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# Farm Labor



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## NUMBER OF WORKERS UP - WAGE RATES INCREASE

A total of 3.07 million people worked on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 11-17, 1987, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. This number compares with 3.04 million workers during the comparable survey week in 1986. The workforce was made up of 1.32 million self-employed farm operators, 524,000 unpaid workers and 997,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Rounding out the total were 227,000 agricultural service employees. Self-employed and hired worker numbers were both up 3 percent and 2 percent from last year, respectively. Unpaid workers and service workers were down.

The all hired farm worker wage rate in October was \$4.92 per hour, up 9 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned \$4.72 per hour compared with \$4.56 last October. Wage rates for field and livestock workers were \$4.80 and \$4.27, respectively. During October 1986, field workers made \$4.61 while livestock workers earned \$4.37.

During the October 1987 survey week, self-employed persons worked an average of 46.6 hours, 2.1 hours less than in the comparable week in 1986. Unpaid workers, who worked 15 hours or more during the week, put in 37.3 hours compared with 37.0 a year earlier. Hired workers spent an average of 40.5 hours doing agricultural work, up 0.6 hour from October of last year.

Perquisites and other benefits such as housing and food were provided to 44 percent of the hired workers. Housing was furnished to 13 percent of the workers, unchanged from the October survey period a year ago.

## FARM ACTIVITIES DURING SURVEY WEEK

Corn and soybean harvests were intense during the survey week of October 11-17, 1987, even though rain slowed these activities in a few Corn Belt States. Seventy-six percent of the Nation's corn crop was harvested compared with a 5-year average of 38 percent. Soybeans were 77 percent harvested compared with a 43 percent average. Winter wheat seeding advanced 8 points during the week to 87 percent completion, 13 points ahead of normal. Cotton was 46 percent harvested, 14 points above average. Slow maturity restricted cotton harvest in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Fall vegetable harvest and winter planting continued on schedule in Florida and fresh fruit harvest was on the increase. California grape and valencia orange harvests were virtually complete while desert grapefruit and fairchild tangerine harvests gained momentum. A hot, dry fall delayed Washington's apple harvest and concentrated picking of the crop into a shorter than normal period which peaked during the survey week.

## SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

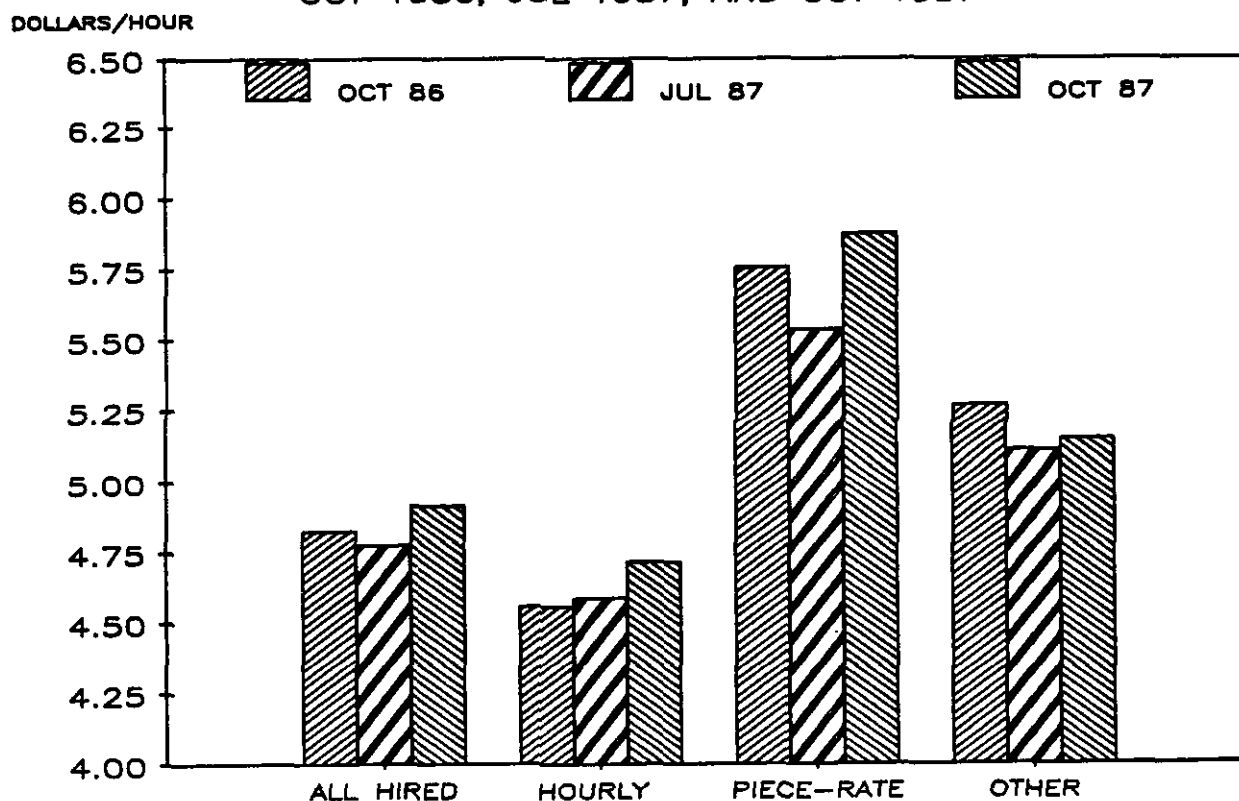
Starting with the April 12-18, 1987 survey, workers were classified by type of work they were hired to do rather than the specific job performed during the survey week. Definitions for type of workers were also clarified. The level of workers and overall wage rates are believed to be comparable with previous surveys. Some shift between classification breakdowns, however, may be attributed to these survey changes.

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 employers not on the list. The multiple frame approach assures all employers are represented by the combined samples.

Standard error or relative sampling error is a statistical measure of the variation that occurs 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 2.1 and 4.5 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 sampling error of 1.8 percent at the U.S. level. Relative sampling errors for hourly, field, and livestock worker wage rates at the U.S. level were 2.3, 1.7, and 3.9 percent, respectively. The relative sampling error at the U.S. level for the combined field and livestock worker wage rate was 1.9 percent.

## U.S. WAGE RATES BY METHOD OF PAY OCT 1986, JUL 1987, AND OCT 1987



FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT, WAGE RATES AND INDEXES, UNITED STATES,  
OCTOBER 11-17, 1987, WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	FARM EMPLOYMENT		
	OCT 12-18, 1986	JUL 12-18, 1987	OCT 11-17, 1987
THOUSANDS			
TOTAL WORKERS	2,814	3,211	2,843
SELF-EMPLOYED	1,289	1,354	1,322
UNPAID	550	587	524
HIRED	975	1,270	997
EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED			
150 DAYS OR MORE	659	706	664
149 DAYS OR LESS	316	564	333
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES WORKERS WORKING ON FARMS	229	258	227
TOTAL FARM & SERVICE WORKERS	3,043	3,469	3,070
INDEXES- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 1910-14=100			
ALL FARM WORKERS	20	20	18
HIRED WORKERS	25	23	26
1977=100			
ALL FARM WORKERS	68	65	69
HIRED WORKERS	71	67	73

ITEM	FARM WAGE RATES 1/ 2/		
	OCT 12-18, 1986	JUL 12-18, 1987	OCT 11-17, 1987
DOLLARS PER HOUR			
ALL HIRED FARM WORKERS	4.83	4.78	4.92
METHOD OF PAY			
HOURLY	4.56	4.59	4.72
PIECE-RATE	5.76	5.54	5.88
OTHER	5.27	5.11	5.15
TYPE OF WORKER			
FIELD & LIVESTOCK COMBINED	4.52	4.52	4.64
FIELD	4.61	4.60	4.80
LIVESTOCK	4.37	4.29	4.27
SUPERVISORY	7.79	7.79	7.54
OTHER	4.90	6.40	6.59
INDEXES- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ALL HIRED WORKERS			
1910-14=100	3,031	3,316	3,088
1977=100	159	174	162

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 11-17, 1987 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	112	36	15	61	42	19
NORTHEAST II	141	62	30	49	39	10
APPALACHIA I	131	55	25	51	27	24
APPALACHIA II	151	92	26	33	13	20
SOUTHEAST	111	54	15	42	24	18
FLORIDA	74	16	3	55	50	5
LAKE	354	172	96	86	55	31
CORNBELT I	297	163	58	76	51	25
CORNBELT II	264	154	70	40	23	17
DELTA	131	65	15	51	32	19
NORTH PLAINS	240	141	53	46	33	13
SOUTH PLAINS	277	143	43	91	65	26
MOUNTAIN I	78	35	19	24	14	10
MOUNTAIN II	65	27	12	26	14	12
MOUNTAIN III	50	10	24	16	14	2
PACIFIC	107	38	11	58	31	27
CALIFORNIA	245	56	8	181	127	54
HAWAII	15	3	1	11	10	1
U. S.	2843	1322	524	997	664	333

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,  
BY STATES AND REGIONS, OCTOBER 11-17, 1987 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	HOURS WORKED			WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS
	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED	
HOURS				DOLLARS PER HOUR
NORTHEAST I	57.0	38.1	44.5	4.63
NORTHEAST II	50.1	39.0	38.2	5.35
APPALACHIA I	36.8	29.4	30.6	4.67
APPALACHIA II	32.7	30.6	30.9	4.16
SOUTHEAST	34.1	31.7	33.2	4.01
FLORIDA	31.4	30.4	41.6	5.15
LAKE	59.8	36.9	41.0	4.45
CORNBELT I	47.4	36.8	38.4	4.70
CORNBELT II	54.9	44.6	45.7	4.32
DELTA	40.2	33.6	49.2	4.05
NORTH PLAINS	57.3	43.9	47.7	4.44
SOUTH PLAINS	33.6	33.9	38.9	5.02
MOUNTAIN I	48.0	30.0	47.8	4.28
MOUNTAIN II	49.6	41.7	44.8	4.58
MOUNTAIN III	43.8	34.7	44.0	4.85
PACIFIC	37.6	39.1	41.0	6.15
CALIFORNIA	37.3	32.1	39.9	5.85
HAWAII	30.6	28.1	37.3	8.18
U. S.	46.6	37.3	40.5	4.92

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, OCTOBER 11-17, 1987 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	TYPE OF WORKER					METHOD OF PAY		
	FIELD	LIVESTOCK	FIELD & LIVESTOCK	SUPERVISORY	OTHER	HOURLY	PIECE RATE	OTHER
DOLLARS PER HOUR								
NORTHEAST I	4.67	4.00	4.42	6.64	3/	4.74	5.71	4.32
NORTHEAST II	5.48	3.64	4.99	7.54	6.94	5.67	5.67	4.68
APPALACHIAN I	4.45	4.57	4.49	6.41	6.14	4.49	5.32	5.07
APPALACHIAN II	3.81	4.26	3.98	6.87	3/	3.89	5.88	5.16
SOUTHEAST	3.73	4.10	3.84	6.81	5.28	4.02	3/	3.99
FLORIDA LAKE	4.66	4.52	4.65	8.86	7.15	4.85	4.01	7.06
CORNBELT I	4.92	3.68	4.35	5.73	3/	4.77	5.98	3.66
CORNBELT II	4.38	4.54	4.42	7.96	3/	4.56	3/	5.10
DELTA	4.29	3.87	4.18	7.41	3/	4.16	3/	4.78
NORTHERN PLAINS	3.84	4.31	3.94	6.04	3/	3.96	3/	4.29
SOUTHERN PLAINS	4.90	3.88	4.35	5.19	5.55	4.23	3/	5.11
MOUNTAIN I	4.59	4.73	4.65	8.47	3/	4.68	4.62	5.59
MOUNTAIN II	4.46	3.82	4.21	4.89	3/	4.64	4.80	3.60
MOUNTAIN III	4.69	3.97	4.49	5.17	3/	4.66	3/	4.45
PACIFIC	4.51	4.11	4.36	7.52	3/	4.51	6.32	5.20
CALIFORNIA	6.11	5.56	6.04	6.59	7.39	5.40	7.03	6.07
HAWAII	5.20	6.05	5.32	9.70	7.86	5.20	6.95	8.18
U. S.	7.67	3/	7.62	11.36	8.43	7.87	3/	10.36
	4.80	4.27	4.64	7.54	6.59	4.72	5.88	5.15

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.

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MOUNTAIN III: AZ, NM.

PACIFIC: OR, WA.

3/ INSUFFICIENT DATA.

WORKERS ON FARMS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, JULY 12-18, 1987 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	126	38	19	69	41	28
NORTHEAST II	163	62	28	73	48	25
APPALACHIA I	151	58	28	65	27	38
APPALACHIA II	169	98	28	43	18	25
SOUTHEAST	136	47	16	73	34	39
FLORIDA	60	16	5	39	33	6
LAKE	412	175	105	132	57	75
CORNBELT I	338	168	64	106	47	59
CORNBELT II	257	138	65	54	28	26
DELTA	144	63	25	56	35	21
NORTH PLAINS	279	151	67	61	34	27
SOUTH PLAINS	303	164	49	90	68	22
MOUNTAIN I	96	36	19	41	20	21
MOUNTAIN II	78	30	17	31	17	14
MOUNTAIN III	55	10	23	22	17	5
PACIFIC	150	43	20	87	35	52
CALIFORNIA	278	54	8	216	136	80
HAWAII	16	3	1	12	11	1
U. S.	3211	1354	587	1270	706	564

HOURS WORKED PER WEEK AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,  
BY STATES AND REGIONS, JULY 12-18, 1987 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	HOURS WORKED			WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS
	SELF- EMPLOYED	UNPAID	HIRED	
HOURS				DOLLARS PER HOUR
NORTHEAST I	56.6	42.5	43.1	4.62
NORTHEAST II	50.9	37.4	35.0	5.36
APPALACHIA I	38.9	39.4	30.2	4.20
APPALACHIA II	35.3	32.5	35.0	4.00
SOUTHEAST	39.7	35.9	28.3	4.03
FLORIDA	30.8	36.4	38.4	5.29
LAKE	56.8	41.0	33.1	4.32
CORNBELT I	42.0	34.9	28.6	5.02
CORNBELT II	49.7	38.4	31.4	4.53
DELTA	42.3	32.9	39.9	4.04
NORTH PLAINS	60.1	44.9	44.3	4.53
SOUTH PLAINS	39.3	33.8	43.1	4.28
MOUNTAIN I	56.8	40.9	44.4	4.04
MOUNTAIN II	64.7	48.3	49.0	4.30
MOUNTAIN III	48.4	43.8	54.3	4.34
PACIFIC	45.4	39.5	42.6	5.06
CALIFORNIA	34.7	40.9	41.7	5.96
HAWAII	29.1	28.0	38.1	8.21
U. S.	47.1	39.0	37.9	4.78

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, BY STATES AND REGIONS, JULY 12-18, 1987 1/

STATE AND REGION 2/	TYPE OF WORKER					METHOD OF PAY		
	FIELD	LIVESTOCK	LIVESTOCK	SUPERVISORY	OTHER	HOURLY	PIECE RATE	OTHER
DOLLARS PER HOUR								
NORTHEAST I	4.59	3.90	4.34	6.67	3/	4.88	3/	3.97
NORTHEAST II	5.13	4.17	4.91	8.10	7.39	4.92	8.09	5.75
APPALACHIAN I	3.84	4.51	3.97	8.13	3/	3.90	3/	5.31
APPALACHIAN II	3.69	4.17	3.89	6.61	3/	3.79	3/	4.87
SOUTHEAST	3.63	4.43	3.87	7.06	4.86	3.93	4.46	4.39
FLORIDA	4.51	5.17	4.62	9.23	6.70	4.62	4.89	7.45
LAKE	4.51	3.69	4.17	7.01	3/	4.47	4.50	3.89
CORNBELT I	4.77	4.68	4.74	7.46	3/	4.75	3/	5.80
CORNBELT II	4.00	4.70	4.22	8.18	3/	4.35	3/	5.28
DELTA	3.83	4.10	3.90	6.39	3/	3.93	3/	4.41
NORTHERN PLAINS	4.35	4.32	4.34	6.54	5.44	4.67	5.54	4.27
SOUTHERN PLAINS	3.90	4.23	4.02	7.47	3/	3.90	3/	4.97
MOUNTAIN I	4.03	3.58	3.94	5.37	3/	3.98	4.74	3.92
MOUNTAIN II	4.31	3.67	4.15	6.09	3/	4.41	3/	4.17
MOUNTAIN III	4.07	4.09	4.07	6.56	3/	4.13	3/	4.90
PACIFIC	4.90	5.37	4.94	7.34	3/	4.96	4.63	5.73
CALIFORNIA	5.54	5.93	5.58	10.10	3/	5.39	6.60	8.25
HAWAII	7.93	3/	7.82	11.24	7.88	7.72	3/	10.71
U. S.	4.60	4.29	4.52	7.79	6.40	4.59	5.54	5.11

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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	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

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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	40.5	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 WORKER					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 LAKE	: 4.63	4.58	4.62	3/	6.03	4.67	5.04	6.61
CORNBELT I	: 4.41	3.66	4.07	3/	4.74	4.51	3/	3.72
CORNBELT II	: 4.67	4.10	4.41	9.90	4.57	4.58	3/	5.32
DELTA	: 4.02	4.06	4.04	3/	4.46	4.35	3/	4.00
NORTHERN PLAINS	: 4.01	4.37	4.24	3/	4.01	4.11	3/	4.59
SOUTHERN PLAINS	: 4.16	4.52	4.31	5.50	5.09	4.65	3/	4.65
MOUNTAIN I	: 4.44	4.69	4.58	7.67	4.82	4.43	3/	5.54
MOUNTAIN II	: 4.49	4.14	4.36	5.58	4.32	4.66	3/	3.87
MOUNTAIN III	: 4.41	6.17	5.81	8.25	6.99	4.66	3/	7.21
PACIFIC	: 5.00	4.08	4.68	6.81	5.33	4.79	3/	5.92
CALIFORNIA	: 5.09	5.64	5.16	7.21	5.55	4.85	6.05	6.26
HAWAII	: 5.15	5.56	5.23	9.17	5.91	4.96	6.75	7.84
U. S.	: 6.39	3/	6.39	10.49	8.40	6.96	3/	10.61
	: 4.61	4.37	4.52	7.79	4.90	4.56	5.76	5.27

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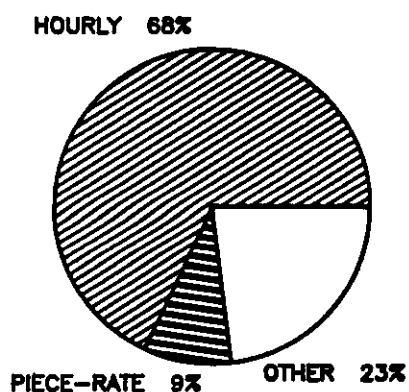
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DISTRIBUTION OF HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS, UNITED STATES,  
OCTOBER 11-17, 1987, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

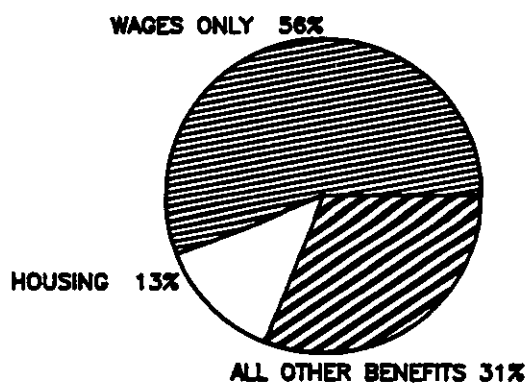
CATEGORY	OCT 12-18, 1986	JUL 12-18, 1987	OCT 11-17, 1987
PERCENT OF HIRED WORKERS			
EMPLOYED ON FARMS HIRING:			
1 WORKER	16	13	15
2 WORKERS	13	12	11
3-6 WORKERS	23	26	23
7-10 WORKERS	10	10	9
11 AND OVER WORKERS	38	39	42
	100.0	100.0	100.0
PAYMENT METHOD:			
HOURLY	69	71	68
PIECE-RATE	8	9	9
OTHER METHODS	23	20	23
	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERQUISITES:			
WAGES ONLY	48	55	56
BONUS	3	4	5
ROOM AND BOARD	8	8	7
HOUSING	13	12	13
MEALS OR FOOD	9	7	5
OTHER PERQUISITES	19	14	14
	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ EXCLUDES AGRICULTURAL SERVICE WORKERS.

PAYMENT METHOD



PERQUISITES



AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Crew leaders and custom crews provided 227,000 workers for the Nation's farms during the week of October 11-17, 1987. This number was down 2,000 (1.0 percent) from a year earlier. Service workers in California numbered 35,000 compared with 45,000 last October. Florida's number also decreased to 2,500 this year from 3,700 service workers in October 1986.

The average wages received by agricultural service workers in California and Florida were \$6.40 and \$5.10 per hour, respectively. Comparable wages in October 1986 were \$6.75 in California and \$5.39 in Florida.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES: WORKERS, HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES WITH COMPARISONS, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 11-17, 1987 1/

ITEM	OCT 1986			JUL 1987			OCT 1987		
	CALIF	FLA	US	CALIF	FLA	US	CALIF	FLA	US
THOUSANDS									
NUMBER WORKING ON FARMS	45.0	3.7	229.0	52.0	2.2	258.0	35.0	2.5	227.0
HOURS 2/									
HOURS WORKED	40.0	22.9	-	40.7	37.4	-	39.8	33.4	-
DOLLARS PER HOUR 2/									
WAGE RATES 3/	6.75	5.39	-	6.48	5.13	-	6.40	5.10	-
METHOD OF PAY									
HOURLY	6.32	5.06	-	5.97	4.52	-	5.80	5.11	-
PIECE-RATE	6.50	5.30	-	6.75	4.39	-	7.02	4.59	-
TYPE OF WORK									
FIELD	5.77	4.91	-	6.08	4.44	-	6.00	4.57	-

- 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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