

Farm Labor



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Annual Wage Rates Up

Annual average wage rates paid by farm operators during 1993 were \$6.25 per hour. This compares to \$6.06 during 1992 and \$5.79 during 1991.

There were 3.25 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 1993. This is the same as the October 1992 survey week. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.54 million of the total, along with 503,000 unpaid workers, and 928,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 283,000 workers.

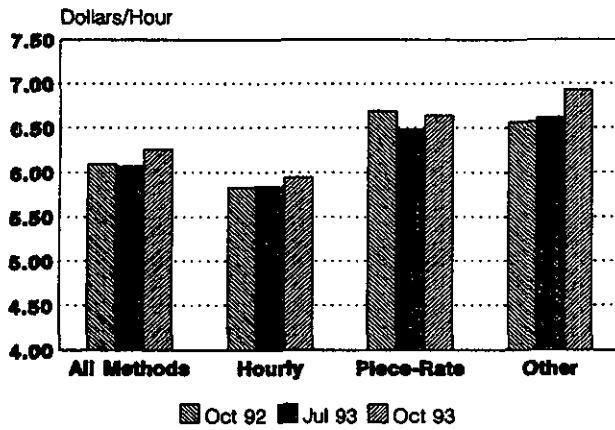
Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$6.26 per hour during the October 1993 survey week. This rate was up 17 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned \$5.94 per hour compared with \$5.83 in October 1992. Field workers received an average of \$5.91 per hour, up 17 cents from the October 1992 survey week. Livestock workers earned \$5.67 per hour compared with \$5.57 a year earlier.

Benefits, such as housing and meals, were provided to 38 percent of the hired workers during the survey week, compared to 39 percent in October 1992.

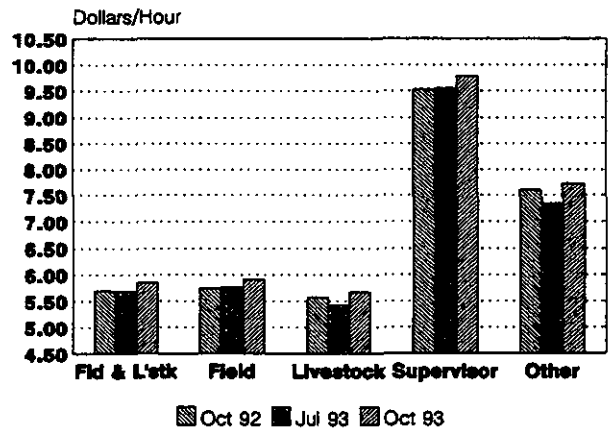
During the survey week of October 10-16, 1993, an early-week freeze ended the growing season across much of the Corn Belt. The week ended with a warmer, stormier pattern across the United States. Soybean harvest progressed across the Midwest, with Iowa and Minnesota harvesting at least one-third of their crops. Excessive moisture in the corn crop slowed harvest in the upper Midwest. From Illinois to Ohio, producers were planting winter wheat, but excessively dry soil delayed winter wheat planting in the Southeast. Rain delayed the cotton harvest in parts of Arizona and northern Texas. Producers harvested grain sorghum in the South. Rain slowed rice harvest in California. Dry beans were harvested in New York and cranberries were harvested in Massachusetts. The sugar cane harvest was active in Louisiana. In California, the Valencia orange crop harvest continued. Heavy rains in Florida delayed vegetable planting in the Everglades and delayed harvest progress along the Florida east coast. In Texas and California, vegetable planting and harvest continued. The apple harvest advanced across the nation. The pecan harvest was underway in Louisiana and increased in Texas. Peanut harvest continued in Texas.

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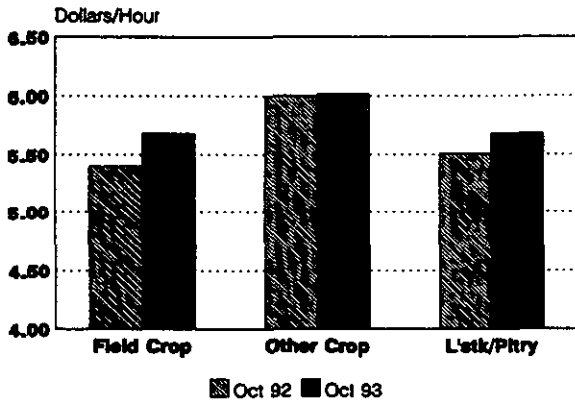
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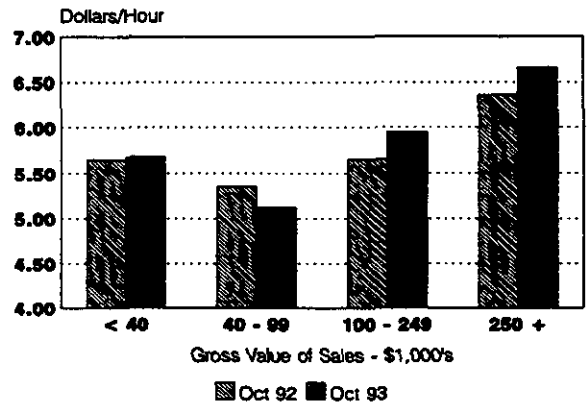
U.S. Wage Rates by Type of Worker



Wage Rate of Field & L'stk Wkrs Combined By Type of Farm



Wage Rates of All Hired Workers by Economic Class of Farm



Farm Labor: Employment, Wage Rates, and Indexes, United States,
October 10-16, 1993, with Comparisons 1/

Farm Employment	October 11-17, 1992	July 11-17, 1993	October 10-16, 1993
		1,000	
Farm Workers	2,950	*3,225	2,966
Self-Employed	1,574	1,604	1,535
Unpaid	484	559	503
Hired	892	*1,062	928
Expected to be Employed			
150 Days or More	600	*688	626
149 Days or Less	292	*374	302
Agricultural Services Workers Working on Farms	295	358	283
Total Farm & Service Workers	3,245	*3,583	3,249
Index - 1977=100			
All Farm Workers	70	64	70
Hired Workers	65	56	68
		Dollars per Hour	
Wage Rates for			
All Hired Workers <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	6.09	*6.07	6.26
Method of Pay			
Hourly	5.83	5.84	5.94
Piece-Rate	6.69	*6.48	6.64
Other	6.57	*6.62	6.93
Type of Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	5.70	*5.68	5.85
Field	5.74	*5.77	5.91
Livestock	5.57	5.42	5.67
Supervisory	9.53	*9.55	9.79
Other	7.61	*7.35	7.73
Index - 1977=100			
All Hired Workers Wage Rate	201	*221	206

* Revised.

1/ Excludes AK.

2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Workers on Farms: Number by Region, State,
and United States, October 10-16, 1993 1/

State and Region <u>2/</u>	All Farm Workers	Self- Employed <u>3/</u>	Unpaid <u>3/</u>	Hired		
				Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed 150 Days or More <u>3/</u>	149 Days or Less <u>3/</u>
				1,000		
NY	74			31		
Other <u>4/</u>	52			26		
Northeast I	126	49	20	57	37	20
PA	97			19		
Other <u>4/</u>	35			13		
Northeast II	132	67	33	32	23	9
NC	83			32		
VA	49			20		
Appalachian I	132	65	15	52	25	27
Appalachian II	200	138	28	34	19	15
Southeast	122	71	12	39	30	9
FL	93	26	4	63	59	4
MI	80			28		
MN	134			24		
WI	120			25		
Lake	334	176	81	77	52	25
Cornbelt I	309	178	74	57	36	21
Cornbelt II	234	149	54	31	20	11
Delta	141	82	18	41	30	11
Northern Plains	255	158	51	46	31	15
OK	82			13		
TX	217			46		
Southern Plains	299	199	41	59	41	18
Mountain I	79	37	16	26	19	7
Mountain II	53	23	7	23	16	7
AZ	25			11		
NM	27			5		
Mountain III	52	11	25	16	13	3
OR	52			17		
WA	71			39		
Pacific	123	53	14	56	28	28
CA	270	50	9	211	140	71
HI	12	3	1	8	7	1
US <u>5/</u>	2966	1535	503	928	626	302

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State and Region <u>2/</u>	Hours Worked			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Self- Employed <u>3/</u>	Unpaid <u>3/</u>	Hired	
	----- Hours per Week -----			Dollars per Hour
NY			42.2	6.20
Other <u>4/</u>			40.0	7.10
Northeast I	45.3	32.0	41.2	6.62
PA			42.0	6.09
Other <u>4/</u>			39.5	6.73
Northeast II	42.7	32.5	41.0	6.34
NC			32.1	5.79
VA			40.0	5.76
Appalachian I	30.4	30.3	35.1	5.78
Appalachian II	25.8	29.7	34.9	5.23
Southeast	25.8	29.5	36.4	6.01
FL	23.0	26.0	33.0	6.64
MI			36.1	6.20
MN			42.5	7.59
WI			34.0	5.38
Lake	51.5	34.3	37.4	6.45
Cornbelt I	42.6	35.0	43.8	6.01
Cornbelt II	42.7	32.1	39.8	6.02
Delta	32.9	34.6	47.9	5.39
Northern Plains	48.0	38.8	47.4	6.40
OK			43.0	6.23
TX			41.5	5.28
Southern Plains	29.9	29.9	41.8	5.51
Mountain I	43.2	37.0	49.9	5.60
Mountain II	46.4	33.3	38.3	6.31
AZ			43.0	6.18
NM			52.9	5.80
Mountain III	38.1	29.1	46.1	6.04
OR			44.7	7.22
WA			36.0	7.60
Pacific	28.6	28.4	38.6	7.47
CA	31.0	32.5	40.0	6.41
HI	30.2	31.3	36.7	9.40
US <u>5/</u>	38.1	33.1	40.1	6.26

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State and Region <u>2/</u>	Type of Worker <u>5/</u>					Method of Pay <u>6/</u>		
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	Super- visory	Other	Hourly	Piece Rate	Other
Dollars per Hour								
NY	5.85		5.64			6.10		
Other <u>4/</u>	6.60		6.24			6.95		
Northeast I	6.17	5.43	5.92	10.63	7.60	6.53	6.35	6.94
PA	6.36		5.98			6.10		
Other <u>4/</u>	6.41		6.13			6.50		
Northeast II	6.38	5.36	6.03	<u>3/</u>	8.84	6.28	6.41	6.41
NC	5.54		5.59			5.14		
VA	5.65		5.62			5.65		
Appalachian I	5.58	5.71	5.60	8.08	<u>3/</u>	5.35	6.89	6.25
Appalachian II	5.16	4.85	5.07	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	5.07	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Southeast	5.69	5.62	5.67	<u>3/</u>	5.51	5.76	<u>3/</u>	6.54
FL	5.90	6.50	5.95	11.70	9.85	5.80	7.30	10.30
MI	5.95		5.99			6.15		
MN	7.48		6.74			7.43		
WI	5.85		5.01			5.74		
Lake	6.52	5.04	5.92	10.47	7.08	6.53	6.26	6.37
Cornbelt I	5.81	5.84	5.82	7.71	<u>3/</u>	5.99	6.30	6.03
Cornbelt II	5.61	5.54	5.58	9.24	<u>3/</u>	5.70	<u>3/</u>	6.49
Delta	5.12	5.62	5.19	8.35	6.58	5.24	<u>3/</u>	5.92
Northern Plains	6.21	6.25	6.22	8.93	5.75	6.38	<u>3/</u>	6.41
OK	5.45		5.45			5.90		
TX	4.82		4.93			4.94		
Southern Plains	4.93	5.19	5.04	8.14	6.80	5.18	<u>3/</u>	6.04
Mountain I	5.53	5.20	5.40	7.11	<u>3/</u>	5.36	<u>3/</u>	5.83
Mountain II	5.79	5.45	5.63	9.05	<u>3/</u>	5.88	<u>3/</u>	6.74
AZ	5.30		5.43			5.40		
NM	5.02		5.55			5.15		
Mountain III	5.20	6.01	5.48	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	5.32	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
OR	6.80		6.72			6.52		
WA	7.15		7.21			6.70		
Pacific	7.04	7.07	7.04	10.85	9.03	6.62	7.89	9.58
CA	5.90	7.12	5.99	10.93	9.00	5.98	6.00	8.56
HI	8.37	<u>3/</u>	8.32	15.14	<u>3/</u>	8.69	<u>3/</u>	14.09
US <u>7/</u>	5.91	5.67	5.85	9.79	7.73	5.94	6.64	6.93

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				Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed 150 Days or More <u>3/</u>	Expected to be Employed 149 Days or Less <u>3/</u>
				1,000		
NY	77			25		
Other <u>4/</u>	58			28		
Northeast I	135	56	26	53	38	15
PA	103			24		
Other <u>4/</u>	42			18		
Northeast II	145	69	34	42	32	10
NC	104			49		
VA	51			18		
Appalachian I	155	70	18	67	25	42
Appalachian II	219	141	37	41	25	16
Southeast	154	77	22	55	34	21
FL	*77	25	4	*48	*43	*5
MI	98			29		
MN	146			25		
WI	142			32		
Lake	386	206	94	86	51	35
Cornbelt I	310	186	58	66	49	17
Cornbelt II	239	150	58	31	25	6
Delta	168	89	22	57	45	12
Northern Plains	238	149	46	43	28	15
OK	88			15		
TX	250			70		
Southern Plains	338	195	58	85	53	32
Mountain I	89	42	18	29	20	9
Mountain II	63	27	12	24	16	8
AZ	25			11		
NM	29			8		
Mountain III	54	11	24	19	16	3
OR	78			38		
WA	89			54		
Pacific	167	58	17	92	35	57
CA	275	50	10	215	145	70
HI	13	3	1	9	8	1
AK	.8	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.3	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>
US <u>5/</u>	*3225	1604	559	*1062	*688	*374

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	----- Hours per Week -----			Dollars per Hour
NY			45.3	5.80
Other <u>4/</u>			39.8	7.07
Northeast I	47.6	38.9	42.4	6.43
PA			43.0	6.04
Other <u>4/</u>			42.5	6.98
Northeast II	44.2	34.5	42.8	6.44
NC			31.8	5.07
VA			42.0	5.64
Appalachian I	32.1	31.1	34.5	5.26
Appalachian II	27.6	29.8	31.9	5.39
Southeast	30.1	28.9	33.2	5.68
FL	22.0	28.0	37.0	*6.99
MI			32.1	6.11
MN			32.1	6.22
WI			41.0	5.10
Lake	45.9	36.3	35.4	5.71
Cornbelt I	37.7	31.4	35.7	5.93
Cornbelt II	40.0	36.7	34.4	6.15
Delta	32.8	31.9	39.0	5.68
Northern Plains	42.0	31.9	47.0	5.79
OK			41.0	5.30
TX			40.3	5.16
Southern Plains	34.6	31.2	40.4	5.19
Mountain I	46.0	33.6	47.7	5.66
Mountain II	49.7	33.4	46.1	5.86
AZ			52.0	5.88
NM			49.6	6.00
Mountain III	40.7	28.9	51.0	5.93
OR			39.7	6.19
WA			44.0	6.17
Pacific	30.3	32.4	42.2	6.18
CA	32.0	33.0	43.0	6.64
HI	29.2	31.0	38.1	9.52
AK	46.0	35.0	35.0	7.10
US <u>5/</u>	37.6	33.2	39.9	*6.07

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	Field	Livestock	Livestock	Super- visory	Other	Hourly	Piece Rate	Other
Dollars per Hour								
NY	5.66		5.40			6.07		
Other <u>4/</u>	6.50		6.16			7.05		
Northeast I	6.00	5.34	5.76	9.95	7.62	6.56	<u>3/</u>	6.14
PA	6.55		5.75			6.46		
Other <u>4/</u>	6.02		6.07			6.24		
Northeast II	6.30	5.05	5.88	10.28	8.49	6.35	7.03	6.47
NC	4.95		4.99			4.76		
VA	5.38		5.44			5.50		
Appalachian I	5.07	5.67	5.12	<u>3/</u>	6.08	4.96	6.12	<u>3/</u>
Appalachian II	5.42	4.94	5.22	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	5.36	<u>3/</u>	5.33
Southeast	5.28	5.72	5.39	8.73	6.22	5.41	5.38	6.35
FL	*6.35	6.00	*6.31	*12.00	9.50	*6.30	*7.55	10.10
MI	5.83		5.70			5.75		
MN	6.51		5.84			5.96		
WI	5.43		4.70			5.65		
Lake	5.90	4.66	5.30	10.18	7.45	5.75	7.53	5.38
Cornbelt I	5.80	5.66	5.76	8.05	5.78	5.85	<u>3/</u>	6.11
Cornbelt II	5.61	5.88	5.76	8.68	<u>3/</u>	5.96	<u>3/</u>	6.56
Delta	5.07	5.75	5.30	9.01	6.83	5.47	6.94	6.19
Northern Plains	5.67	5.64	5.66	7.39	5.67	5.80	<u>3/</u>	5.77
OK	5.25		5.22			5.20		
TX	4.72		4.80			4.96		
Southern Plains	4.80	4.98	4.88	8.28	6.26	5.02	4.99	5.44
Mountain I	5.71	5.23	5.54	6.58	<u>3/</u>	5.73	<u>3/</u>	5.55
Mountain II	5.60	5.18	5.39	7.93	<u>3/</u>	5.72	<u>3/</u>	6.04
AZ	5.30		5.40			5.30		
NM	5.60		5.67			5.60		
Mountain III	5.41	5.75	5.52	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	5.43	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
OR	6.00		5.99			5.89		
WA	5.87		6.01			5.95		
Pacific	5.92	7.07	6.00	8.29	7.62	5.93	6.42	7.84
CA	6.06	7.12	6.11	11.63	8.21	6.07	6.92	10.94
HI	8.54	<u>3/</u>	8.54	14.88	<u>3/</u>	8.60	<u>3/</u>	13.58
AK	6.65	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	7.35	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
US <u>7/</u>	*5.77	5.42	*5.68	*9.55	*7.35	5.84	*6.48	*6.62

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VA	51			19		
Appalachian I	116	65	10	41	25	16
Appalachian II	218	140	29	49	28	21
Southeast	146	88	16	42	29	13
FL	81	24	3	54	48	6
MI	90			32		
MN	137			25		
WI	129			32		
Lake	356	180	87	89	44	45
Cornbelt I	306	179	70	57	38	19
Cornbelt II	260	164	59	37	28	9
Delta	148	79	18	51	34	17
Northern Plains	245	160	48	37	24	13
OK	85			15		
TX	197			45		
Southern Plains	282	192	30	60	37	23
Mountain I	66	37	10	19	14	5
Mountain II	57	29	9	19	15	4
AZ	29			12		
NM	28			6		
Mountain III	57	13	26	18	12	6
OR	54			20		
WA	60			30		
Pacific	114	51	13	50	30	20
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MI			38.9	6.42
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Cornbelt I	42.8	38.3	39.8	5.70
Cornbelt II	49.8	42.1	42.0	6.12
Delta	37.8	34.4	48.4	5.01
Northern Plains	51.4	41.0	49.9	6.37
OK			38.0	5.30
TX			42.7	5.38
Southern Plains	29.2	35.0	41.5	5.36
Mountain I	40.0	38.4	50.9	5.38
Mountain II	34.6	35.4	49.8	5.58
AZ			52.0	5.41
NM			41.1	5.92
Mountain III	38.0	36.8	48.4	5.55
OR			42.3	6.84
WA			43.0	7.10
Pacific	29.8	32.6	42.7	7.00
CA	35.4	31.9	42.8	6.63
HI	28.7	30.2	37.5	8.99
US <u>5/</u>	39.6	38.3	41.4	6.09

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Region map on page 21.

3/ Published at regional and U.S. level only.

4/ Other States in the same region.

5/ Excludes AK.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates by Region, State,
and United States, October 11-17, 1992 1/

State and Region <u>2/</u>	Type of Worker <u>5/</u>					Method of Pay <u>6/</u>		
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	Super- visory	Other	Hourly	Piece Rate	Other
Dollars per Hour								
NY	5.66		5.53			5.91		
Other <u>4/</u>	6.80		6.53			6.90		
Northeast I	6.20	5.38	5.93	10.29	7.08	6.36	6.73	6.91
PA	5.80		5.55			6.00		
Other <u>4/</u>	5.96		5.83			6.15		
Northeast II	5.84	5.20	5.64	9.26	8.18	6.05	6.08	6.23
NC	5.50		5.57			5.28		
VA	5.20		5.30			5.40		
Appalachian I	5.37	5.72	5.46	8.12	7.05	5.33	6.24	6.52
Appalachian II	4.93	5.09	4.99	8.40	<u>3/</u>	5.10	<u>3/</u>	6.75
Southeast	5.08	5.38	5.16	10.93	6.58	5.66	<u>3/</u>	5.65
FL	5.74	6.55	5.84	10.30	<u>3/</u>	5.76	5.75	9.60
MI	6.40		6.32			6.22		
MN	6.44		6.42			6.46		
WI	5.50		4.73			6.53		
Lake	6.26	4.88	5.82	9.68	7.09	6.40	6.88	5.66
Cornbelt I	5.52	5.43	5.50	7.13	7.20	5.62	<u>3/</u>	5.87
Cornbelt II	5.56	6.04	5.74	10.70	5.71	5.94	<u>3/</u>	6.55
Delta	4.76	5.43	4.86	<u>3/</u>	6.90	5.06	<u>3/</u>	4.89
Northern Plains	6.28	6.03	6.22	8.72	<u>3/</u>	6.40	<u>3/</u>	6.35
OK	5.05		5.08			5.20		
TX	4.99		5.08			5.10		
Southern Plains	5.01	5.20	5.08	8.42	6.68	5.13	<u>3/</u>	5.67
Mountain I	5.38	5.10	5.27	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	5.21	<u>3/</u>	5.51
Mountain II	5.36	5.34	5.35	7.20	<u>3/</u>	5.37	<u>3/</u>	5.77
AZ	4.80		4.95			5.10		
NM	5.42		5.35			5.42		
Mountain III	4.95	5.34	5.06	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	5.18	<u>3/</u>	6.79
OR	6.50		6.54			6.57		
WA	6.66		6.74			6.71		
Pacific	6.60	6.95	6.66	10.18	<u>3/</u>	6.65	<u>3/</u>	8.51
CA	6.02	6.60	6.10	10.96	9.56	5.91	7.64	8.80
HI	8.09	<u>3/</u>	8.06	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	8.05	<u>3/</u>	12.21
US <u>7/</u>	5.74	5.57	5.70	9.53	7.61	5.83	6.69	6.57

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Region map on page 21.

3/ Insufficient data.

4/ Other States in the same region.

5/ Livestock, Supervisory, and Other published at Regional and U. S. level only.

6/ Piece Rate and Other published at regional and U. S. level only.

7/ Excludes AK.

Field and Livestock Workers Combined: Wage Rates,
by Type of Farm, by Region and 48 States 1/

Region <u>2/</u>	October 11-17, 1992				October 10-16, 1993			
	Field: Crops	Other: Crops	L'stk &: Poultry	All: Farms	Field: Crops	Other: Crops	L'stk &: Poultry	All: Farms
Dollars per Hour								
Northeast	5.61	6.26	5.21	5.79	6.32	6.26	5.50	5.96
Appalachian	4.56	6.06	4.97	5.21	5.30	5.92	5.16	5.39
Southeast	4.70	5.66	6.00	5.55	5.54	5.92	5.82	5.84
Lake	6.55	6.29	4.94	5.82	6.38	6.81	5.21	5.92
Cornbelt	5.49	5.81	5.60	5.60	5.64	6.10	5.69	5.74
Delta	4.65	5.10	5.69	4.86	5.09	4.92	5.84	5.19
Northern Plains	6.43	6.19	5.72	6.22	6.32	<u>3/</u>	6.09	6.22
Southern Plains	4.90	5.20	5.22	5.08	5.05	4.76	5.17	5.04
Mountain	5.25	4.81	5.43	5.23	5.28	5.93	5.51	5.49
Pacific	6.21	6.12	6.67	6.23	6.68	6.01	7.14	6.18
48 States	5.40	6.00	5.51	5.67	5.68	6.02	5.68	5.83

All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm,
by Region and 48 States 1/

Region <u>2/</u>	October 11-17, 1992				October 10-16, 1993					
	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's		All		Gross Value Sales-\$1000's		All			
	<40:	40-99:	100-249:	250+:	Farms:	<40:	40-99:	100-249:	250+:	
Dollars per Hour										
N. East	7.71	5.10	5.93	6.68	6.36	5.86	5.72	5.65	7.03	6.52
Appal.	4.75	5.44	4.92	5.98	5.56	5.05	5.12	5.30	6.12	5.57
S. East	6.00	5.25	5.86	6.21	6.06	6.11	5.81	6.70	7.60	6.39
Lake	4.12	5.40	5.69	6.89	6.25	5.13	5.94	6.49	6.56	6.45
Cornbelt	5.75	5.41	5.12	6.42	5.88	5.65	4.79	6.06	6.28	6.01
Delta	4.43	4.89	5.12	5.05	5.01	5.61	5.18	5.51	5.32	5.39
N. Plains:	4.46	5.97	6.26	6.54	6.37	5.85	5.23	6.14	6.74	6.40
S. Plains:	4.81	5.39	5.51	5.42	5.36	5.12	4.84	5.02	5.86	5.51
Mountain	4.82	4.90	5.90	5.53	5.50	4.74	5.30	5.79	6.18	5.92
Pacific	6.44	6.03	6.36	6.81	6.72	7.24	4.79	6.12	6.78	6.60
48 States:	5.65	5.35	5.66	6.36	6.06	5.69	5.12	5.95	6.66	6.23

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Regions Consist of the following States.

Northeast: CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV.

Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC.

Lake: MI, MN, WI.

Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH.

Delta: AR, LA, MS.

Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD.

Southern Plains: OK, TX.

Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY.

Pacific: CA, OR, WA.

48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI.

3/ Insufficient data.

Field and Livestock Workers: Distribution
by Type of Farm, 48 States 1/

Type of Farm	October 11-17, 1992	July 11-17, 1993	October 10-16, 1993
	Percent of Field and Livestock Workers <u>2/ 3/</u>		
Field Crops	26	26	25
Other Crops	41	42	50
Livestock, Dairy, & Poultry	33	32	25
	100.0	100.0	100.0

Hired Workers: Distribution
by Economic Class of Farm, 48 States 1/

Gross Value of Sales	October 11-17, 1992	July 11-17, 1993	October 10-16, 1993
	Percent of Hired Workers <u>3/</u>		
Less than \$40,000	10	10	8
\$40,000-\$99,999	12	11	10
\$100,000-\$249,999	21	20	19
\$250,000 and over	57	59	63
	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ 48 States, excluding AK and HI.

2/ Field and Livestock Workers combined.

3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Hired Workers: Distribution by Category, United States 1/ 2/

	October 11-17, 1992	July 11-17, 1993	October 10-16, 1993
Percent of Hired Workers			
Employed on Farms Hiring:			
1 Worker	14	11	12
2 Workers	12	11	10
3-6 Workers	22	23	21
7-10 Workers	9	10	8
At least 11 Workers	43	45	49
	100.0	100.0	100.0
Payment Method:			
Hourly	70	72	69
Piece-Rate	7	7	8
Other Methods	23	21	23
	100.0	100.0	100.0
Benefits: <u>3/</u>			
Housing and Meals	5	6	5
Housing (no Meals)	14	14	13
Meals (no Housing)	4	3	4
Bonus	5	4	5
Other Benefits	11	13	11
Wages Only	61	60	62
	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Excludes AK.

3/ Benefits are in priority from highest to lowest. Each worker is counted one time in the highest category, even though benefits in a lower category may be received. Housing and meals is comparable to room and board used in previous reports. Other benefits include transportation, life and health insurance, utilities, etc.

Agricultural Services

Crew leaders and custom crews provided 283,000 workers for the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 1993. Service workers in California numbered 75,000 compared with 80,000 during the October 1992 survey week. Florida's number of service workers was 3,500, compared to 3,600 last year.

The average wages received by agricultural service workers in California and Florida were \$6.53 and \$6.68 per hour, respectively. Comparable wages in October 1992 were \$6.33 in California and \$7.09 in Florida.

Agricultural Service Workers: Number, Hours Worked, and Wage Rates,
for California, Florida, and United States 1/

Item	October 11-17, 1992			July 11-17, 1993			October 10-16, 1993		
	CA	FL	US	CA	FL	US	CA	FL	US
	1,000								
Number of Workers Working on Farms	80.0	3.6	295.0	85.0	3.0	358.0	75.0	3.5	283.0
	Hours <u>2/</u>								
Hours Worked	40.5	31.0	-	41.5	40.0	-	37.5	33.0	-
	Dollars per Hour <u>2/</u>								
Wage Rates <u>3/</u>	6.33	7.09	-	6.48	*6.88	-	6.53	6.68	-
Method of Pay									
Hourly	5.40	6.50	-	6.02	6.05	-	6.00	6.15	-
Piece-Rate	7.58	6.90	-	8.00	*7.00	-	6.98	6.00	-
Type of Work									
Field	6.14	6.49	-	6.00	*6.00	-	6.26	5.99	-

* Revised.

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/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

4/ Insufficient data.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates
by Region and United States, 1992 1/ 4/

Region <u>2/</u>	Type of Worker					Method of Pay			
	All Hired	Field	Live- Stock	Field & Livestock	Super- visory	Other	Hourly	Piece: Rate	Other
Dollars per Hour									
Northeast I	6.42	6.29	5.16	5.82	9.87	8.04	6.38	<u>3/</u>	6.46
Northeast II	6.38	6.12	5.33	5.81	10.27	7.62	6.24	6.52	6.57
Appalachian I	5.33	4.92	5.60	5.07	8.64	6.60	5.07	5.94	5.95
Appalachian II	5.38	5.06	5.17	5.09	8.60	<u>3/</u>	5.15	<u>3/</u>	6.20
Southeast	5.49	4.89	5.46	5.04	9.96	7.42	5.23	5.92	6.00
FL	6.38	5.87	6.18	5.91	10.58	8.23	5.87	6.08	8.75
Lake	5.85	5.90	4.86	5.38	9.19	7.15	5.81	6.63	5.80
Cornbelt I	6.08	6.02	5.53	5.85	7.55	6.40	5.91	<u>3/</u>	6.38
Cornbelt II	5.94	5.55	5.73	5.65	8.84	5.86	5.66	<u>3/</u>	6.45
Delta	5.06	4.80	5.13	4.87	7.70	5.98	4.98	<u>3/</u>	5.25
Northern Plains	6.07	5.85	5.66	5.78	8.75	6.30	5.92	<u>3/</u>	6.23
Southern Plains	5.31	4.85	5.22	5.01	8.56	7.04	5.00	<u>3/</u>	5.68
Mountain I	5.40	5.25	5.24	5.25	6.59	5.63	5.25	<u>3/</u>	5.48
Mountain II	5.79	5.57	5.32	5.44	8.11	<u>3/</u>	5.56	<u>3/</u>	6.02
Mountain III	5.79	5.30	5.57	5.37	8.93	7.93	5.47	<u>3/</u>	6.67
Pacific	6.66	6.13	7.32	6.31	9.61	8.25	6.18	6.90	8.20
CA	6.66	6.00	6.72	6.11	11.71	9.13	6.00	6.89	9.41
HI	9.09	8.19	7.30	8.11	14.57	<u>3/</u>	8.23	<u>3/</u>	12.73
US <u>5/</u>	6.06	5.69	5.55	5.64	9.58	7.48	5.75	6.43	6.65

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Region map on page 21.

3/ Insufficient data.

4/ Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October.

5/ Excludes AK.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates
by Region and United States, 1993 1/ 4/

Region <u>2/</u>	Type of Worker				Method of Pay				
	All Hired	Live- Field	Stock	Field & Livestock	Super- visory	Other	Hourly	Piece- Rate	Other
Dollars per Hour									
Northeast I	6.76	6.38	5.41	5.97	10.85	8.22	6.72	6.21	6.89
Northeast II	6.36	6.38	5.21	5.92	9.70	8.60	6.28	7.12	6.37
Appalachian I	5.65	5.30	5.68	5.38	8.19	<u>3/</u>	5.26	6.52	6.58
Appalachian II	5.52	5.52	4.95	5.29	7.97	<u>3/</u>	5.37	<u>3/</u>	5.90
Southeast	5.76	5.50	5.28	5.43	9.77	6.11	5.55	<u>3/</u>	6.18
FL	6.62	6.02	6.06	6.02	11.45	9.27	5.96	6.64	9.78
Lake	6.05	6.36	5.01	5.64	9.33	6.96	6.14	6.65	5.85
Cornbelt I	6.30	6.14	5.80	6.02	8.62	6.67	6.22	<u>3/</u>	6.44
Cornbelt II	6.14	5.71	5.80	5.76	9.14	<u>3/</u>	5.85	<u>3/</u>	6.62
Delta	5.59	5.15	5.53	5.26	8.65	6.22	5.34	<u>3/</u>	6.27
Northern Plains	6.21	6.01	6.04	6.03	8.25	6.16	6.06	<u>3/</u>	6.36
Southern Plains	5.46	4.91	5.07	4.98	8.16	6.39	5.16	5.20	5.85
Mountain I	5.80	5.72	5.45	5.59	6.93	6.33	5.62	<u>3/</u>	5.88
Mountain II	6.05	5.72	5.45	5.57	8.17	<u>3/</u>	5.78	<u>3/</u>	6.28
Mountain III	6.00	5.28	6.06	5.52	8.98	<u>3/</u>	5.41	<u>3/</u>	7.36
Pacific	6.90	6.41	7.19	6.51	10.17	8.79	6.43	7.17	9.04
CA	6.56	5.96	6.66	6.03	11.35	8.81	6.04	6.13	9.36
HI	9.47	8.42	7.87	8.36	15.04	<u>3/</u>	8.59	<u>3/</u>	13.52
US <u>5/</u>	6.25	5.90	5.59	5.81	9.65	7.60	5.95	6.42	6.88

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Region map on page 21.

3/ Insufficient data.

4/ Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October.

5/ Excludes AK.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates
by State and United States, 1992 1/ 2/

State	All Hired	Field	Field & Livestock	Hourly
Dollars per Hour				
AL	5.95	5.10	5.32	5.46
AZ	5.83	5.36	5.41	5.50
AR	5.35	5.08	5.19	5.40
CA	6.66	6.00	6.11	6.00
CO	5.65	5.34	5.25	5.37
DE	5.51	5.01	4.95	5.09
FL	6.38	5.87	5.91	5.87
GA	5.50	4.89	5.01	5.37
HI	9.09	8.19	8.11	8.23
ID	5.54	5.23	5.40	5.20
IL	6.13	5.98	5.88	5.84
IN	6.21	6.25	6.11	6.06
IA	6.08	5.68	5.82	5.90
KS	6.40	5.83	5.84	5.87
KY	5.25	4.75	4.88	4.92
LA	4.85	4.67	4.70	4.80
MD	7.38	6.92	6.23	6.83
MI	6.21	5.90	5.80	5.76
MN	6.41	6.21	6.07	6.19
MS	4.88	4.63	4.67	4.74
MO	5.79	5.42	5.48	5.49
MT	5.34	5.44	5.13	5.35
NE	5.84	5.69	5.69	5.67
NV	5.81	5.40	5.35	5.31
NJ	7.25	6.75	6.72	6.46
NM	5.69	5.02	5.24	5.39
NY	5.76	5.76	5.43	5.91
NC	5.26	4.86	5.02	4.98
ND	6.26	6.27	6.19	6.62
OH	5.91	5.90	5.59	5.87
OK	5.44	5.12	5.26	5.29
OR	6.43	6.19	6.19	6.17
PA	5.94	5.82	5.56	6.06
SC	4.87	4.68	4.76	4.77
SD	5.50	5.44	5.28	5.54
TN	5.59	5.30	5.34	5.39
TX	5.28	4.80	4.95	4.91
UT	6.02	5.98	5.79	5.93
VA	5.50	5.09	5.17	5.29
WA	6.83	6.09	6.39	6.19
WV	4.80	4.75	4.70	4.71
WI	5.16	5.35	4.60	5.43
WY	5.10	4.89	4.92	5.50
Other States <u>3/</u>	7.17	6.86	6.33	6.95
US <u>4/</u>	6.06	5.69	5.64	5.75

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Annual rates are averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October.

3/ Includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

4/ Excludes AK.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates
by State and United States, 1993 1/ 2/

State	All Hired	Field	Field & Livestock	Hourly
Dollars per Hour				
AL	5.53	5.44	5.19	5.31
AZ	6.03	5.34	5.45	5.31
AR	5.84	5.30	5.58	5.63
CA	6.56	5.96	6.03	6.04
CO	5.84	5.49	5.35	5.72
DE	6.56	5.72	5.66	5.92
FL	6.62	6.02	6.02	5.96
GA	5.94	5.49	5.53	5.69
HI	9.47	8.42	8.36	8.59
ID	6.05	5.68	5.93	5.55
IL	6.27	6.05	5.99	6.02
IN	6.71	6.51	6.44	6.74
IA	6.39	6.09	6.00	6.15
KS	6.33	5.74	5.97	5.98
KY	5.35	4.87	4.99	5.00
LA	5.63	5.17	5.22	5.44
MD	6.16	5.96	5.55	5.95
MI	6.36	6.02	6.12	6.20
MN	6.78	7.13	6.24	6.88
MS	5.26	4.96	4.93	4.97
MO	5.79	5.36	5.45	5.52
MT	5.56	5.68	5.30	5.82
NE	6.12	5.90	6.05	5.79
NV	6.87	6.18	6.25	6.36
NJ	7.56	6.61	6.81	6.80
NM	5.95	5.18	5.61	5.55
NY	6.16	5.91	5.63	6.17
NC	5.54	5.19	5.27	5.05
ND	6.49	7.01	6.57	6.83
OH	5.96	5.95	5.66	5.95
OK	5.93	5.44	5.40	5.60
OR	6.75	6.38	6.35	6.33
PA	6.02	6.46	5.78	6.16
SC	5.64	5.55	5.50	5.54
SD	5.69	5.22	5.43	5.59
TN	5.81	6.22	5.72	5.83
TX	5.34	4.82	4.89	5.03
UT	6.25	6.04	5.94	5.75
VA	5.83	5.53	5.58	5.67
WA	6.98	6.43	6.60	6.50
WV	5.03	4.84	4.76	4.66
WI	5.29	6.01	4.92	5.55
WY	5.49	5.94	4.98	6.01
Other States <u>3/</u>	7.40	6.92	6.37	7.25
US <u>4/</u>	6.25	5.90	5.81	5.95

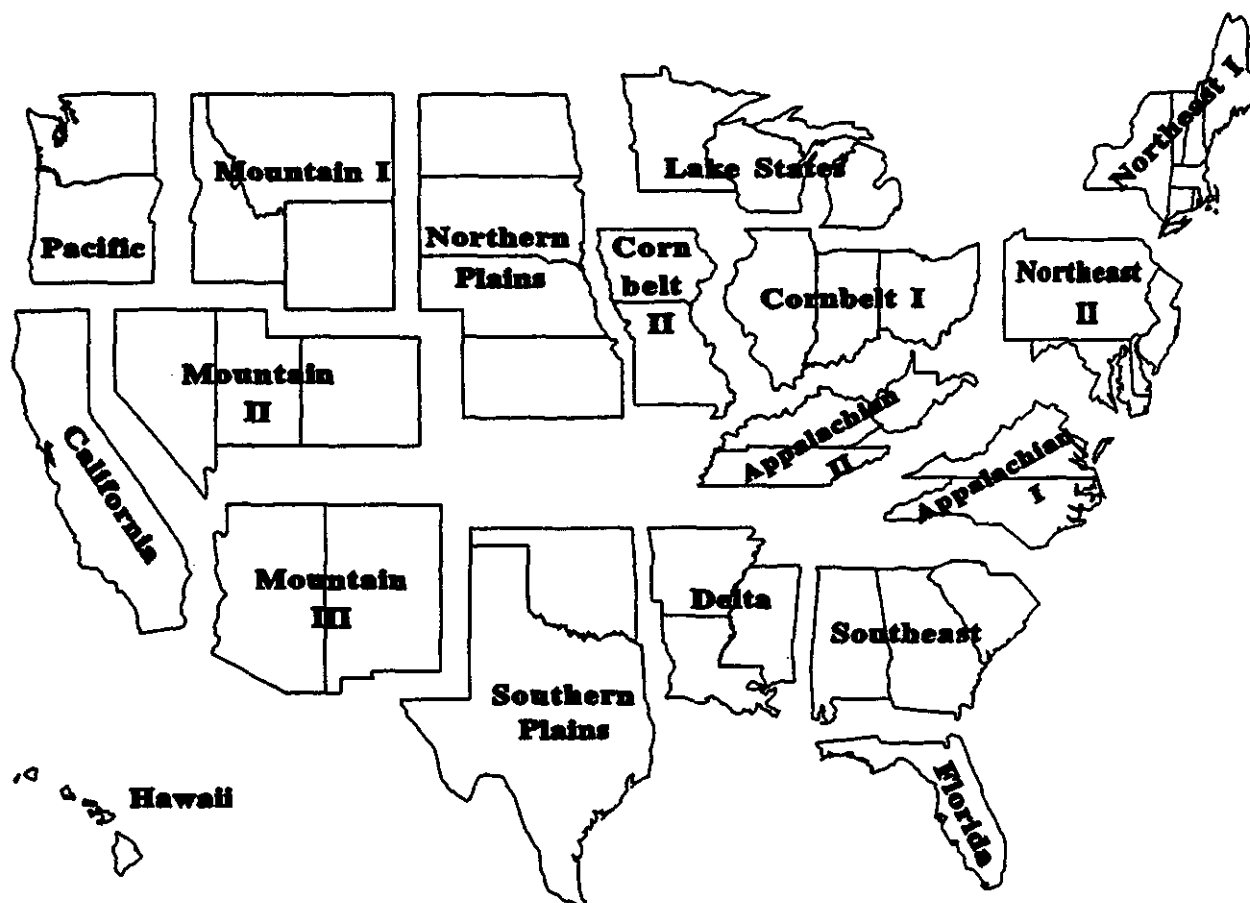
1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Annual rates are averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October.

3/ Includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

4/ Excludes AK.

Farm Labor Regions



Region	States
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.

Reliability of Farm Labor Estimates

Survey Procedures: These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service during the last two weeks of October using sampling procedures to ensure every employer of agricultural workers had a chance of being selected.

Two samples of farm operators are selected. First, NASS maintains a list of farms that hire farm workers. Farms on this list are classified by size and type. Those expected to employ large numbers of workers are selected with greater frequency than those hiring few or no workers. A second sample consists of segments of land scientifically selected from aerial photography. Each June, highly trained interviewers locate each selected land segment and identify every farm operating land within the sample segment's boundaries. The names of farms found in these area segments are matched against the list of farms; those not found on the list are included in the labor survey sample to represent all farms not on the NASS list. This methodology is known as multiple frame sampling, with an area sample used to measure the incompleteness of the list. Additionally, a list of agricultural service firms was sampled in California and Florida. The survey reference week was October 10-16, 1993.

Reliability: Two types of errors, sampling and nonsampling, are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey. Both types affect the "precision" of the estimates.

Sampling error occurs because a complete census is not taken. The sampling error measures the variation in estimates from the average of all possible samples. An estimate of 100 with a sampling error of 1 would mean that chances are 19 out of 20 that the estimates from all possible samples averaged together would be between 98 and 102; which is the survey estimate, plus or minus two times the sampling error. The sampling error expressed as a percent of the estimate is called the relative sampling error. The relative sampling error for number of all non-salaried workers at the U.S. level was 1.9 percent and 5.3 percent for all hired workers. The relative sampling error for number of hired workers generally ranged between 10 and 20 percent at the regional and published State level. The U.S. all hired farm worker wage rate had a relative sampling error of 1.4 percent. The relative sampling error was 1.5 percent for hourly paid workers and 1.3 percent for the combined field and livestock worker wage rate. Relative sampling errors for the all hired farm worker wage rate generally ranged between 2 and 6 percent at the regional and published State levels. Relative sampling errors for wage rates published by type of farm and economic class of farm ranged between 2 and 8 percent at the regional level.

Nonsampling errors can occur in complete censuses as well as in sample surveys. They are caused by the inability to obtain correct information from each operation sampled, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, and mistakes in coding or processing the data. Special efforts are taken at each step of the survey to minimize nonsampling errors.

Revision Policy: Farm labor information is subject to revision the next time the information is published or the year after the original publication date. The basis for revision must be supported by additional data that directly affect the level of the estimate. Worker numbers and wage rates

for July, 1993 and October, 1992 were subject to revision with this report. July 1993 worker numbers and wage rates were revised for Florida and at the U S level.

Annual Average Wage Rates: Included with this report are the annual average wage rates for 1992 and 1993. Annual rates are the averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the total number of hours worked during the week. The survey weeks include the 12th of the month for January, April, July, and October. Combining data for the four survey weeks provides a large enough sample to permit publication of some wages at the State level. Annual wage rates for both 1992 and 1993 are published at the regional and U.S. level for the all hired wage rate and the wage rates by method of pay and type of worker. For 1993, annual wage rate information is published at the State level for the all hired wage rate, the hourly wage rate, the field worker wage rate, and the combined field and livestock worker wage rate. For 1993, the relative sampling error, at the U.S. level, was 0.7 percent for all hired workers. The relative sampling error was 0.7 percent for hourly paid workers and was 0.6 percent for the combined field and livestock worker wage rate. The relative sampling error for all hired farm workers, hourly paid workers, and the combined field and livestock worker wage rates generally ranged between 2 and 4 percent at the regional level and 2 to 8 percent at the State level.

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The February 15th report will have information for the survey week of January 9-15, 1994. The report will include the number of Total Workers, All Hired Workers, Average Hours Worked by Hired Workers, and the All Hired Worker Wage Rates for 16 States along with regional and U.S. level information. State level information will be available for Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. The hourly method of pay wage rate and the wage rate for field and livestock workers will be available for the 16 States and at the regional and U.S. level. The number of self-employed and unpaid workers along with the corresponding average hours worked will be available for California, Florida, Hawaii, and at the regional and U.S. level. Wage rates by method of pay, type of worker, type of farm, and economic class of farm will also be available at the regional and U.S. level. The number of Agricultural Service Workers and the corresponding wage rates (including by method of pay and for field workers) will be published for Florida and California.

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