

# farm labor



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## FARM LABOR FORCE SMALLER THAN YEAR AGO

The Nation's farm labor force for the survey week of February 18-24, 1973 totaled 3,481,900 workers, almost 20,000 fewer than a year earlier. The total includes 2,738,300 farm operators and unpaid family workers plus 743,600 hired workers.

The average workweek for farmworkers during the February survey period was 34.4 hours, compared with 33.2 hours in the January week. Farm operators averaged 35.9 hours, unpaid family members 29.4, and hired workers 34.8 hours during the week.

Open weather in many areas of the Nation permitted increased outside activity during the week of February 18-24. Farmers prepared equipment for spring planting and did some plowing and fertilizing. Tobacco growers from Virginia to South Carolina were busy preparing and seeding tobacco plant beds.

Rain virtually stopped the Texas citrus harvest. In California the harvest of central valley navel oranges continued slow while the supply of valencias from the desert area was increasing. The Arizona citrus harvest was delayed by rain. Prolonged cold in Florida retarded citrus bloom progress, but condition of citrus trees and fruit remained excellent.

Below normal temperatures continued to slow Florida vegetable growth. Tomato volume was very light, cabbage moderate, and sweet corn in good winter supply. Cold wet weather continued to hamper the Texas vegetable harvest. In the Lower Rio Grande Valley lettuce was available in light supply and damage to the spring onion crop was light. Rain in California slowed carrot digging at Imperial and Coachella and interrupted the Imperial lettuce harvest. Rain also delayed the Arizona winter vegetable harvest, but planting of spring lettuce was complete in Cochise County.

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Workers on farms: Average January through February 1973 1/

State and division	February 1971 week of 21-27			February 1972 week of 20-26			February 1973 week of 18-24		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	14.8	11	3.8	13	10	3.0	11.8	8.9	2.9
N. H.	4.3	3.0	1.3	3.5	2.5	1.0	3.6	2.6	1.0
Vt.	14.0	11	3.0	12.2	9.6	2.6	12.5	9.5	3.0
Mass.	13.1	8.2	4.9	13.6	8.3	5.3	13.3	8.0	5.3
R. I.	1.8	1.2	.6	1.6	1.0	.6	1.4	.9	.5
Conn.	8.8	6.0	2.8	9.7	6.7	3.0	9.6	6.6	3.0
N. Y.	82	65	17	77	62	15	77	63	14
N. J.	13	9.0	4.0	14	9.0	5.0	12	8.0	4.0
Pa.	99	88	11	96	85	11	93	83	10
Ohio	120	112	8.0	123	115	8.0	126	119	7.0
Ind.	111	107	4.0	108	104	4.0	125	119	6.0
Ill.	124	109	15	125	109	16	126	109	17
Mich.	116	101	15	100	87	13	95	82	13
Wis.	169	154	15	163	147	16	168	151	17
Minn.	142	135	7.0	144	135	9.0	140	130	10
Iowa	158	147	11	162	152	10	155	142	13
Mo.	143	132	11	144	131	13	149	135	14
N. Dak.	38	35	3.0	38	35	3.0	38	35	3.0
S. Dak.	50	47	3.0	47	44	3.0	47	44	3.0
Nebr.	83	78	5.0	83	77	6.0	80	74	6.0
Kans.	87	83	4.0	89	82	7.0	93	86	7.0
Del.	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
Md.	24	20	4.0	24	20	4.0	24	19	5.0
Va.	81	68	13	79	67	12	80	68	12
W. Va.	28	25	3.0	28	25	3.0	25	23	2.0
N. C.	149	131	18	139	124	15	136	122	14
S. C.	53	42	11	54	42	12	54	44	10
Ga.	79	62	17	79	63	16	80	64	16
Fla.	124	29	95	133	31	102	133	36	97
Ky.	114	104	10	110	99	11	113	102	11
Tenn.	105	94	11	109	98	11	113	99	14
Ala.	59	48	11	58	47	11	56	45	11
Miss.	91	72	19	79	60	19	81	61	20
Ark.	91	67	24	103	73	30	103	73	30
La.	61	44	17	61	42	19	64	41	23
Okla.	117	109	8.0	118	109	9.0	113	105	8.0
Texas	216	158	58	238	168	70	204	158	46
Mont.	29	24	5.0	29	24	5.0	29	24	5.0
Idaho	30	25	5.0	30	26	4.0	31	26	5.0
Wyo.	11	8.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0
Colo.	35	28	7.0	34	28	6.0	33.5	27	6.5
N. Mex.	17	12	5.0	16	11	5.0	14	10	4.0
Ariz.	35	6.0	29	36	6.0	30	35	5.0	30
Utah	15	12	3.0	15	12	3.0	13	11	2.0
Nev.	3.2	1.9	1.3	3.2	1.9	1.3	3.2	1.8	1.4
Wash.	62	45	17	55	41	14	62	44	18
Oreg.	47	37	10	41	32	9.0	43	34	9.0
Calif.	235	70	165	249	69	180	248	68	180
U. S.	3,507.0	2,787.3	719.7	3,501.8	2,742.0	759.8	3,481.9	2,738.3	743.6

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  
Average for reporting farms, week of February 18-24, 1973

State	Farm operators	Other family members 1/	All family 1/	Hired workers	All workers 1/
Maine	57.4	35.9	50.4	33.2	43.8
N. H.	51.6	32.7	47.5	34.3	41.6
Vt.	58.6	35.5	50.6	44.8	48.4
Mass.	58.5	29.3	49.5	41.0	45.9
R. I.	53.4	35.0	49.4	43.5	46.4
Conn.	56.2	34.4	49.0	42.1	46.4
N. Y.	50.1	29.7	43.5	37.9	41.8
N. J.	30.7	32.6	31.1	29.4	30.7
Pa.	43.6	29.0	39.4	33.4	38.3
Ohio	34.9	29.0	33.5	32.5	33.4
Ind.	33.4	27.2	32.2	23.4	30.7
Ill.	33.5	28.9	32.8	32.2	32.7
Mich.	34.3	33.4	34.1	35.7	34.5
Wis.	50.0	29.7	42.1	33.4	40.6
Minn.	38.8	26.9	35.3	27.1	34.2
Iowa	40.7	28.2	37.6	31.5	36.6
Mo.	35.2	32.3	34.7	30.2	33.8
N. Dak.	33.1	31.0	32.6	29.2	32.2
S. Dak.	38.9	29.8	36.8	30.5	36.0
Nebr.	40.1	34.8	38.8	38.4	38.8
Kans.	37.7	29.4	35.8	31.5	35.1
Del.	32.7	25.3	30.5	30.9	30.6
Md.	38.7	29.1	35.9	26.1	33.3
Va.	33.6	30.1	32.9	32.6	32.8
W. Va.	34.6	25.5	32.6	25.5	31.6
N. C.	30.0	29.4	29.9	25.7	28.6
S. C.	32.2	27.1	31.0	27.9	29.8
Ga.	35.4	30.8	34.5	33.5	34.1
Fla.	34.5	27.7	32.6	34.4	33.7
Ky.	28.2	26.3	27.8	26.8	27.5
Tenn.	29.7	27.0	29.2	29.1	29.2
Ala.	29.6	26.9	29.1	30.0	29.4
Miss.	31.0	27.3	30.2	34.9	32.8
Ark.	33.7	28.5	32.6	37.9	35.0
La.	27.7	29.7	28.1	37.7	32.0
OKla.	36.8	26.8	34.5	29.8	33.7
Texas	35.5	31.1	34.7	29.5	33.2
Mont.	38.1	31.3	36.3	36.9	36.4
Idaho	37.0	30.4	35.0	34.4	34.9
Wyo.	39.7	32.4	37.5	39.2	38.1
Colo.	36.3	31.5	35.2	35.3	35.3
N. Mex.	32.9	25.0	31.6	32.3	31.9
Ariz.	38.7	28.9	37.7	46.4	43.2
Utah	30.4	24.7	28.8	24.1	28.0
Nev.	40.9	31.6	38.5	45.4	40.9
Wash.	37.2	29.1	35.4	37.8	36.5
Oreg.	37.0	27.0	34.3	32.6	33.8
Calif.	38.5	37.4	38.3	37.8	37.9
U. S.	35.9	29.4	34.2	34.8	34.4

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

Total Workers on Farms, 1972, Revised Estimates  
(Thousands of persons)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	12.9	13.0	14.1	15.2	16.3	19.0	21.2	20.3	34.0	16.9	14.7	13.6	17.6
N. H.	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.6	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.2	5.8	5.0	4.4	5.0
Vt.	12.4	12.2	12.6	12.7	13.8	12.8	12.7	14.5	13.3	14.1	13.0	14.0	13.1
Mass.	14.1	13.6	14.2	16.1	16.6	17.5	21.0	21.0	18.3	16.7	15.2	14.6	16.6
R. I.	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.6
Conn.	9.2	9.7	11.1	12.6	14.7	15.5	21.0	20.8	15.7	12.9	11.6	9.4	13.7
N. Y.	79	77	80	84	92	100	121	121	116	100	87	80	95
N. J.	13	14	14	18	22	23	32	30	26	18	14	12	20
Pa.	91	96	100	107	116	120	137	134	124	107	99	83	110
Ohio	113	123	129	146	189	162	165	159	161	164	142	115	148
Ind.	121	108	133	132	180	157	158	150	149	143	138	127	142
Ill.	119	125	146	164	203	193	187	163	170	170	164	136	161
Mich.	81	100	107	124	155	148	163	148	141	132	110	83	125
Wis.	156	163	169	185	196	195	197	194	185	175	172	157	179
Minn.	125	144	139	175	196	228	214	197	184	173	153	123	171
Iowa	152	162	183	210	246	261	254	223	215	225	203	163	208
Mo.	140	144	168	181	202	205	218	198	220	206	164	154	183
N. Dak.	34	38	50	55	70	69	82	91	76	60	43	36	59
S. Dak.	43	47	56	64	63	70	76	75	71	64	51	49	61
Nebr.	82	83	104	116	132	140	142	124	105	115	104	91	112
Kans.	79	89	101	103	119	137	134	124	126	111	91	86	108
Del.	4.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	10	10	7.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	7.0
Md.	23	24	29	32	34	32	41	39	34	30	28	22	31
Va.	76	79	96	106	118	123	143	135	127	114	95	78	107
W. Va.	25	28	30	37	39	38	40	40	38	36	30	29	34
N. C.	136	139	156	191	200	252	375	340	249	193	154	129	210
S. C.	49	54	58	70	70	86	96	100	89	83	62	50	72
Ga.	71	79	90	94	98	97	92	122	129	126	90	74	96
Fla.	132	133	133	126	118	109	86	81	102	106	116	121	114
Ky.	104	110	127	135	167	182	156	188	189	194	159	121	153
Tenn.	107	109	129	141	161	174	154	163	193	211	177	120	153
Ala.	51	58	69	86	105	75	67	74	107	132	91	66	82
Miss.	77	79	114	115	140	121	127	119	155	155	98	63	113
Ark.	80	103	129	140	162	148	145	145	152	152	124	85	131
La.	45	61	68	73	81	79	75	82	105	100	66	44	73
Okla.	107	118	119	123	134	150	143	122	138	135	107	103	125
Texas	223	238	247	281	294	317	327	295	338	300	242	193	275
Mont.	27	29	36	45	44	52	51	59	48	37	33	29	41
Idaho	30	30	36	44	47	62	64	55	57	47	36	30	45
Wyo.	9.0	11	11	14	15	21	19	18	19	14	13	11	15
Colo.	28	34	41	48	61	66	71	60	73	66	48	38	53
N. Mex.	15	16	16	18	19	22	21	22	24	27	21	17	20
Ariz.	37	36	38	36	35	36	32	30	34	36	40	40	36
Utah	14	15	18	20	22	25	26	27	26	22	16	14	20
Nev.	3.2	3.2	3.8	4.6	5.0	6.1	6.3	6.8	5.4	5.0	3.7	3.5	4.8
Wash.	46	55	65	77	89	111	110	95	78	64	56	51	75
Oreg.	36	41	50	53	58	101	86	71	53	50	43	41	57
Calif.	234	249	250	271	323	327	308	339	339	271	225	229	281
U. S.	3271.1	3,501.8	3,900.4	4,313.1	4,894.6	5,099.4	5,234.9	5,053.1	5,066.6	4,745.1	3,975.6	3,357.8	4,373.4

Note: Alaska total workers on farms for months available: March, 700; June, 1,300; September, 1,400; December 600.

Family Workers on Farms, 1972, Revised Estimates  
(Thousands of persons)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	10	10	11	12	13	13	14	13	13	12	12	11	12.0
N. H.	2.6	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.5
Vt.	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.8	11	9.8	10	11	10	11	10	11	10.2
Mass.	8.7	8.3	8.4	9.9	9.8	9.7	11	10	9.1	9.4	9.4	9.0	9.4
R. I.	1.0	1.0	.9	.8	.9	1.0	.9	.9	.9	1.0	.8	.8	.9
Conn.	6.2	6.7	6.9	7.4	7.6	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.0	6.6	6.4	7.2
N. Y.	64	62	62	65	68	73	79	79	80	74	68	63	70
N. J.	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	10	10	10	9.0	9.0	8.0	9.0
Pa.	79	85	90	93	98	102	111	109	103	92	87	73	94
Ohio	107	115	119	133	162	143	141	129	128	144	128	108	130
Ind.	116	104	124	122	162	136	141	135	132	129	126	119	129
Ill.	106	109	125	138	164	157	147	137	143	146	143	122	136
Mich.	71	87	91	105	131	117	119	109	111	102	94	72	101
Wis.	146	147	154	166	175	170	170	168	156	151	157	144	159
Minn.	118	135	131	162	171	177	171	166	163	157	140	115	151
Iowa	141	152	168	192	216	202	202	180	188	197	179	151	181
Mo.	129	131	147	164	163	164	175	160	170	160	145	142	154
N. Dak.	31	35	46	49	56	55	62	68	61	50	37	33	49
S. Dak.	40	44	52	59	58	58	61	63	61	57	45	45	54
Nebr.	76	77	94	98	110	109	108	97	91	100	93	82	95
Kans.	74	82	93	94	103	104	104	98	111	100	85	80	94
Del.	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
Md.	19	20	23	26	26	24	29	28	24	24	22	19	24
Va.	63	67	79	86	90	78	81	88	91	86	77	67	79
W. Va.	22	25	27	31	32	32	33	35	34	32	28	26	30
N. C.	120	124	134	153	162	168	203	220	206	161	130	113	158
S. C.	39	42	45	54	54	61	63	68	68	68	50	41	54
Ga.	60	63	72	76	79	75	73	97	106	107	71	62	78
Fla.	33	31	41	38	33	32	30	30	47	39	32	29	35
Ky.	96	99	108	114	130	131	124	139	142	163	139	116	125
Tenn.	97	98	109	121	127	126	116	117	156	177	151	109	125
Ala.	41	47	54	68	83	56	51	58	89	109	72	55	65
Miss.	59	60	87	86	92	88	93	93	114	112	82	56	85
Ark.	59	73	78	80	87	86	72	76	95	92	82	65	79
La.	37	42	42	45	51	47	42	45	62	55	47	37	46
Okla.	99	109	109	109	114	120	107	100	113	113	93	96	107
Texas	171	168	172	202	197	210	213	193	206	193	167	148	187
Mont.	23	24	29	33	28	31	31	35	33	28	26	24	29
Idaho	25	26	30	34	35	38	40	37	40	40	29	25	33
Wyo.	7.0	8.0	8.0	10	10	11	11	11	13	9.0	8.0	8.0	10
Colo.	23	28	33	37	41	38	39	33	40	38	32	30	34
N. Mex.	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	13	14	15	12	12	12
Ariz.	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.0
Utah	11	12	14	16	16	16	18	18	20	17	14	13	15
Nev.	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.7	2.5
Wash.	37	41	45	49	55	59	61	56	49	44	41	38	48
Oreg.	31	32	40	41	42	46	42	40	39	38	35	34	38
Calif.	69	69	70	71	73	72	73	74	74	71	60	59	70
U. S.	2,608.3	3,017.3	3,573.7	3,519.2	3,641.3	3,089.1	3,227.7	2,742.0	3,296.8	3,491.2	3,471.9	3,556.7	2,691.2

Note: Alaska family workers on farms for months available: March, 500; June, 800; September, 800; December, 500.

Hired Workers on Farms, 1972, Revised Estimates  
(Thousands of persons)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	6.0	7.2	7.3	21	4.9	2.7	2.6	5.6
N. H.	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.0	1.4	1.1	1.5
Vt.	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9
Mass.	5.4	5.3	5.8	6.2	6.8	7.8	10	11	9.2	7.3	5.8	5.6	7.2
R. I.	.6	.6	.6	.7	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.7	.6	.5	.7
Conn.	3.0	3.0	4.2	5.2	7.1	7.7	13	13	8.0	5.9	5.0	3.0	6.5
N. Y.	15	15	18	19	24	27	42	42	36	26	19	17	25
N. J.	4.0	5.0	5.0	9.0	13	14	22	20	16	9.0	5.0	4.0	11
Pa.	12	11	10	14	18	18	26	25	21	15	12	10	16
Ohio	6.0	8.0	10	13	27	19	24	30	33	20	14	7.0	18
Ind.	5.0	4.0	9.0	10	18	21	17	15	17	14	12	8.0	13
Ill.	13	16	21	26	39	36	40	26	27	24	21	14	25
Mich.	10	13	16	19	24	31	44	39	30	30	16	11	24
Wis.	10	16	15	19	21	25	27	26	29	24	15	13	20
Minn.	7.0	9.0	8.0	13	25	51	43	31	21	16	13	8.0	20
Iowa	11	10	15	18	30	59	52	43	27	28	24	12	27
Mo.	11	13	21	17	39	41	43	38	50	46	19	12	29
N. Dak.	3.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	14	14	20	23	15	10	6.0	30	10
S. Dak.	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	12	15	12	10	7.0	6.0	4.0	7.0
Nebr.	6.0	6.0	10	18	22	31	34	27	14	15	11	9.0	17
Kans.	5.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	16	33	30	26	15	11	6.0	6.0	14
Del.	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
Md.	4.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	12	11	10	6.0	6.0	3.0	7.0
Va.	13	12	17	20	28	45	62	47	36	28	18	11	28
W. Va.	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	4.0
N. C.	16	15	22	38	38	84	172	120	43	32	24	16	52
S. C.	10	12	13	16	16	25	33	32	21	15	12	9.0	18
Ga.	11	16	18	18	19	22	19	25	23	19	19	12	18
Fla.	99	102	92	88	85	77	56	51	55	67	84	92	79
Ky.	8.0	11	19	21	37	51	32	49	47	31	20	5.0	28
Tenn.	10	11	20	20	34	48	38	46	37	34	26	11	28
Ala.	10	11	15	18	22	19	16	16	18	23	19	11	17
Miss.	18	19	27	29	48	33	34	26	41	43	16	7.0	28
Ark.	21	30	51	60	75	62	73	69	57	60	42	20	52
La.	8.0	19	26	28	30	32	33	37	43	45	19	7.0	27
Okla.	8.0	9.0	10	14	20	30	36	22	25	22	14	7.0	18
Texas	52	70	75	79	97	107	114	102	132	107	75	45	88
Mont.	4.0	5.0	7.0	12	16	21	20	24	15	9.0	7.0	5.0	12
Idaho	5.0	4.0	6.0	10	12	24	24	18	17	7.0	7.0	5.0	12
Wyo.	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	10	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.0
Colo.	5.0	6.0	8.0	11	20	28	32	27	33	28	16	8.0	19
N. Mex.	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	10	9.0	9.0	10	12	9.0	5.0	8.0
Ariz.	31	30	32	30	29	30	27	25	27	30	35	34	30
Utah	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	5.0
Nev.	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.2	3.1	3.1	3.6	2.7	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.3
Wash.	9.0	14	20	28	34	52	49	39	29	20	15	13	27
Oreg.	5.0	9.0	10	12	16	55	44	31	14	12	8.0	7.0	19
Calif.	165	180	180	200	250	255	235	265	265	200	165	170	211
U. S.	662.8	759.8	883.1	1,016.3	1,320.9	1,608.2	1,715.7	1,581.2	1,425.3	1,188.4	886.5	666.6	1,145.7

Note: Alaska hired workers on farms for months available: March, 200; June, 500; September 600; December 100.

Total Workers on Farms, 1971, Revised Estimates  
(Thousands of persons)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	14.5	14.8	15.0	16.0	16.2	19.8	21.0	20.0	35.0	18.6	14.0	12.8	18.1
N. H.	4.4	4.3	4.7	5.3	5.4	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.1	5.9	5.3	5.1	5.7
Vt.	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.3	14.3	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.3	13.2	13.2	14.1
Mass.	13.0	13.1	13.9	15.1	17.6	20.6	23.0	23.6	21.0	17.5	14.1	13.2	17.2
R. I.	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.0
Conn.	8.1	8.8	10.3	11.6	12.9	14.5	19.4	19.6	13.8	11.6	10.3	8.9	12.5
N. Y.	79	82	82	88	95	109	121	118	122	104	90	81	98
N. J.	12	13	14	19	23	25	31	30	23	18	14	13	19
Pa.	89	99	104	114	117	138	131	136	122	120	96	87	112
Ohio	111	120	134	163	163	170	172	154	157	166	138	118	147
Ind.	115	111	125	136	152	150	150	140	141	140	126	118	134
Ill.	116	124	138	180	178	195	187	168	169	182	156	135	160
Mich.	107	116	119	128	144	147	160	152	138	130	109	99	129
Wis.	167	169	178	204	206	203	205	204	195	178	169	159	186
Minn.	135	142	146	187	195	234	241	215	197	176	150	115	178
Iowa	147	158	176	211	222	274	270	242	234	233	185	155	209
Mo.	155	143	171	199	195	220	210	206	229	217	164	155	188
N. Dak.	34	38	48	58	68	69	83	91	73	57	41	33	58
S. Dak.	46	50	60	68	68	80	79	79	72	66	51	48	64
Nebr.	84	83	91	116	121	140	147	121	116	105	93	82	109
Kans.	81	87	100	107	115	143	144	130	120	109	91	84	109
Del.	4.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10	10	7.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	7.0
Md.	20	24	30	33	35	39	41	41	34	31	28	23	32
Va.	76	81	97	106	123	138	144	138	128	110	96	80	110
W. Va.	26	28	29	38	38	47	44	43	40	38	34	29	36
N. C.	141	149	166	203	221	277	388	378	266	206	175	145	226
S. C.	49	53	61	74	77	93	98	95	91	82	64	49	74
Ga.	68	79	88	95	100	98	96	136	126	124	95	77	98
Fla.	130	124	117	130	122	103	85	84	97	104	117	123	112
Ky.	105	114	124	143	142	181	157	177	198	194	157	124	152
Tenn.	102	105	126	147	148	167	153	163	189	208	170	125	151
Ala.	54	59	65	93	109	82	72	84	112	132	100	74	86
Miss.	81	91	135	124	157	130	132	126	160	172	111	71	125
Ark.	83	91	129	146	159	148	170	170	164	167	121	76	135
La.	48	61	67	75	74	79	71	91	107	106	64	49	75
Okla.	105	117	120	127	137	158	122	120	130	134	113	102	124
Texas	218	216	237	271	274	309	323	308	286	312	256	196	268
Mont.	26	29	35	46	46	51	54	58	44	36	33	29	41
Idaho	26	30	35	43	45	61	64	59	57	49	39	29	45
Wyo.	9.0	11	11	13	16	20	19	19	18	15	13	11	14
Colo.	32	35	41	48	59	69	78	71	68	65	44	40	55
N. Mex.	17	17	17	20	21	21	24	21	26	30	25	19	22
Ariz.	35	35	37	37	37	38	32	30	34	36	38	38	36
Utah	14	15	17	20	25	29	29	30	30	23	17	16	22
Nev.	3.2	3.2	4.0	4.8	5.0	5.9	6.2	6.8	5.4	4.6	3.7	3.5	4.7
Wash.	52	62	64	78	90	122	114	104	85	68	54	51	78
Oreg.	42	47	55	62	64	102	102	88	60	58	43	43	64
Calif.	235	235	228	249	289	315	301	312	340	309	250	227	274
U. S.	3,334.8		3,885.8		4,751.5		5,347.4		5,103.9		3,998.4		4,436.3
		3,507.0		4,474.9		5,267.0		5,235.7		4,891.4		3,390.4	

Note: Alaska total workers on farms for months available: March, 800; June, 1,100; September, 1,100; December, 600.

Family Workers on Farms, 1971, Revised Estimates  
(Thousands of persons)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	11	11	11	12	12	13	13	12	12	13	10	9.6	11.6
N. H.	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.9
Vt.	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10.8
Mass.	8.2	8.2	9.0	9.6	9.8	11	10	9.6	10	9.5	9.0	8.4	9.4
R. I.	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3
Conn.	5.5	6.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.5	7.4	7.6	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7
N. Y.	64	65	65	68	70	76	80	77	83	75	71	64	72
N. J.	9.0	9.0	9.0	10	10	10	10	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Pa.	78	88	93	99	101	112	110	110	103	101	85	76	96
Ohio	105	112	125	146	145	142	144	127	127	145	127	112	130
Ind.	110	107	118	125	141	130	130	125	125	127	115	110	122
Ill.	101	109	119	152	150	156	148	139	142	150	136	121	135
Mich.	92	101	102	109	121	117	122	115	109	102	93	85	106
Wis.	156	154	162	187	188	182	178	176	168	156	154	145	167
Minn.	128	135	137	173	174	183	187	180	170	163	141	107	157
Iowa	136	147	165	192	200	204	200	196	197	204	167	142	179
Mo.	142	132	151	172	164	174	157	164	178	168	146	141	157
N. Dak.	31	35	44	51	55	54	59	66	58	47	36	29	47
S. Dak.	43	47	57	62	62	66	64	66	63	59	46	44	57
Nebr.	77	78	84	102	100	112	109	95	101	93	84	77	93
Kans.	76	83	91	97	99	105	105	102	107	99	85	78	94
Del.	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
Md.	16	20	24	26	27	28	29	29	24	24	22	19	24
Va.	63	68	79	86	95	78	80	87	90	83	78	67	80
W. Va.	23	25	26	32	32	36	36	36	35	34	30	26	31
N. C.	126	131	142	165	178	182	216	235	211	174	145	125	169
S. C.	40	42	45	55	57	63	62	69	71	65	51	40	55
Ga.	59	62	70	77	79	76	74	100	104	103	73	61	78
Fla.	28	29	31	41	36	32	31	31	42	39	35	28	34
Ky.	98	104	104	120	113	128	121	129	144	168	137	117	124
Tenn.	93	94	107	122	116	121	112	118	155	176	147	111	123
Ala.	43	48	52	73	85	61	55	64	91	108	80	61	68
Miss.	64	72	104	88	105	95	95	97	112	128	90	60	93
Ark.	65	67	80	84	84	80	77	86	98	102	79	58	80
La.	39	44	45	48	50	47	43	50	65	63	49	41	49
Okla.	97	109	112	112	118	125	102	95	110	112	97	95	107
Texas	161	158	180	192	194	212	205	199	188	194	170	149	184
Mont.	22	24	29	35	31	32	30	34	32	27	25	23	29
Idaho	23	25	30	34	33	39	42	38	41	38	31	25	33
Wyo.	7.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	10	10	11	12	12	10	8.0	8.0	9.0
Colo.	25	28	32	37	39	39	39	38	36	39	33	31	35
N. Mex.	12	12	12	14	14	13	14	14	16	15	14	13	14
Ariz.	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
Utah	12	12	13	16	18	19	20	19	21	17	15	14	16
Nev.	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.6	1.9	1.9	2.4
Wash.	39	45	47	51	57	62	64	59	53	46	42	39	50
Oreg.	35	37	45	48	45	51	47	48	44	44	37	37	43
Calif.	70	70	68	69	74	75	76	72	75	74	65	57	70
U. S.	2,657.8		3,061.7		3,528.7		3,544.1		3,669.0		3,099.1		3,275.1
		2,787.3		3,437.0		3,590.2		3,565.1		3,639.1		2,693.9	

Note: Alaska family workers on farms for months available: March, 600; June, 600; September, 700; December, 500.



Hired Workers on Farms, 1971, Revised Estimates  
(Thousands of persons)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.2	6.8	8.0	8.0	23	5.6	4.0	3.2	6.5
N. H.	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.8
Vt.	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3
Mass.	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.5	7.8	9.6	13	14	11	8.0	5.1	4.8	7.8
R. I.	.6	.6	.6	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.7	.7	.6	.6	.7
Conn.	2.6	2.8	3.5	4.8	6.0	7.0	12	12	7.0	5.0	4.0	2.6	5.8
N. Y.	15	17	17	20	25	33	41	41	39	29	19	17	26
N. J.	3.0	4.0	5.0	9.0	13	15	21	21	14	9.0	5.0	4.0	10
Pa.	11	11	11	15	16	26	21	26	19	19	11	11	16
Ohio	6.0	8.0	9.0	17	18	28	28	27	30	21	11	6.0	17
Ind.	5.0	4.0	7.0	11	11	20	20	15	16	13	11	8.0	12
Ill.	15	15	19	28	28	39	39	29	27	32	20	14	25
Mich.	15	15	17	19	23	30	38	37	29	28	16	14	23
Wis.	11	15	16	17	18	21	27	28	27	22	15	14	19
Minn.	7.0	7.0	9.0	14	21	51	54	35	27	13	9.0	8.0	21
Iowa	11	11	11	19	22	70	70	46	37	29	18	13	30
Mo.	13	11	20	27	31	46	53	42	51	49	18	14	31
N. Dak.	3.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	13	15	24	25	15	10	5.0	4.0	11
S. Dak.	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	14	15	13	9.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	7.0
Nebr.	7.0	5.0	7.0	14	21	28	38	26	15	12	9.0	5.0	16
Kans.	5.0	4.0	9.0	10	16	38	39	28	13	10	6.0	6.0	15
Del.	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
Md.	4.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	11	12	12	10	7.0	6.0	4.0	8.0
Va.	13	13	18	20	28	60	64	51	38	27	18	13	30
W. Va.	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	11	8.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	5.0
N. C.	15	18	24	38	43	95	172	143	55	32	30	20	57
S. C.	9.0	11	16	19	20	30	36	26	20	17	13	9.0	19
Ga.	9.0	17	18	18	21	22	22	36	22	21	22	16	20
Fla.	102	95	86	89	86	71	54	53	55	65	82	95	78
Ky.	7.0	10	20	23	29	53	36	48	54	26	20	7.0	28
Tenn.	9.0	11	19	25	32	46	41	45	34	32	23	14	28
Ala.	11	11	13	20	24	21	17	20	21	24	20	13	18
Miss.	17	19	31	36	52	35	37	29	48	44	21	11	32
Ark.	18	24	49	62	75	68	93	84	66	65	42	18	55
La.	9.0	17	22	27	24	32	28	41	42	43	15	8.0	26
Okla.	8.0	8.0	8.0	15	19	33	20	25	20	22	16	7.0	17
Texas	57	58	57	79	80	97	118	109	98	118	86	47	84
Mont.	4.0	5.0	6.0	11	15	19	24	24	12	9.0	8.0	6.0	12
Idaho	3.0	5.0	5.0	9.0	12	22	22	21	16	11	8.0	4.0	12
Wyo.	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	10	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.0
Colo.	7.0	7.0	9.0	11	20	30	39	33	32	26	11	9.0	20
N. Mex.	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	10	7.0	10	15	11	6.0	8.0
Ariz.	30	29	31	31	31	31	27	25	27	30	33	33	30
Utah	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	10	9.0	11	9.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
Nev.	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.3	2.3	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.7	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.3
Wash.	13	17	17	27	33	60	50	45	32	22	12	12	28
Oreg.	7.0	10	10	14	19	51	55	40	16	14	6.0	6.0	21
Calif.	165	165	160	180	215	240	225	240	265	235	185	170	204
U. S.	677.0		824.1		1,222.8		1,803.3		1,434.9		899.3		1,161.2
		719.7		1,037.9		1,676.8		1,670.6		1,252.3		696.5	

Note: Alaska hired workers on farms for months available: March, 200; June, 500; September, 400; December, 100.

QUARTERLY PROBABILITY SURVEY OF FARM WAGE RATES

The selected wage rate items presented below were derived from a probability farm labor survey conducted in January by the Statistical Reporting Service. This continues the series of published farm wage rates from quarterly probability surveys started in April 1970. These data supplement but do not replace the farm wage rate series regularly published in Farm Labor.

The following major differences exist between the two series: (1) The regular series measures the prevailing wage as of January 1, while the new probability series measures wage rates for the week including January 12; (2) The regular series is a nonprobability sample from about 22,000 farm operators that report the prevailing wages in their localities by various hiring arrangements. The probability survey measures the actual payrolls of selected farms which are then classified by hiring arrangements and type of work performed; (3) The regular series does not include wages for piece-rate workers while the probability survey does.

The inputs for making the following wage rate computations were supplied by employers of farm labor in the 48 mainland States. The sample was not designed to provide wage rates for all States, but was of sufficient size to provide indicators for Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and the United States. The wage rates for January 1, 1973 were published on page 7 of the January issue of Farm Labor. Comparisons can be made between these wage rates based on the nonprobability survey and the ones shown on page 11 of this release based on the probability survey. However, in making these comparisons, the differences in the two surveys as described above must be kept in mind.

Farm Wage Rates January 1972 and 1973, United States

Item	: January 9-15, 1972	: January 7-13, 1973
: Dollars per hour		
Farm Wage Rates		
All Hired Farm Workers	1.96	2.13
Workers Paid by Piece-Rate	1.98	2.66
Workers Paid by Hour, Day, Week, and Month	1.95	2.10
Workers Paid by Hour only	1.88	2.02
Workers Receiving Cash Wages only	2.10	2.27
Workers Paid by Hour Receiving Cash Wages only	1.97	2.12
Type of Work Performed:		
Field and Livestock workers	1.83	2.00
Packinghouse workers	1.90	1.85
Machine Operators	1.89	1.92
Maintenance and Bookkeeping workers	2.27	2.52
Supervisors	3.28	3.44
Other Agricultural workers	1.99	2.35

Farm Wage Rates by Method of Pay, January 7-13, 1973, Selected States  
and United States

State	All hired farm workers	Farm wage rates method of pay				
		By piece-rate	By hour, day, week or month	By hour only	By cash wages only	By hour receiving cash wages only
D o l l a r s p e r h o u r						
Florida	2.31	3.18	2.11	1.94	2.33	1.94
Alabama	1.53	*	1.52	1.59	2.01	1.74
Mississippi	1.93	*	1.93	1.45	1.93	1.46
Texas	2.00	*	2.00	1.67	2.10	1.78
New Mexico	1.78	*	1.77	1.67	1.88	1.72
Arizona	2.03	2.61	1.99	1.80	2.09	1.82
California	2.40	2.63	2.36	2.17	2.41	2.18
United States	2.13	2.66	2.10	2.02	2.27	2.12

Farm Wage Rates by Type of Work, January 7-13, 1973, Selected States  
and United States

State	Farm wage rates - Type of work performed				
	Field & livestock workers	Packing- house workers	Machine operators	Maintenance & bookkeeping workers	Supervisors
D o l l a r s p e r h o u r					
Florida	2.21	1.94	2.28	2.65	3.33
Alabama	1.39	*	1.31	2.56	2.67
Mississippi	1.40	*	1.89	2.50	3.35
Texas	1.96	*	1.83	2.25	2.85
New Mexico	1.63	1.64	2.36	2.04	2.88
Arizona	1.90	2.23	1.94	2.23	3.06
California	2.19	2.34	2.70	2.57	3.65
United States	2.00	1.85	1.92	2.52	3.44

\* Represents 3 percent or less of State total. Data included in all hired farm workers and United States wage rates.

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.

Farm employment and indexes, February 1973, with comparisons, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1971	: Annual : average : 1972	: February : 21-27, : 1971	: February : 20-26, : 1972	: February : 18-24, : 1973
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/ (Thousands)	:	:	:	:	:
Total	: 4,436.3	: 4,373.4	: 3,507.0	: 3,501.8	: 3,481.9
Family labor	: 3,275.1	: 3,227.7	: 2,787.3	: 2,742.0	: 2,738.3
Hired labor	: 1,161.2	: 1,145.7	: 719.7	: 759.8	: 743.6
INDEXES 2/ (1910-14=100)	:	:	:	:	:
Total	: 33	: 32	: 34	: 34	: 34
Family labor	: 32	: 32	: 33	: 33	: 32
Hired labor (1967=100)	: 34	: 34	: 39	: 41	: 40
Total	: 92	: 89	: 94	: 95	: 92
Family labor	: 89	: 89	: 92	: 92	: 89
Hired labor	: 89	: 89	: 103	: 108	: 105

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.