	33.5	39.2
Texas	43.2	36.9	41.7	36.4	39.1
W. S. Cent.	40.7	34.8	39.2	34.6	37.2
Mont.	60.9	41.3	53.5	46.2	50.9
Idaho	57.3	39.2	49.6	36.7	46.2
Wyo.	56.3	36.5	48.2	37.3	43.6
Colo.	60.0	44.8	55.3	37.5	49.2
N. Mex.	51.0	36.7	47.1	39.6	43.8
Ariz.	45.1	34.7	43.7	49.0	46.9
Utah	47.6	36.2	43.1	27.9	38.8
Nev.	44.5	36.7	41.4	49.9	43.4
Mount.	56.1	39.9	50.2	40.8	46.7
Wash.	51.9	37.9	47.3	37.4	41.9
Oreg.	47.2	33.0	42.4	36.6	40.0
Calif.	46.7	43.8	45.9	42.9	43.6
Pac.	48.5	38.9	45.4	40.9	42.4
U. S.	45.9	34.5	42.0	32.4	38.6

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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Small Grain Harvest Active

Winter wheat harvest spread into the Pacific Northwest States while harvest in most other producing areas reached wrap-up stages. Oat harvest, nearing completion in Illinois, was better than 50 percent complete in the eastern North Central States. Harvest of other small grains was widespread.

Corn continued to show good progress and development remained ahead of a year earlier. Soybean growth was also very good in the Corn Belt areas and somewhat ahead of last year.

Cotton was setting bolls in most of the producing areas. Insect control was active in most areas when rain permitted.

Tobacco harvest was active in North Carolina. Harvest was about 50 percent complete in Georgia and was increasing in Virginia. In Kentucky, over 10 percent of the crop was in bloom stage.

Peach harvest was active in major producing areas across the Nation, but was winding down in Southern regions. Picking of Valencia oranges and lemons continued in California.

Vegetable harvest was increasing in the Northeast States and other summer production areas.

Farm employment represents number of family and hired labor working during the survey week. Family labor includes farm operators working on farms one hour or more plus other family members working 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages during survey week. Hired workers include all persons working one hour or more for cash wages during the survey week. These data should not be confused with the 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.