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TOTAL WORKERS HIRED BY FARM OPERATORS

Total farm workers hired by farm operators averaged 1,418,300 per quarter, for the four quarters, July 1975, October 1975, January 1976, and April 1976. Field and livestock workers accounted for 1,018,700 workers per quarter, 72 percent of the total and all other hired workers averaged 399,600, or 28 percent of the total.

FIELD AND LIVESTOCK WORKERS

Field and livestock workers hired by farm operators and those employed by agricultural services for the same four quarters averaged 1,074,200 per quarter. Agricultural Service workers include services for soil preparation, crops, livestock (except animal specialties), and farm labor and management. Field and livestock workers hired by farm operators, accounted for 95 percent of the total with agricultural services accounting for 55,500 workers, the remaining 5 percent.

FARM LABOR DATA BY STATES

The table on the reverse side indicated State averages per quarter on number of hired workers covering the four quarters July 1975, October 1975, January 1976, and April 1976. State averages are shown for field and livestock workers hired by farm operators, agricultural services and total. Also shown are estimates for all other workers and total workers hired by farm operators.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS HIRED BY FARM OPERATORS AND AGRICULTURAL SERVICES 1/-
 JULY 1975, OCTOBER 1975, JANUARY 1976 AND APRIL 1976, PRELIMINARY.

STATE	AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS HIRED BY FARM OPERATORS			FIELD AND LIVESTOCK WORKERS	
	FIELD & LIVESTOCK	ALL OTHER	TOTAL	HIRED BY AGRICULTURAL SERVICES	HIRED BY OPERATORS AND AGRICULTURAL SERVICES
T H O U S A N D S					
ALA	17.7	10.0	27.7	.1	17.8
ARIZ	8.3	5.5	13.8	1.6	9.9
ARK	12.5	16.0	28.5	.1	12.6
CALIF	191.7	66.0	257.7	34.1	225.8
COLO	10.0	7.0	17.0	.4	10.4
CONN	4.6	1.6	6.2	**	4.6
DEL	1.5	1.1	2.6	**	1.5
FLA	40.2	20.0	60.2	9.6	49.8
GA	25.7	9.5	35.2	.1	25.8
IDAHO	12.8	6.5	19.3	.2	13.0
ILL	27.0	7.5	34.5	.1	27.1
IND	21.8	6.5	28.3	**	21.8
IOWA	32.2	7.8	40.0	.1	32.3
KANS	14.7	8.0	22.7	.1	14.8
KY	17.7	5.3	23.0	.3	18.0
LA	12.2	11.0	23.2	.1	12.3
MAINE	4.4	3.2	7.6	**	4.4
MD	9.5	3.0	12.5	.2	9.7
MASS	6.6	3.2	9.8	.1	6.7
MICH	22.0	5.8	27.8	**	22.0
MINN	32.8	14.0	46.8	.2	33.0
MISS	14.0	17.0	31.0	**	14.0
MO	22.0	6.8	28.8	.3	22.3
MONT	8.0	2.3	10.3	**	8.0
NEBR	14.7	5.3	20.0	.1	14.8
NEV	1.7	.7	2.4	**	1.7
N H	1.2	.5	1.7	**	1.2
N J	7.5	3.8	11.3	.1	7.6
N MEX	5.6	3.2	8.8	.3	5.9
N Y	27.0	6.5	33.5	.2	27.2
N C	52.0	12.0	64.0	1.0	53.0
N DAK	4.4	4.4	8.8	**	4.4
OHIO	26.0	7.0	33.0	.1	26.1
OKLA	9.8	6.3	16.1	.1	9.9
OREG	20.1	5.6	25.7	.3	20.4
PA	29.5	9.3	38.8	.3	29.8
R I	.5	.2	.7	**	.5
S C	22.7	11.0	33.7	.3	23.0
S DAK	12.0	1.3	13.3	.1	12.1
TENN	14.0	6.5	20.5	.1	14.1
TEX	50.3	34.5	84.8	3.4	53.7
UTAH	5.9	1.4	7.3	**	5.9
VT	5.1	1.1	6.2	**	5.1
VA	20.0	7.0	27.0	.7	20.7
WASH	32.0	11.0	43.0	.2	32.2
W VA	2.8	.6	3.4	.5	3.3
WIS	40.3	10.0	50.3	**	40.3
WYO	4.7	1.5	6.2	**	4.7
P R	39.0	4.3	43.3	**	39.0
U S 2/	1,018.7	399.6	1,418.3	55.5	1,074.2

1/ AGRICULTURAL SERVICES INCLUDE SERVICES FOR SOIL PREPARATION, CROPS, LIVESTOCK (EXCLUDING ANIMAL SPECIALTIES), FARM LABOR AND MANAGEMENT. 2/ INCLUDES PUERTO RICO. ** LESS THAN 50 WORKERS.

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28,000 OBREROS AGRICOLAS EN PUERTO RICO

El número de obreros agrícolas a jornal en Puerto Rico alcanzó a unos 28,000, según la encuesta llevada a cabo durante la semana del 9 al 15 de enero de 1977. Esto compara con los 31,000 obreros empleados en la semana estudiada en octubre pasado y los 34,000 enumerados en la semana del 11 al 17 de enero de 1976. Los obreros de campo, incluyendo los de la industria ganadera, se estimaron en unos 25,000; o sea, 89 por ciento del total empleado. El resto de la fuerza obrera está compuesto por aquellos que trabajan como empacadores, operadores de maquinarias, obreros de mantenimiento, contables, supervisores y otras clasificaciones. Los estimados incluyen los obreros empleados por los agricultores y por las firmas de servicios agrícolas.

El número de horas trabajadas promedió 30.7 horas durante la semana de la encuesta comparado con 28.4 horas en octubre pasado y 30.5 horas en enero de 1976.

El jornal por hora promedió \$1.58; incluyendo toda forma de pago. En enero de 1976 el promedio fue de \$1.50. El jornal de los obreros de campo promedió \$1.47; un aumento de 3 centavos sobre el promedio del año pasado.

El clima seco que prevaleció durante la semana de la encuesta favoreció el maduramiento de la caña de azúcar y la recolección del café. Sin embargo, dicho clima afectó desfavorablemente el desarrollo de las plantaciones de tabaco, pastos y cultivos alimentos.

JORNAL POR HORA POR SISTEMA DE PAGO Y CLASE DE TRABAJO EN PUERTO RICO,
ENERO 9-15, 1977
PUERTO RICO WAGE RATES BY METHOD OF PAY AND TYPE OF WORK,
JANUARY 9-15, 1977

PARTICULAR	JORNALES AGRICOLAS-FARM WAGE RATES			ITEM
	ENERO (JANUARY)	OCTUBRE (OCTOBER)	ENERO (JANUARY)	
	11-17, 1976	10-16, 1976	9-15, 1977	
	EQUIVALENCIA EN DOLARES POR HORA EQUIVALENT DOLLARS PER HOUR			
SISTEMA DE PAGO				METHOD OF PAY
TODO CLASE DE				ALL HIRED FARM
TRAJADORES	1.50	1.52	1.58	WORKERS
PAGO POR TAREA	*	1.15	1.40	PIECE RATE
PAGO EN OTRA				PAID BY OTHER
FORMA	*	1.62	1.60	THAN PIECE RATE
PAGO POR HORA				PAID BY HOUR
SOLAMENTE	*	1.64	1.57	ONLY
PAGO EN EFECTIVO				PAID BY CASH
SOLAMENTE	*	1.63	1.64	ONLY
PAGO EN EFECTIVO POR				PAID BY HOUR CASH
HORA TRABAJADA	*	1.64	1.60	WAGES ONLY
CLASE DE				TYPE OF WORK
TRABAJO				PERFORMED
FAENAS DE CAMPO,				FIELD AND LIVE-
INCLUYENDO GANADERIA	1.44	1.45	1.47	STOCK

* NO HAY DATOS SUFICIENTES. * INSUFFICIENT DATA.

HIRED WORKERS IN PUERTO RICO TOTALED 28,000

The hired work force on Puerto Rico farms numbered 28,000 during the survey week of January 9-15, 1977. This compares with 31,000 workers during the October work week and 34,000 a year ago. Field and livestock workers estimated at 25,000 were 89 percent of the total. Packinghouse employees, machine operators, maintenance workers and bookkeepers, supervisors, and others make up the remaining workers. These estimates include workers hired by both farm operators and agricultural service farms.

All hired workers averaged 30.7 hours during the survey week compared to 28.4 hours in October and 30.5 hours for the previous year.

Farm wages for all methods of pay converted to an hourly rate averaged \$1.58. Last January the rate was \$1.50. Wages for field and livestock workers averaged \$1.47, up 3 cents from a year ago.

Dry weather favored the maturing of sugarcane and aided the coffee harvest. The lack of rainfall is affecting the growth of tobacco, pastures, and food crops.