

farm labor



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FARM WORK FORCE REMAINS SMALLER THAN A YEAR AGO

The Nation's farm labor force for the survey week of July 23-29 is estimated at 5,268,500 workers, approximately 2 percent below the survey week a year ago. The work force consisted of 3,534,000 farm operators and unpaid family members and 1,734,500 hired workers.

Farm workers averaged 38.7 hours during the July survey week, compared with 40.0 hours in June. Farm operators worked an average of 45.7 hours; other unpaid family members, 34.0; and hired workers, 33.0 hours.

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Farm employment and indexes, July 1972, with comparisons, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1970	: Annual : average : 1971	: July : 19-25, : 1970	: July : 18-24, : 1971	: July : 23-29, : 1972
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/					
(Thousands)					
Total	: 4,522.6	4,445.9	5,441.1	5,362.9	5,268.5
Family labor	: 3,348.1	3,281.4	3,644.9	3,547.5	3,534.0
Hired labor	: 1,174.5	1,164.5	1,796.2	1,815.4	1,734.5
INDEXES 2/					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	: 33	33	34	34	33
Family labor	: 33	32	33	32	32
Hired labor	: 35	34	36	36	34
(1967=100)					
Total	: 92	92	93	91	89
Family labor	: 92	89	92	89	89
Hired labor	: 92	89	95	95	89

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 1972 1/

State and division	July 1970 week of 19-25			July 1971 week of 18-24			July 1972 week of 23-29		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	T h o u s a n d s								
Maine	23.3	14	9.3	22.4	13	9.4	23.1	14	9.1
N. H.	8.0	5.2	2.8	7.5	4.6	2.9	7.7	5.2	2.5
Vt.	16	12	4.0	15.1	11	4.1	13.5	10	3.5
Mass.	25	11	14	22.0	10	12	21.4	11	10.4
R. I.	2.2	1.4	.8	2.3	1.5	.8	1.8	1.0	.8
Conn.	22.1	8.1	14	18.4	7.4	11	17.7	7.6	10.1
N. Eng.	96.6	51.7	44.9	87.7	47.5	40.2	85.2	48.8	36.4
N. Y.	122	81	41	121	80	41	121	79	42
N. J.	33	10	23	31	10	21	32	10	22
Pa.	135	112	23	131	110	21	135	109	26
M. Atl.	290	203	87	283	200	83	280	198	90
Ohio	171	148	23	172	144	28	165	141	24
Ind.	137	122	15	147	127	20	145	129	16
Ill.	195	151	44	187	148	39	187	147	40
Mich.	166	128	38	160	122	38	167	122	45
Wis.	216	189	27	205	178	27	199	172	27
E. N. Cent.	885	738	147	871	719	152	863	711	152
Minn.	237	188	49	241	187	54	217	173	44
Iowa	267	206	61	270	200	70	246	195	51
Mo.	231	176	55	210	157	53	218	175	43
N. Dak.	86	61	25	83	59	24	78	59	19
S. Dak.	84	67	17	79	64	15	76	61	15
Nebr.	135	107	28	147	109	38	142	108	34
Kans.	136	104	32	144	105	39	134	104	30
W. N. Cent.	1,176	909	267	1,174	881	293	1,111	875	236
Del.	12	6.0	6.0	10	5.0	5.0	10	5.0	5.0
Md.	44	30	14	41	29	12	39	28	11
Va.	125	81	44	144	80	64	143	81	62
W. Va.	41	35	6.0	44	36	8.0	40	33	7.0
N. C.	394	215	179	388	216	172	405	219	186
S. C.	107	68	39	98	62	36	95	62	33
Ga.	98	74	24	96	74	22	91	72	19
Fla.	91	32	59	85	31	54	86	30	56
S. Atl.	912	541	371	906	533	373	909	530	379
Ky.	155	121	34	157	121	36	149	119	30
Tenn.	156	116	40	153	112	41	151	114	37
Ala.	75	57	18	72	55	17	69	53	16
Miss.	144	103	41	132	95	37	133	98	35
E. S. Cent.	530	397	133	514	383	131	502	384	118
Ark.	161	73	88	170	77	93	152	75	77
La.	74	43	31	71	43	28	78	44	34
Okla.	136	107	29	122	102	20	146	109	37
Texas	337	217	120	323	205	118	327	213	114
W. S. Cent.	708	440	268	686	427	259	703	441	262
Mont.	53	31	22	54	30	24	51	31	20
Idaho	63	40	23	64	42	22	64	40	24
Wyo.	19	11	8.0	19	11	8.0	19	11	8.0
Colo.	83	43	40	78	39	39	71	39	32
N. Mex.	27	15	12	24	14	10	22	13	9.0
Ariz.	34	7.0	27	32	5.0	27	32	5.0	27
Utah	31	21	10	29	20	9.0	26	18	8.0
Nev.	6.5	3.2	3.3	6.2	3.0	3.2	6.3	3.2	3.1
Mount.	316.5	171.2	145.3	306.2	164	142.2	291.3	160.2	131.1
Wash.	120	67	53	117	66	51	120	66	54
Oreg.	106	51	55	117	51	66	98	47	51
Calif.	301	76	225	301	76	225	298	73	225
Pac.	527	194	333	535	193	342	516	186	330
U. S.	5,441.1	3,644.9	1,796.2	5,362.9	3,547.5	1,815.4	5,268.5	3,534.0	1,734.5

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 23-29, 1972				
	Farm operators	Other family members 1/	All family 1/	Hired workers	All workers
Hours					
Maine	61.3	39.3	52.6	31.5	41.7
N. H.	59.6	20.9	41.6	40.7	41.3
Vt.	64.0	35.4	54.0	45.0	50.2
Mass.	65.8	36.1	53.0	34.4	44.8
R. I.	64.8	40.0	60.2	43.9	50.6
Conn.	62.7	44.9	55.9	39.1	49.8
N. Eng.	62.9	36.6	52.4	36.6	45.7
N. Y.	61.0	36.0	50.9	35.7	45.2
N. J.	41.1	36.7	39.7	31.2	36.9
Pa.	55.3	32.7	46.8	29.7	41.7
M. Atl.	56.8	34.3	48.1	32.9	42.6
Ohio	46.7	30.7	41.6	24.4	36.7
Ind.	42.2	30.3	38.8	24.2	35.6
Ill.	42.7	33.9	40.6	30.0	38.0
Mich.	48.7	36.0	44.3	28.2	39.3
Wis.	56.4	34.0	47.0	38.8	45.3
E. N. Cent.	47.2	32.9	42.4	29.5	39.3
Minn.	55.7	35.1	48.2	30.3	44.3
Iowa	54.5	32.5	47.0	27.4	42.2
Mo.	40.6	25.2	36.2	31.3	34.9
N. Dak.	58.1	43.8	52.6	43.2	50.9
S. Dak.	57.2	39.3	50.7	32.6	47.0
Nebr.	58.4	40.0	51.4	38.9	48.4
Kans.	50.6	39.6	47.5	36.8	45.1
W. N. Cent.	52.0	34.4	46.0	33.1	43.3
Del.	40.1	39.5	39.9	35.3	38.3
Md.	50.7	36.3	45.1	29.4	40.6
Va.	43.6	36.6	41.5	30.5	36.7
W. Va.	40.5	30.2	37.2	21.3	33.2
N. C.	39.3	32.4	36.7	20.7	26.8
S. C.	39.8	31.4	37.2	27.9	31.5
Ga.	35.8	27.8	33.6	24.6	29.2
Fla.	38.4	29.1	35.7	21.8	27.1
S. Atl.	39.9	32.0	37.3	23.7	30.1
Ky.	36.7	32.9	35.7	28.7	33.5
Tenn.	32.6	32.8	32.6	24.7	30.4
Ala.	32.3	31.4	32.1	28.6	31.0
Miss.	33.9	32.3	33.4	36.5	35.2
E. S. Cent.	34.0	32.4	33.6	29.7	32.7
Ark.	38.1	34.7	37.2	35.9	36.5
La.	34.7	33.8	34.5	40.8	37.2
Okla.	46.6	34.7	42.8	29.4	38.5
Tex.	44.0	34.8	41.6	33.4	37.9
W. S. Cent.	42.3	34.6	40.1	34.5	37.6
Mont.	56.8	39.0	49.6	41.4	47.1
Idaho	59.7	39.2	51.4	36.9	46.9
Wyo.	64.3	47.7	57.9	47.1	53.8
Colo.	55.7	41.2	50.7	43.2	48.6
N. Mex.	50.6	41.0	48.1	36.7	43.2
Ariz.	41.4	35.0	40.8	47.2	44.4
Utah	45.0	36.1	41.6	28.1	37.3
Nev.	51.4	29.7	42.1	55.9	47.6
Mount.	55.0	39.7	49.3	41.8	46.4
Wash.	64.2	36.7	54.0	35.0	42.5
Oreg.	43.6	33.7	40.4	38.5	39.7
Calif.	47.1	43.7	46.1	43.7	44.2
Pac.	51.6	38.7	47.1	41.5	43.0
U. S.	45.7	34.0	41.7	33.0	38.7

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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Rains and wet fields continued to hamper grain harvest in the north central part of the Nation during the week of July 23. Oat harvest was just beginning in Wisconsin and Michigan. In the West, harvest continued active in California's northern mountain area and was just starting in northeastern Oregon.

Corn got a boost from rains over much of the producing area. The crop continued in good to excellent condition in the Corn Belt. The southern crop was reaching maturity and harvest was starting in Texas.

Harvest of cotton remained at a standstill in southern Texas. The crop was in good condition in the Delta States but only fair to good in the Southeast. Bolls were just starting to open in South Carolina.

Picking of early peaches continued in Washington. Tart cherry harvest was in full swing in Wisconsin and northern Michigan. Apple and grape harvest was picking up momentum in California.

Harvest of summer vegetable crops was active in the Northeast. Watermelon and cantaloupe harvest moved northward along the east coast and was getting underway in Maryland and Delaware.

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.