

Farm Labor



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Number of Workers Slightly Lower

There were 2.82 million people working on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 9-15, 1995. This compares with 2.92 million people during the April 1994 survey week. Self-employed farm operators accounted for 1.40 million of the total, along with 386,000 unpaid workers, and 822,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches made up the remaining 214,000 workers.

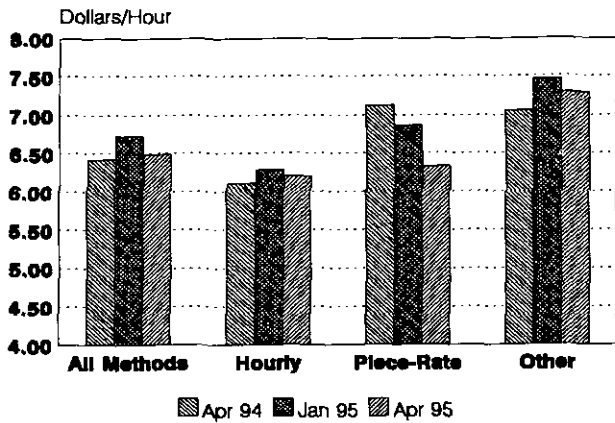
Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$6.49 per hour during the April 1995 survey week. This rate was up 7 cents from a year earlier. Workers paid on an hourly basis earned \$6.20 per hour compared with \$6.11 in April 1994. Field workers received an average of \$6.05 per hour, up 3 cents from the April 1994 survey week. Livestock workers earned \$5.88 per hour compared with \$5.80 a year earlier.

Benefits were provided for 372,000 hired workers. Farm operators provided housing for 124,000, meals for 48,000, bonuses for 81,000, health insurance for 188,000, transportation for 55,000, and other benefits for 188,000 hired workers.

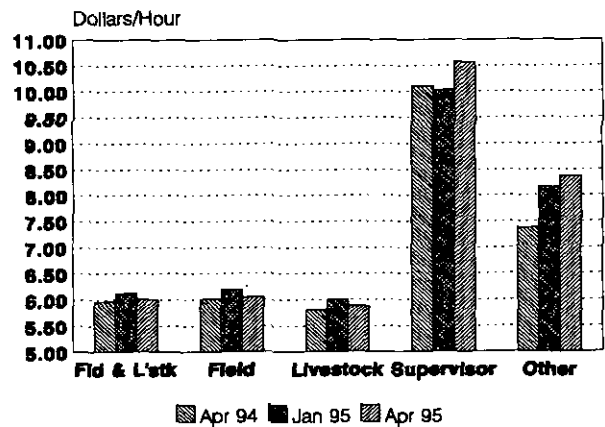
During the survey week of April 9-15, 1995, cold air dipped southward into the Nation's mid-section in the wake of a major spring storm from west-central Kansas into the northern Panhandle of Texas. Heavy snow fell from the central Rockies into Minnesota, while heavy rain caused significant flooding in the central Gulf Coast region. Rain showers dampened the Eastern States. Rain in northern California slowed fieldwork. Heavy rains caused flooding in the Delta. Dry soils in the Atlantic States and the Tennessee Valley continued to hamper spring planting. Heavy rains in the Ohio Valley slowed planting. Fieldwork was delayed in the Midwest by cool, cloudy, and wet weather. Cold, wet weather in the Great Lakes region hampered spring land preparation. Onion harvest was increasing in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. Florida growers planted cotton and peanuts and harvested vegetables and Valencia oranges. Field work in California's central and southern regions progressed with planting, spraying, thinning, and irrigation. Harvest of numerous spring vegetables and Valencia oranges was active.

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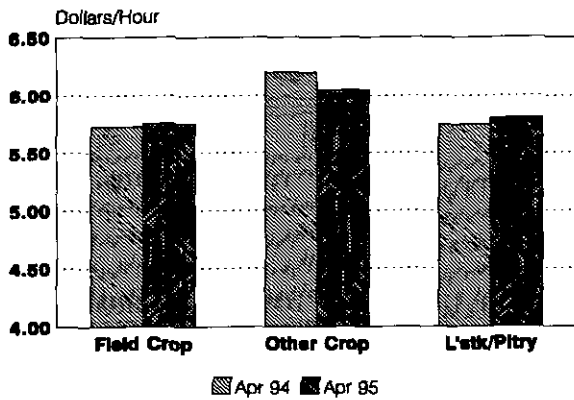
U.S. Wage Rates by Method of Pay



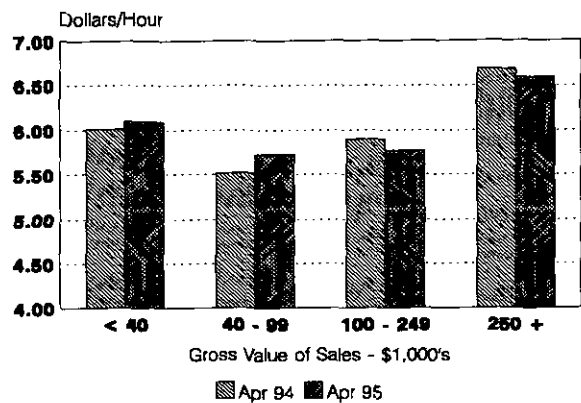
U.S. Wage Rates by Type of Worker



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 and Wage Rates, United States,
April 9-15, 1995, with Comparisons 1/

Farm Employment	April 10-16, 1994	January 8-14, 1995	April 9-15, 1995
		1,000	
Farm Workers	2,679	2,291	2,608
Self-Employed	1,420	1,316	1,400
Unpaid	456	346	386
Hired	803	629	822
Expected to be Employed			
150 Days or More	613	510	605
149 Days or Less	190	119	217
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	240	140	214
Total Farm & Service Workers	2,919	2,431	2,822
		Dollars per Hour	
Wage Rates for			
All Hired Workers 2/ 3/	6.42	6.73	6.49
Method of Pay			
Hourly	6.11	6.28	6.20
Piece-Rate	7.12	6.87	6.33
Other	7.06	7.46	7.29
Type of Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	5.96	6.12	6.01
Field	6.02	6.20	6.05
Livestock	5.80	6.00	5.88
Supervisory	10.10	10.03	10.58
Other	7.38	8.16	8.37

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, April 9-15, 1995 1/

State and Region 2/	All Farm Workers	Self- Employed 3/	Unpaid 3/	Hired		
				Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed 150 Days or More 3/	149 Days or Less 3/
				1,000		
NY	50			17		
Other 4/ Northeast I	49			25		
	99	41	16	42	35	7
PA	75			21		
Other 4/ Northeast II	36			12		
	111	56	22	33	26	7
NC	84			29		
VA	54			15		
Appalachian I	138	76	18	44	30	14
Appalachian II	177	115	32	30	16	14
Southeast	113	59	12	42	30	12
FL	72	19	3	50	43	7
MI	70			29		
MN	89			11		
WI	118			24		
Lake	277	160	53	64	46	18
Cornbelt I	242	166	30	46	36	10
Cornbelt II	206	143	30	33	26	7
Delta	133	84	16	33	25	8
Northern Plains	196	133	40	23	19	4
OK	74			9		
TX	208			45		
Southern Plains	282	184	44	54	44	10
Mountain I	68	32	17	19	16	3
Mountain II	47	25	9	13	11	2
AZ	27			13		
NM	30			6		
Mountain III	57	14	24	19	16	3
OR	58			19		
WA	61			37		
Pacific	119	50	13	56	37	19
CA	260	40	6	214	143	71
HI	11	3	1	7	6	1
US 5/	2,608	1,400	386	822	605	217

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State and Region 2/	Hours Worked			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Self- Employed 3/	Unpaid 3/	Hired	
	Hours per Week			Dollars per Hour
NY			42.0	6.45
Other 4/ Northeast I.	44.8	32.7	40.2	7.55 7.08
PA			41.0	6.06
Other 4/ Northeast II	38.3	34.2	41.1	7.07 6.44
NC			33.7	5.95
VA			41.0	6.27
Appalachian I	31.3	33.2	36.2	6.08
Appalachian II	27.2	25.8	36.4	5.75
Southeast	30.3	29.5	40.3	5.57
FL	27.0	29.0	38.0	7.86
MI			42.6	6.86
MN			37.5	7.65
WI			36.9	6.70
Lake	41.5	29.3	39.6	6.93
Cornbelt I	31.4	29.8	37.2	6.67
Cornbelt II	33.2	26.9	37.7	6.05
Delta	32.6	25.2	38.8	5.62
Northern Plains	43.9	37.5	41.1	6.22
OK			37.0	6.50
TX			41.3	5.71
Southern Plains	33.7	25.0	40.6	5.82
Mountain I	46.3	32.3	46.5	5.71
Mountain II	38.1	29.5	41.3	6.20
AZ			42.0	6.41
NM			45.6	6.43
Mountain III	31.1	27.6	43.1	6.42
OR			39.6	6.88
WA			38.0	7.03
Pacific	31.4	29.6	38.5	6.98
CA	31.5	34.7	44.8	6.55
HI	30.4	29.1	36.5	10.02
US 5/	35.0	29.8	40.7	6.49

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State and Region 2/	Type of Worker 5/					Method of Pay 6/		
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	Super- visory	Other	Hourly	Piece Rate	Other
Dollars per Hour								
NY	6.76		5.95			6.95		
Other 4/	7.00		6.60			7.50		
Northeast I	6.90	5.71	6.30	10.13	8.67	7.29	3/	6.65
PA	6.19		5.67			6.18		
Other 4/	6.91		6.69			7.04		
Northeast II	6.53	5.30	6.06	9.53	8.13	6.56	3/	6.22
NC	5.37		5.58			5.75		
VA	5.85		5.89			6.10		
Appalachian I	5.54	6.17	5.69	9.04	7.54	5.87	3/	6.61
Appalachian II	5.68	5.48	5.61	3/	7.89	5.92	3/	5.26
Southeast	5.16	5.56	5.24	9.69	6.94	5.31	4.70	6.14
FL	7.05	6.20	6.97	12.70	11.65	7.25	7.50	10.90
MI	6.41		6.41			6.48		
MN	8.34		7.26			7.80		
WI	7.05		5.73			6.90		
Lake	6.70	5.79	6.28	10.78	8.45	6.76	3/	7.23
Cornbelt I	6.25	5.94	6.19	9.81	6.99	6.40	3/	7.46
Cornbelt II	6.16	5.63	5.77	8.70	6.50	5.69	3/	7.15
Delta	5.23	5.84	5.41	9.18	6.28	5.33	3/	6.28
Northern Plains	6.63	5.66	6.12	3/	3/	6.37	3/	6.07
OK	5.95		5.86			6.00		
TX	5.38		5.49			5.57		
Southern Plains	5.44	5.67	5.54	8.44	6.64	5.63	3/	6.00
Mountain I	5.61	5.38	5.51	3/	6.18	5.60	3/	5.77
Mountain II	5.65	5.53	5.58	8.27	3/	5.47	3/	6.91
AZ	5.75		5.86			6.00		
NM	5.55		6.21			5.60		
Mountain III	5.71	6.53	5.98	10.13	3/	5.94	3/	7.19
OR	6.30		6.35			6.23		
WA	6.43		6.56			6.62		
Pacific	6.39	7.37	6.49	10.79	9.23	6.50	3/	9.53
CA	5.94	7.25	6.03	12.76	9.62	6.00	6.21	10.81
HI	8.75	3/	8.73	15.40	3/	9.00	3/	14.16
US 5/	6.05	5.88	6.01	10.58	8.37	6.20	6.33	7.29

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State and Region 2/	All Farm Workers	Self-Employed 3/	Unpaid 3/	Hired		
				Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed 150 Days or More 3/	149 Days or Less 3/
				1,000		
NY	48			15		
Other 4/	42			21		
Northeast I	90	43	11	36	31	5
PA	70			15		
Other 4/	28			7		
Northeast II	98	54	22	22	19	3
NC	62			17		
VA	54			13		
Appalachian I	116	71	15	30	22	8
Appalachian II	157	110	21	26	14	12
Southeast	98	64	8	26	20	6
FL	77	19	3	55	45	10
MI	52			16		
MN	94			15		
WI	117			25		
Lake	263	157	50	56	47	9
Cornbelt I	206	143	33	30	25	5
Cornbelt II	194	134	27	33	29	4
Delta	107	67	18	22	20	2
Northern Plains	185	124	37	24	20	4
OK	78			12		
TX	198			39		
Southern Plains	276	186	39	51	40	11
Mountain I	53	29	10	14	13	1
Mountain II	45	24	7	14	13	1
AZ	26			11		
NM	30			5		
Mountain III	56	15	25	16	14	2
OR	50			16		
WA	48			29		
Pacific	98	44	9	45	32	13
CA	161	29	10	122	100	22
HI	11	3	1	7	6	1
US 5/	2,291	1,316	346	629	510	119

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	Self- Employed 3/	Unpaid 3/	Hired	
	Hours per Week			Dollars per Hour
NY			40.4	6.58
Other 4/ Northeast I	39.9	32.3	40.0	7.35
PA			43.0	6.24
Other 4/ Northeast II	37.3	34.9	36.4	6.82
NC			33.0	6.70
VA			36.0	6.35
Appalachian I	27.4	32.4	34.3	6.54
Appalachian II	25.5	24.6	30.5	5.64
Southeast	22.5	27.5	37.7	5.60
FL	24.0	31.0	41.0	7.39
MI			37.3	6.55
MN			30.9	6.69
WI			39.0	5.97
Lake	38.8	30.3	36.3	6.30
Cornbelt I	28.8	29.6	38.6	6.73
Cornbelt II	29.4	24.2	37.2	6.46
Delta	26.9	32.0	31.9	5.96
Northern Plains	36.4	27.7	36.8	7.29
OK			30.0	6.50
TX			39.1	5.67
Southern Plains	29.5	25.7	37.0	5.83
Mountain I	33.2	31.2	40.9	6.99
Mountain II	31.6	26.3	42.8	6.67
AZ			47.0	7.40
NM			39.9	6.08
Mountain III	28.6	20.9	44.8	7.01
OR			35.9	6.96
WA			36.0	7.41
Pacific	25.8	25.5	36.0	7.25
CA	30.3	27.0	36.0	7.10
HI	28.6	29.1	37.6	9.76
US 5/	30.8	28.1	37.3	6.73

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State and Region 2/	Type of Worker 5/					Method of Pay 6/		
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	Super- visory	Other	Hourly	Piece Rate	Other
Dollars per Hour								
NY	8.07		6.44			6.75		
Other 4/	7.00		6.48			7.30		
Northeast I	7.40	5.87	6.46	9.46	7.20	7.11	3/	6.93
PA	6.67		5.81			6.52		
Other 4/	6.53		5.95			6.89		
Northeast II	6.63	5.12	5.84	9.30	8.87	6.61	3/	6.16
NC	5.95		6.09			5.75		
VA	5.87		5.89			6.10		
Appalachian I	5.92	6.07	6.00	9.11	7.56	5.89	3/	7.02
Appalachian II	5.33	5.69	5.51	3/	3/	5.64	3/	3/
Southeast	5.44	5.25	5.39	3/	5.67	5.37	6.05	6.19
FL	6.54	6.25	6.51	12.50	10.00	6.75	6.70	10.85
MI	7.40		6.33			6.95		
MN	7.94		6.21			7.43		
WI	6.00		5.33			6.10		
Lake	6.86	5.56	5.83	8.53	7.50	6.51	5.79	6.09
Cornbelt I	6.16	6.28	6.21	9.31	7.01	6.39	3/	7.32
Cornbelt II	5.63	6.36	6.07	8.35	3/	6.21	3/	7.12
Delta	5.61	5.46	5.54	3/	6.21	5.42	3/	6.54
Northern Plains	7.31	6.86	6.99	3/	7.58	6.60	3/	7.88
OK	5.85		5.85			6.30		
TX	5.26		5.29			5.19		
Southern Plains	5.33	5.45	5.39	8.60	6.52	5.44	5.67	6.25
Mountain I	6.60	6.50	6.52	8.69	6.91	7.36	3/	6.84
Mountain II	6.53	5.96	6.13	8.44	6.36	6.55	3/	6.73
AZ	6.80		6.31			6.50		
NM	6.12		5.98			5.76		
Mountain III	6.58	5.51	6.20	3/	3/	6.31	3/	3/
OR	6.10		6.22			6.15		
WA	6.59		6.81			6.69		
Pacific	6.43	7.34	6.60	10.65	10.25	6.53	7.58	9.57
CA	6.00	6.98	6.17	12.00	9.51	6.07	7.44	9.57
HI	8.60	3/	8.55	15.55	3/	8.78	3/	14.10
US 7/	6.20	6.00	6.12	10.03	8.16	6.28	6.87	7.46

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PA	93			23		
Other 4/	35			14		
Northeast II	128	61	30	37	32	5
NC	67			24		
VA	39			13		
Appalachian I	106	55	14	37	23	14
Appalachian II	174	118	30	26	17	9
Southeast	129	65	17	47	31	16
FL	96	22	3	71	53	18
MI	63			22		
MN	130			16		
WI	107			24		
Lake	300	171	67	62	45	17
Cornbelt I	240	157	37	46	39	7
Cornbelt II	208	139	44	25	20	5
Delta	134	76	19	39	30	9
Northern Plains	230	150	52	28	23	5
OK	82			12		
TX	206			47		
Southern Plains	288	174	55	59	48	11
Mountain I	78	39	18	21	16	5
Mountain II	48	25	7	16	12	4
AZ	25			11		
NM	27			7		
Mountain III	52	11	23	18	16	2
OR	65			21		
WA	68			32		
Pacific	133	65	15	53	33	20
CA	215	40	10	165	132	33
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Other 4/ Northeast I	43.2	32.6	40.1	7.45
PA			44.0	7.16
Other 4/ Northeast II	38.2	34.6	41.8	6.32
NC			37.5	5.44
VA			36.1	5.89
Appalachian I	32.1	30.5	37.0	5.59
Appalachian II	24.6	26.1	30.7	5.78
Southeast	28.7	23.7	37.6	6.17
FL	27.0	27.0	36.0	6.90
MI			41.4	6.61
MN			35.4	6.90
WI			37.0	5.56
Lake	45.0	32.5	38.1	6.29
Cornbelt I	34.1	31.1	38.4	6.65
Cornbelt II	39.8	27.7	35.9	5.87
Delta	31.2	25.7	41.4	5.23
Northern Plains	49.2	36.7	46.2	6.20
OK			41.0	6.05
TX			45.1	5.80
Southern Plains	33.6	25.6	44.3	5.85
Mountain I	57.5	35.1	55.3	5.63
Mountain II	41.1	29.1	42.3	6.35
AZ			50.0	6.50
NM			51.5	6.12
Mountain III	34.7	28.1	50.6	6.35
OR			37.6	6.45
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Dollars per Hour								
NY	6.45		6.17			7.02		
Other 4/ Northeast I	7.20		6.28			7.45		
	6.88	5.68	6.23	10.09	7.45	7.24	7.51	7.02
PA	6.14		5.36			6.40		
Other 4/ Northeast II	6.46		6.54			6.32		
	6.28	5.22	5.77	9.07	7.94	6.37	3/	6.26
NC	5.15		5.23			5.23		
VA	5.49		5.61			5.81		
Appalachian I	5.24	5.63	5.35	7.93	3/	5.39	3/	5.90
Appalachian II	5.84	5.41	5.62	3/	3/	5.73	3/	5.94
Southeast	5.79	5.79	5.79	10.11	8.02	6.03	5.38	6.78
FL	6.40	6.00	6.36	11.55	10.55	6.24	7.50	10.50
MI	6.09		6.21			6.32		
MN	6.70		6.29			6.65		
WI	6.40		5.28			5.73		
Lake	6.27	5.46	5.84	9.42	7.98	6.22	3/	6.40
Cornbelt I	6.75	6.40	6.62	11.14	5.55	6.37	3/	7.58
Cornbelt II	6.02	5.38	5.68	3/	3/	5.73	3/	6.05
Delta	4.96	5.17	5.00	7.89	6.75	5.27	3/	5.11
Northern Plains	5.83	6.13	5.96	7.83	6.30	6.25	3/	6.17
OK	5.63		5.91			5.90		
TX	5.28		5.48			5.39		
Southern Plains	5.34	5.84	5.56	8.51	6.52	5.52	3/	6.38
Mountain I	5.70	5.29	5.51	7.09	3/	5.95	3/	5.38
Mountain II	5.72	5.57	5.65	3/	7.24	5.57	3/	7.07
AZ	5.65		5.81			5.92		
NM	5.33		5.79			5.80		
Mountain III	5.60	6.09	5.81	9.49	3/	5.89	3/	6.93
OR	5.97		5.96			5.97		
WA	6.26		6.41			6.39		
Pacific	6.15	6.86	6.24	10.29	7.01	6.24	5.80	9.20
CA	6.13	7.06	6.22	12.25	9.51	6.09	7.64	10.62
HI	8.71	3/	8.68	15.60	3/	8.91	3/	13.72
US 7/	6.02	5.80	5.96	10.10	7.38	6.11	7.12	7.06

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Region map on page 17.

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 2/	April 10-16, 1994				April 9-15, 1995			
	Field Crops	Other Crops	L'stk & Poultry	All Farms	Field Crops	Other Crops	L'stk & Poultry	All Farms
Dollars per Hour								
Northeast	6.04	6.56	5.56	6.00	5.85	6.82	5.74	6.18
Appalachian	4.92	5.98	5.58	5.45	5.17	5.87	5.81	5.66
Southeast	5.86	6.22	6.00	6.13	4.80	5.68	4.95	5.37
Lake	7.11	6.43	5.20	5.84	7.16	6.60	5.71	6.28
Cornbelt	6.15	7.06	5.88	6.27	6.36	6.26	5.70	6.01
Delta	5.12	4.87	4.85	5.00	5.23	5.35	5.79	5.41
Northern Plains	5.86	3/	6.02	5.96	6.39	6.90	5.80	6.12
Southern Plains	5.13	5.09	6.00	5.56	5.47	5.60	5.57	5.54
Mountain	5.81	6.05	5.39	5.64	5.75	6.08	5.45	5.70
Pacific	6.09	6.13	7.03	6.22	6.39	5.97	7.12	6.11
48 States	5.72	6.20	5.74	5.93	5.75	6.05	5.80	5.91

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

Region 2/	April 10-16, 1994				April 9-15, 1995					
	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				
	<40	40-99	100-249	250+	Farms	<40	40-99	100-249	250+	Farms
Dollars per Hour										
N. East	7.62	5.97	6.09	6.94	6.80	8.03	6.08	5.82	7.37	6.79
Appal.	5.24	5.45	5.42	6.00	5.66	5.36	5.12	5.70	6.32	5.94
S. East	6.42	6.30	6.02	6.77	6.60	4.79	4.28	4.70	5.98	5.65
Lake	5.01	3.54	6.83	6.53	6.29	5.47	5.79	5.59	7.45	6.93
Cornbelt	6.21	5.22	5.78	6.96	6.41	5.45	5.88	6.12	7.12	6.41
Delta	5.67	4.92	5.07	5.38	5.23	5.61	5.42	5.25	5.84	5.62
N. Plains	5.35	5.69	5.84	6.40	6.20	5.35	4.74	5.88	6.80	6.22
S. Plains	5.26	5.90	5.56	6.02	5.85	7.07	5.63	5.32	5.91	5.82
Mountain	4.39	5.53	5.01	6.71	6.05	5.78	6.58	5.88	6.10	6.08
Pacific	6.72	6.21	6.28	6.92	6.82	7.29	6.59	6.67	6.61	6.63
48 States	6.01	5.52	5.90	6.69	6.39	6.10	5.73	5.77	6.60	6.47

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	April 10-16, 1994	January 8-14, 1995	April 9-15, 1995
	Percent of Field and Livestock Workers 2/ 3/		
Field Crops	22	19	19
Other Crops	46	37	52
Livestock, Dairy, & Poultry	32	44	29
	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Gross Value of Sales	April 10-16, 1994	January 8-14, 1995	April 9-15, 1995
	Percent of Hired Workers 3/		
Less than \$40,000	9	10	10
\$40,000-\$99,999	11	9	8
\$100,000-\$249,999	18	18	18
\$250,000 and over	62	63	64
	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,
April 8-14 1/ 2/

	April 10-16, 1994	January 8-14, 1995	April 8-14, 1995
	Percent of Hired Workers		
Employed on Farms Hiring			
1 Worker	13	16	12
2 Workers	11	12	10
3-6 Workers	21	26	17
7-10 Workers	8	9	9
At least 11 Workers	47	37	52
	100.0	100.0	100.0
Payment Method			
Hourly	70	63	69
Piece-Rate	5	5	8
Other Methods	25	32	23
	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.

Hired Workers: Receiving Benefits, Distribution
by Category, United States, April 9-15 1/ 2/

	April 10-16, 1994		January 8-14, 1995		April 9-15, 1995	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
	1,000		1,000		1,000	
Benefits 3/						
Housing			114	19	124	15
Meals			43	7	48	6
Bonus			74	12	81	10
Health Insurance			161	27	188	23
Transportation			41	7	55	7
Other Benefits			164	27	188	23
Wages Only			277	46	450	55

- 1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.
 2/ Excludes AK.
 3/ All benefits received by hired workers are accounted for in each category. Other benefits include life insurance, utilities, pension, or retirement benefits, etc.

Agricultural Services

Crew leaders and custom crews provided 214,000 workers for the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 9-15, 1995. Service workers in California numbered 91,000 compared with 75,000 during the April 1994 survey week. Florida's number of service workers was 10,000, the same as last year.

The average wages received by agricultural service workers in California and Florida were \$6.39 and \$7.58 per hour, respectively. Comparable wages in April 1994 were \$6.32 in California and \$8.22 in Florida.

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

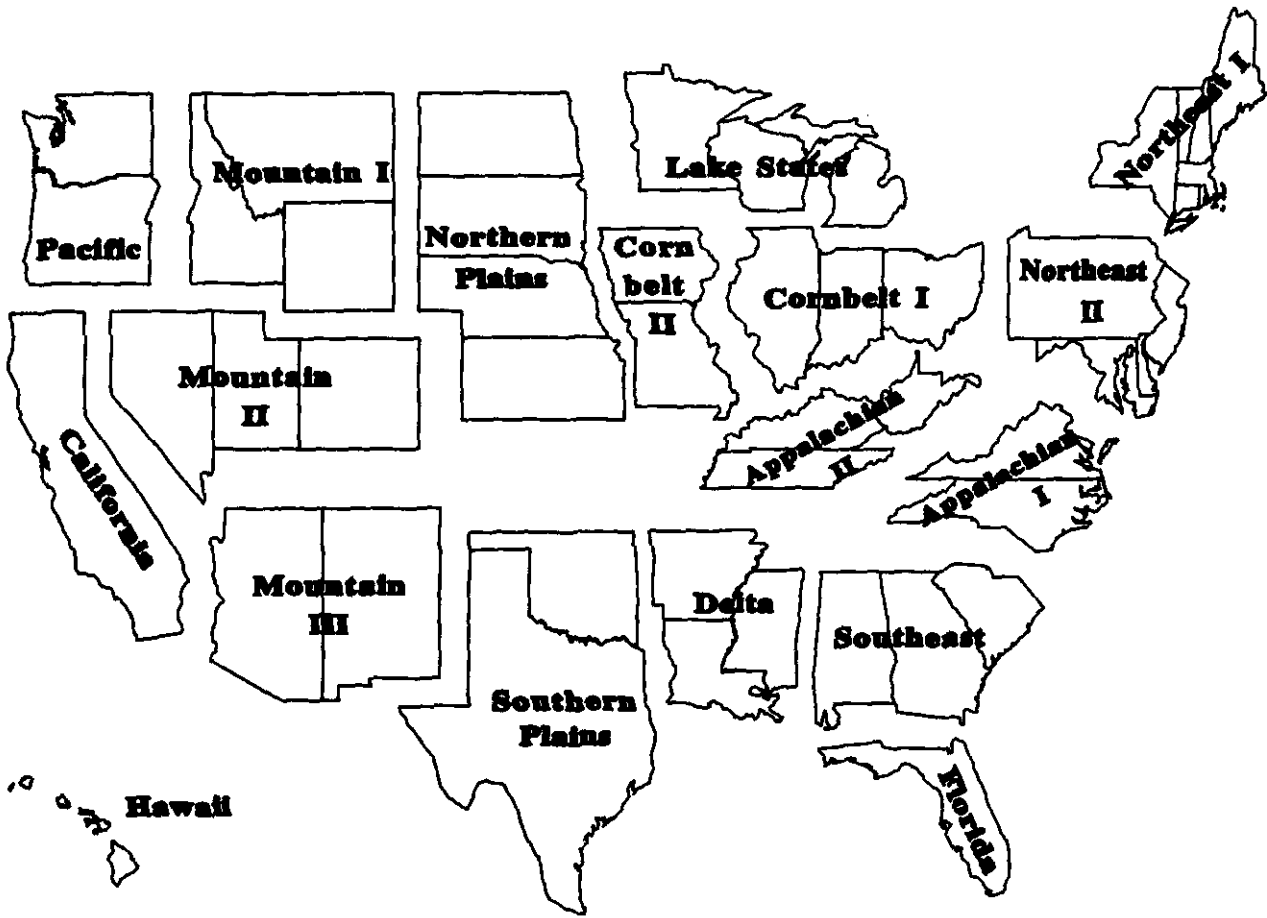
State:	Number of Workers Working on Farms			Hours Worked			Wage Rates 3/			
	Apr 1994	Jan 1995	Apr 1995	Apr 1994	Jan 1995	Apr 1995	Apr 1994	Jan 1995	Apr 1995	
	----- 1,000 -----			----- Hours 2/ -----			----- Dollars per Hour 2/ -----			
CA	75.0	54.0	91.0	40.2	31.5	31.9	6.32	6.70	6.39	
FL	25.2	13.0	10.0	33.0	37.0	35.0	8.22	6.81	7.58	
US	240.0	140.0	214.0							
	Method of Pay						Type of Work			
	Hourly		Piece-Rate		Field					
	Apr 1994	Jan 1995	Apr 1995	Apr 1994	Jan 1995	Apr 1995	Apr 1994	Jan 1995	Apr 1995	
	----- Dollars per Hours 2/ -----									
CA	5.79	6.19	5.83	7.50	6.50	7.50	5.99	6.21	6.02	
FL	7.61	6.80	6.70	8.50	6.60	7.75	8.00	6.39	7.02	

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.

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.

Farm Labor Definitions

The following definitions are provided to assist in interpreting statistics published in this report. To insure consistency in data collection, the questionnaires and instruction manual used by the interviewers provide more in-depth explanations of these terms.

Farm or Ranch: Places that sell, or would normally sell, at least \$1000 worth of agricultural products during the year.

Agricultural Work: Work done on a farm or ranch in connection with the production of agricultural products, including nursery and greenhouse products and animal specialties such as fur farms or apiaries. Also included is work done off the farm to handle farm related business, such as trips to buy feed or deliver products to local market.

Self-employed Worker: A farm or ranch operator or partner who did at least one hour of unpaid agricultural work on a farm or ranch during the survey week.

Unpaid Worker: Anyone, other than a self-employed worker, who did at least 15 hours of unpaid agricultural work on a farm or ranch during the survey week.

Hired Worker: Anyone, other than an agricultural service worker, who was paid for at least one hour of agricultural work on a farm or ranch. Worker type is determined by what the employee was primarily hired to do, not necessarily what work was done during the survey week. Type of workers include:

Field Workers: Employees engaged in planting, tending and harvesting crops including operation of farm machinery on crop farms.

Livestock Workers: Employees tending livestock, milking cows or caring for poultry, including operation of farm machinery on livestock or poultry operations.

Supervisors: Hired managers, range foremen, crew leaders, etc.

Other Workers: Employees engaged in agricultural work not included in the other three categories. Bookkeepers and pilots are examples.

Methods of Pay: Wage rates are calculated based on total wages and hours worked during the survey week. Definitions for the three categories are:

Farm Labor Definitions - continued

Hourly Wages: Pay based on hours actually worked.

Piece-rate Wages: Pay determined by multiplying the units produced (boxes, crates, bales, etc.) by the rate per unit.

Other Pay Methods: All other methods of calculating pay, such as straight salary, regardless of hours worked.

Perquisites: Benefits, such as a cash bonuses, housing, or meals, provided to an employee in addition to pay are included in perquisites. Wage rates published in this release do not include the value of these benefits.

Term of Employment: The length of time during the year the farm operator expects to employ those workers who were on the payroll during the survey week.

Agricultural Service: Agricultural work performed on a farm or ranch if the provider of the service is paid on a contract basis for materials, equipment, or labor.

Type of Farm (or Ranch): An operation is classified in the farm type which accounts for the largest portion of the total value of sales for its agriculture production. The three types of farms are:

Field Crops: A farm primarily engaged in the production of: wheat, rice, corn, soybeans, barley, dry beans, rye, sorghum, cotton, popcorn, tobacco, potatoes, sugar crops, hay, peanuts, hops, mint, or other such crops.

Other Crops: A farm primarily engaged in the production of: vegetables, melons, berry crops, grapes, tree nuts, citrus fruits, deciduous tree fruits, avocados, dates, figs, olives, nursery, or greenhouse crops.

Livestock or Poultry: An operation primarily engaged in production of: cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, milk, chickens, eggs, turkeys, or animal specialties such as furs, fish, honey, etc.

Gross Value of Sales: Gross value includes all income during a year from the sale of crops, livestock, dairy, poultry, or other related agricultural products, including the landlord's share. When commodities are placed under CCC loan, they are considered as sold.

Reliability of Farm Labor Estimates

Survey Procedures: These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service during the last two weeks of April 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 April 9-15, 1995.

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 2.2 percent and 5.1 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 1.2 percent. The relative sampling error was 1.3 percent for hourly paid workers and 1.1 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. The relative sampling errors for hired workers benefits ranged between 5 and 10 percent.

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 April 1994 and January 1995 were subject to revision with this report. No revisions were made but previous data are reprinted in this report for your information.

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Beginning in January 1995, the criteria for publishing livestock, supervisor, and other wage rates was changed to a wage rate weight greater than 2 percent and a relative sampling error below 10 percent. Also, worker and wage rate indexes were discontinued after the October 1994 publication. A 1990-92=100 all hired wage rate index is published in the quarterly Agriculture Prices release beginning in 1995.

The August 15th report will have information for the survey week of July 9-15, 1995. 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.

