
Farm Labor



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FARM WORKERS DECLINE - WAGE RATES INCREASE

A total of 3.04 million people worked on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 12-18, 1986. This compared with 3.14 million workers during the comparable survey week in 1985. Included in the work force were 1.29 million self-employed farm operators, 550,000 unpaid workers, and 975,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. An additional 229,000 workers were agricultural service employees. Self-employed, unpaid, and hired worker numbers all dropped about 5 percent from last year while agricultural service workers increased 22 percent.

The all hired farm worker wage rate in October was \$4.83 per hour, up 27 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned \$4.56 per hour, compared with \$4.41 in October 1985. Wage rates for field and livestock workers were \$4.61 and \$4.37, respectively. Last year field workers made \$4.47 per hour and livestock workers earned \$4.24.

During the October 1986 survey week, self-employed persons worked an average of 48.7 hours, 0.8 hours more than in the comparable week in 1985. Unpaid workers, who worked 15 hours or more during the week, averaged 37.0 hours, compared with 38.6 a year earlier. Hired workers spent an average 39.9 hours doing agricultural work, up 1.3 hours from October of last year.

OVER ONE-HALF OF HIRED WORKERS RECEIVE BENEFITS

Perquisites and other benefits such as housing and food were provided to 52 percent of the hired workers. Housing was provided to 13 percent of the workers compared with 14 percent in October 1985.

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FARM ACTIVITIES DURING SURVEY WEEK

During the week of October 12-18, 1986, rain slowed grain harvest in the Corn Belt and Southern Great Plains. Corn was 37 percent harvested, 3 points below the 5-year U.S. average. Soybeans were 37 percent harvested compared with a 46 percent average. Cotton harvest, at 37 percent, was 7 points above average. However, harvest of the Texas cotton crop lagged 3 points below their State average. Winter wheat planting was active in many States and was 72 percent planted by week's end. Apple harvest was well advanced on the East Coast. Vegetable and melon harvest were active in Arizona. Favorable weather in the Northwest resulted in normal harvest activities.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

The estimates of agricultural labor are based on multiple frame probability surveys. The surveys utilize two sampling frames -- a list frame and an area frame. The list sample is a stratified random sample of producers likely to have hired farm workers. A probability sample from the area frame is used to estimate for any employers not on the list. The multiple frame approach assures all employers are represented by the combined samples.

Standard errors and relative sampling errors are statistical measures of the variation that occur by chance because of sampling. The true value is expected to be within the range of one standard error below to one standard error above the survey indication two times out of three.

At the U.S. level, the number of all non-salaried workers and hired workers had relative sampling errors of 2.6 and 3.8 percent, respectively. Relative errors at the regional level for hired workers generally ranged between 10 and 20 percent. The all hired farm worker wage rate had a relative sample error of 1.4 percent at the U.S. level. Relative sampling errors for hourly, field, and livestock worker wage rates at the U.S. level were 1.0, 1.2, and 3.0 percent, respectively.

FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT, WAGE RATES AND INDEXES, UNITED STATES,
OCTOBER 12-18, 1986, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	FARM EMPLOYMENT		
	OCT 6-12, 1985	JUL 6-12, 1986	OCT 12-18, 1986
	THOUSANDS		
ALL FARM WORKERS	2,956	3,204	2,814
SELF-EMPLOYED	1,362	1,348	1,289
UNPAID	579	623	550
HIRED	1,015	1,233	975
EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED			
150 DAYS OR MORE	617	675	659
149 DAYS OR LESS	398	558	316
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES WORKERS WORKING ON FARMS	187	265	229
TOTAL FARM & SERVICE WORKERS	3,143	3,469	3,043
INDEXES- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
1910-14=100			
ALL FARM WORKERS	21	19	20
HIRED WORKERS	26	23	25
1977=100			
ALL FARM WORKERS	71	64	68
HIRED WORKERS	75	65	71

ITEM	FARM WAGE RATES 1/ 2/		
	OCT 6-12, 1985	JUL 6-12, 1986	OCT 12-18, 1986
	DOLLARS PER HOUR		
ALL HIRED FARM WORKERS	4.56	4.57	4.83
METHOD OF PAY			
HOURLY	4.41	4.46	4.56
PIECE-RATE	5.51	4.55	5.76
OTHER	4.62	4.88	5.27
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED			
FIELD & LIVESTOCK COMBINED	4.40	4.32	4.52
FIELD	4.47	4.39	4.61
LIVESTOCK	4.24	4.15	4.37
SUPERVISORY	7.07	7.32	7.79
OTHER	4.51	4.66	4.90
INDEXES- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
ALL HIRED WORKERS			
1910-14=100	2,862	3,170	3031
1977=100	150	166	159

1/ PERQUISITES SUCH AS ROOM AND BOARD, HOUSING, ETC., ARE PROVIDED SOME WORKERS BUT THE VALUES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE WAGE RATES. 2/ EXCLUDES AGRICULTURAL SERVICE WORKERS.

WORKERS ON FARMS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, OCTOBER 12-18, 1986 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	ALL FARM WORKERS	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED		
				NUMBER OF WORKERS	EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED 150 DAYS OR MORE	149 DAYS OR LESS
THOUSANDS						
NORTHEAST I	125	43	18	64	42	22
NORTHEAST II	127	54	22	51	40	11
APPALACHIA I	128	62	16	50	25	25
APPALACHIA II	183	103	26	54	22	32
SOUTHEAST	101	48	14	39	32	7
FLORIDA	72	10	5	57	44	13
LAKE	383	180	119	84	49	35
CORNBELT I	337	165	80	92	57	35
CORNBELT II	238	138	60	40	24	16
DELTA	129	57	17	55	43	12
NORTH PLAINS	232	131	62	39	24	15
SOUTH PLAINS	212	121	28	63	46	17
MOUNTAIN I	80	38	17	25	14	11
MOUNTAIN II	61	28	14	19	15	4
MOUNTAIN III	46	10	22	14	11	3
PACIFIC	110	47	20	43	30	13
CALIFORNIA	237	52	9	176	132	44
HAWAII	13	2	1	10	9	1
U. S.	2814	1289	550	975	659	316

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,
BY STATES AND REGIONS, OCTOBER 12-18, 1986 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	HOURS WORKED			WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS
	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED	
HOURS				DOLLARS PER HOUR
NORTHEAST I	64.1	47.0	39.9	4.56
NORTHEAST II	59.2	34.1	39.7	4.61
APPALACHIA I	35.9	36.5	33.8	4.26
APPALACHIA II	31.7	32.2	32.0	3.92
SOUTHEAST	38.5	32.7	37.9	4.05
FLORIDA	42.5	37.8	35.0	5.21
LAKE	61.3	38.1	39.9	4.29
CORNBELT I	57.6	37.2	40.8	4.75
CORNBELT II	54.1	36.4	39.8	4.27
DELTA	36.3	36.5	38.8	4.23
NORTH PLAINS	61.4	40.1	46.3	4.79
SOUTH PLAINS	29.6	32.1	38.6	4.91
MOUNTAIN I	51.9	37.8	52.3	4.40
MOUNTAIN II	48.5	32.8	46.5	6.44
MOUNTAIN III	38.3	40.4	48.2	5.10
PACIFIC	34.6	33.2	41.8	5.39
CALIFORNIA	38.6	32.3	41.5	5.67
HAWAII	32.9	32.7	39.0	7.41
U. S.	48.7	37.0	39.9	4.83

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, OCTOBER 12-18, 1986 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	TYPE OF WORK					METHOD OF PAY		
	FIELD	LIVESTOCK	FIELD & LIVESTOCK	SUPERVISORY	OTHER	HOURLY	PIECE RATE	OTHER
DOLLARS PER HOUR								
NORTHEAST I	4.66	3.77	4.32	6.88	5.01	4.56	5.91	4.31
NORTHEAST II	4.70	3.54	4.28	6.56	5.51	4.87	4.97	4.17
APPALACHIAN I	4.24	3.97	4.17	3/	4.24	4.12	5.31	4.57
APPALACHIAN II	3.73	4.17	3.81	3/	3.98	3.65	4.52	5.04
SOUTHEAST	3.64	4.16	3.90	3/	3.99	4.13	3/	3.97
FLORIDA	4.63	4.58	4.62	3/	6.03	4.67	5.04	6.61
LAKE	4.41	3.66	4.07	3/	4.74	4.51	3/	3.72
CORNBELT I	4.67	4.10	4.41	9.90	4.57	4.58	3/	5.32
CORNBELT II	4.02	4.06	4.04	3/	4.46	4.35	3/	4.00
DELTA	4.01	4.37	4.24	3/	4.01	4.11	3/	4.59
NORTHERN PLAINS	4.16	4.52	4.31	5.50	5.09	4.65	3/	4.65
SOUTHERN PLAINS	4.44	4.69	4.58	7.67	4.82	4.43	3/	5.54
MOUNTAIN I	4.49	4.14	4.36	5.58	4.32	4.66	3/	3.87
MOUNTAIN II	4.41	6.17	5.81	8.25	6.99	4.66	3/	7.21
MOUNTAIN III	5.00	4.08	4.68	6.81	5.33	4.79	3/	5.92
PACIFIC	5.09	5.64	5.16	7.21	5.55	4.85	6.05	6.26
CALIFORNIA	5.15	5.56	5.23	9.17	5.91	4.96	6.75	7.84
HAWAII	6.39	3/	6.39	10.49	8.40	6.96	3/	10.61
U. S.	4.61	4.37	4.52	7.79	4.90	4.56	5.76	5.27

1/ EXCLUDES AGRICULTURAL SERVICE WORKERS.

2/ REGIONS CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

NORTHEAST I: CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT.

NORTHEAST II: DE, MD, NJ, PA.

APPALACHIAN I: NC, VA.

APPALACHIAN II: KY, TN, WV.

SOUTHEAST: AL, GA, SC.

LAKE: MI, MN, WI.

CORNBELT I: IL, IN, OH.

CORNBELT II: IA, MO.

DELTA: AR, LA, MS.

NORTHERN PLAINS: KS, NE, ND, SD.

SOUTHERN PLAINS: OK, TX.

MOUNTAIN I: ID, MT, WY.

MOUNTAIN II: CO, NV, UT.

MOUNTAIN III: AZ, NM.

PACIFIC: OR, WA.

3/ INSUFFICIENT DATA.

WORKERS ON FARMS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, JULY 6-12, 1986 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	ALL FARM WORKERS	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED		
				NUMBER OF WORKERS	EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED 150 DAYS OR MORE	149 DAYS OR LESS
THOUSANDS						
NORTHEAST I	137	46	21	70	42	28
NORTHEAST II	147	55	26	66	40	26
APPALACHIA I	165	68	20	77	34	43
APPALACHIA II	205	111	42	52	25	27
SOUTHEAST	119	51	14	54	28	26
FLORIDA	57	14	2	41	34	7
LAKE	434	177	129	128	55	73
CORNBELT I	311	154	62	95	54	41
CORNBELT II	271	141	60	70	31	39
DELTA	133	64	18	51	33	18
NORTH PLAINS	275	143	85	47	23	24
SOUTH PLAINS	271	139	49	83	41	42
MOUNTAIN I	91	37	21	33	17	16
MOUNTAIN II	69	26	12	31	16	15
MOUNTAIN III	49	10	22	17	12	5
PACIFIC	185	56	26	103	37	66
CALIFORNIA	271	54	13	204	144	60
HAWAII	14	2	1	11	9	2
U. S.	3204	1348	623	1233	675	558

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,
BY STATES AND REGIONS, JULY 6-12, 1986 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	HOURS WORKED			WAGE RATES
	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED	
HOURS				DOLLARS PER HOUR
NORTHEAST I	64.1	43.6	38.4	4.23
NORTHEAST II	56.2	39.0	35.4	4.51
APPALACHIA I	38.0	35.9	30.6	3.98
APPALACHIA II	33.4	28.5	28.9	3.80
SOUTHEAST	39.8	37.5	35.6	3.89
FLORIDA	37.6	39.1	35.5	5.09
LAKE	56.2	40.0	35.1	4.10
CORNBELT I	45.7	39.0	32.8	4.61
CORNBELT II	44.5	38.5	31.5	4.46
DELTA	39.0	36.4	40.8	4.00
NORTH PLAINS	60.3	44.3	42.6	4.53
SOUTH PLAINS	40.7	42.2	39.1	4.36
MOUNTAIN I	61.7	44.6	46.7	4.40
MOUNTAIN II	61.2	44.8	40.7	5.01
MOUNTAIN III	40.7	29.5	48.5	4.51
PACIFIC	39.1	35.4	34.0	4.38
CALIFORNIA	41.0	36.6	42.3	5.73
HAWAII	31.9	29.7	38.7	7.37
U. S.	47.3	39.1	37.0	4.57

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, JULY 6-12, 1986 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	TYPE OF WORK					METHOD OF PAY		
	FIELD	LIVESTOCK	LIVESTOCK	VISORY	OTHER	HOURLY	PIECE RATE	OTHER
DOLLARS PER HOUR								
NORTHEAST I	4.31	3.61	4.06	3/	5.15	4.45	3/	3.70
NORTHEAST II	4.20	4.08	4.16	7.30	5.11	4.25	3/	5.23
APPALACHIAN I	3.91	3.94	3.92	3/	4.11	4.18	3.18	4.02
APPALACHIAN II	3.28	4.26	3.60	3/	4.08	3.66	3/	4.34
SOUTHEAST	3.62	4.26	3.79	5.94	3.71	3.92	3.53	4.10
FLORIDA	4.48	4.60	4.50	8.21	6.06	4.69	4.60	6.34
LAKE	4.38	3.36	3.98	3/	4.35	4.12	5.69	3.45
CORNBELT I	4.22	4.25	4.23	7.23	4.76	4.45	3/	5.09
CORNBELT II	4.34	4.15	4.27	3/	4.50	4.42	3/	4.53
DELTA	3.75	4.23	3.91	6.29	3.83	3.82	3/	4.43
NORTHERN PLAINS	4.64	4.80	4.68	3/	4.17	4.55	3/	4.49
SOUTHERN PLAINS	4.27	4.20	4.24	6.21	4.22	4.19	3/	4.63
MOUNTAIN I	4.51	3.84	4.27	6.08	4.22	4.63	5.81	3.69
MOUNTAIN II	4.47	5.15	4.74	7.93	5.18	4.54	3/	5.62
MOUNTAIN III	3.99	4.01	3.99	6.81	5.04	4.28	3/	5.19
PACIFIC	4.15	3/	4.19	6.46	4.89	4.51	3.96	5.44
CALIFORNIA	5.22	5.31	5.23	8.80	6.41	5.21	6.57	7.54
HAWAII	6.40	3/	6.40	*10.90	8.46	*6.83	3/	10.34
U. S.	4.39	4.15	4.32	7.32	4.66	4.46	4.55	4.88

* REVISED.

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STATE AND REGION 2/	ALL FARM WORKERS	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED		
				NUMBER OF WORKERS	EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED	
					150 DAYS OR MORE	149 DAYS OR LESS
THOUSANDS						
NORTHEAST I	137	51	25	61	38	23
NORTHEAST II	120	48	29	43	35	8
APPALACHIA I	158	76	18	64	38	26
APPALACHIA II	163	87	37	39	14	25
SOUTHEAST	129	55	19	55	33	22
FLORIDA	54	10	3	41	34	7
LAKE	415	198	118	99	53	46
CORNBELT I	313	160	75	78	44	34
CORNBELT II	235	147	48	40	24	16
DELTA	166	72	30	64	39	25
NORTH PLAINS	266	154	69	43	28	15
SOUTH PLAINS	243	142	39	62	44	18
MOUNTAIN I	71	34	10	27	15	12
MOUNTAIN II	66	30	16	20	17	3
MOUNTAIN III	47	12	17	18	14	4
PACIFIC	102	36	12	54	21	33
CALIFORNIA	257	48	13	196	116	80
HAWAII	14	2	1	11	10	1
U. S.	2956	1362	579	1015	617	398

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,
BY STATES AND REGIONS, OCTOBER 6-12, 1985 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	HOURS WORKED			WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS
	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED	
HOURS				DOLLARS PER HOUR
NORTHEAST I	58.3	41.2	40.1	4.16
NORTHEAST II	55.7	39.7	45.5	4.35
APPALACHIA I	32.5	28.6	31.5	4.35
APPALACHIA II	36.2	31.3	28.8	4.04
SOUTHEAST	38.0	31.9	33.6	3.68
FLORIDA	43.8	33.7	36.8	5.05
LAKE	54.6	34.5	35.9	4.22
CORNBELT I	50.9	36.4	41.3	4.44
CORNBELT II	44.5	39.4	34.8	4.35
DELTA	37.3	29.4	49.0	3.86
NORTH PLAINS	48.4	38.4	36.8	4.58
SOUTH PLAINS	33.3	30.0	38.0	4.71
MOUNTAIN I	49.9	48.4	49.0	4.03
MOUNTAIN II	45.1	41.4	43.8	4.59
MOUNTAIN III	37.7	30.0	40.3	4.78
PACIFIC	38.8	39.4	42.3	5.06
CALIFORNIA	36.3	31.2	40.9	5.51
HAWAII	27.5	27.5	38.9	7.46
U. S.	47.9	38.6	38.6	4.56

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, OCTOBER 6-12, 1985 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	TYPE OF WORK					METHOD OF PAY		
	FIELD	LIVESTOCK	LIVESTOCK	VISORY	OTHER	HOURLY	PIECE RATE	OTHER
DOLLARS PER HOUR								
NORTHEAST I	4.15	3.76	4.02	6.32	4.22	4.13	5.29	3.98
NORTHEAST II	4.37	3.81	4.16	6.78	4.65	4.40	4.25	4.30
APPALACHIAN I	4.17	4.15	4.16	7.80	4.16	4.06	3/	4.96
APPALACHIAN II	3.99	3.88	3.96	3/	4.00	3.92	5.51	4.04
SOUTHEAST	3.37	3.86	3.61	5.33	3.72	3.54	3/	3.77
FLORIDA	4.27	4.56	4.35	8.22	5.79	4.57	4.73	6.87
LAKE	3.99	3.84	3.92	6.03	4.77	4.24	4.64	4.08
CORNBELT I	4.24	4.61	4.38	6.69	4.16	4.61	4.48	4.13
CORNBELT II	4.58	3.95	4.31	3/	4.23	4.40	3/	4.16
DELTA	3.76	4.46	3.95	5.71	3.60	3.86	3/	3.88
NORTHERN PLAINS	4.63	4.60	4.62	3/	4.43	4.62	3/	4.50
SOUTHERN PLAINS	4.20	4.43	4.36	6.84	4.74	4.48	3/	5.03
MOUNTAIN I	3.88	3.56	3.73	5.55	4.28	4.09	3/	3.94
MOUNTAIN II	4.32	4.40	4.36	6.26	3/	4.61	3/	4.65
MOUNTAIN III	4.90	4.44	4.69	6.53	4.57	4.59	3/	5.09
PACIFIC	4.88	5.49	4.94	6.56	5.18	4.83	5.37	5.34
CALIFORNIA	5.16	5.60	5.21	7.94	5.82	4.86	6.66	7.10
HAWAII	6.68	3/	6.62	11.22	3/	7.01	3/	3/
U. S.	4.47	4.24	4.40	7.07	4.51	4.41	5.51	4.62

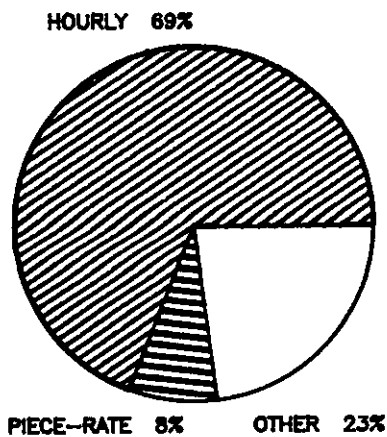
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DISTRIBUTION OF HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS, UNITED STATES,
OCTOBER 12-18, 1986, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

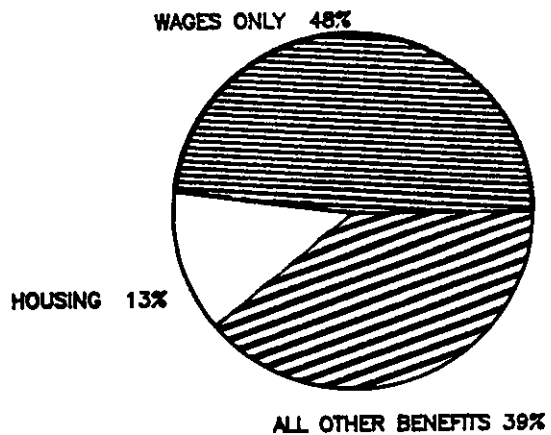
CATEGORY	OCT 6-12, 1985	JUL 6-12, 1986	OCT 12-18, 1986
	PERCENT OF HIRED WORKERS		
EMPLOYED ON FARMS HIRING:			
1 WORKER	17	12	16
2 WORKERS	13	12	13
3-6 WORKERS	23	25	23
7-10 WORKERS	9	11	10
11 AND OVER WORKERS	38	40	38
	100.0	100.0	100.0
PAYMENT METHOD:			
HOURLY	66	69	69
PIECE-RATE	10	12	8
OTHER METHODS	24	19	23
	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERQUISITES:			
WAGES ONLY	60	53	48
BONUS	3	3	3
ROOM AND BOARD	7	8	8
HOUSING	14	15	13
MEALS OR FOOD	5	7	9
OTHER PERQUISITES	11	14	19
	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ EXCLUDES AGRICULTURAL SERVICE WORKERS.

PAYMENT METHOD



PERQUISITES



AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Crew leaders and custom crews provided 229,000 workers for the Nation's farms during the week of October 12-18, 1986. During the comparable week a year earlier there were 187,000 services workers. California, with 45,000 service workers, registered a 5 percent (2,000) increase from last year, while the number in Florida declined to 3,700 from 5,800 in October 1985.

The average wages received by workers furnished by agricultural service firms in California and Florida were \$6.75 and \$5.39 per hour, respectively. Comparable wages in October 1985 were \$6.68 in California and \$5.42 in Florida.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES: WORKERS, HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES WITH COMPARISONS, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 12-18, 1986 1/

ITEM	OCT 1985			JUL 1986			OCT 1986		
	CALIF	FLA	US	CALIF	FLA	US	CALIF	FLA	US
	THOUSANDS								
NUMBER OF WORKERS WORKING ON FARMS	43.0	5.8	187.0	55.0	4.0	265.0	45.0	3.7	229.0
	HOURS 2/								
HOURS WORKED	36.9	33.7	-	42.9	35.5	-	40.0	22.9	-
	DOLLARS PER HOUR 2/								
WAGE RATES 3/	6.68	5.42	-	6.61	4.80	-	6.75	5.39	-
METHOD OF PAY									
HOURLY	5.80	4.75	-	5.50	4.55	-	6.32	5.06	-
PIECE-RATE	6.67	4.88	-	6.40	4.92	-	6.50	5.30	-
TYPE OF WORK									
FIELD	5.93	4.78	-	5.60	4.36	-	5.77	4.91	-

1/ DATA ARE FOR AGRICULTURAL SERVICES PERFORMED ON THE FARM BY CUSTOM SERVICE UNITS SUCH AS CREW LEADERS OR CUSTOM CREWS. THESE STATISTICS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE STATE-REGIONAL TABLES. 2/ UNITED STATES DATA NOT AVAILABLE. 3/ PERQUISITES SUCH AS ROOM AND BOARD, HOUSING, ETC., ARE PROVIDED SOME WORKERS BUT THE VALUES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE WAGE RATES.

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