

Farm Labor



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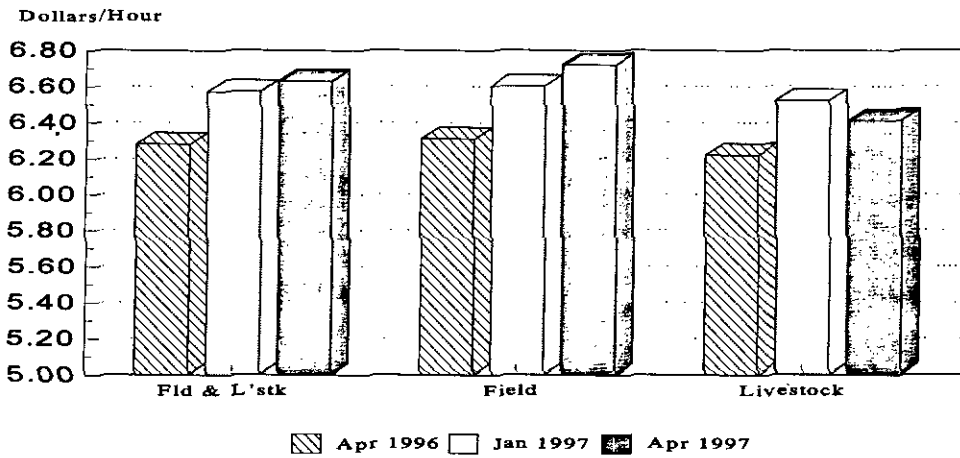
All Hired Workers Up 3 Percent, Wages Up 5 Percent From Last April

There were 1.02 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 1997, 3 percent more than last year. There were 809,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 207,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 6.3 percent of the hired workforce, compared to 7.5 percent a year ago.

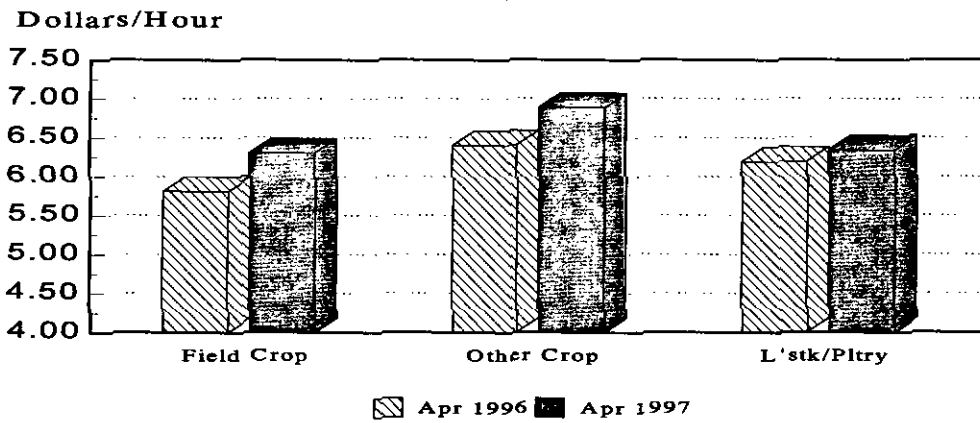
Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$7.10 per hour during the April 1997 survey week, up 34 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$6.72 per hour, up 41 cents. Livestock workers earned \$6.41 per hour compared with \$6.22 a year earlier.

During the survey week of April 6-12, 1997, a formidable high-pressure system chilled the Nation. Weekly temperatures averaged 10 to 25 degrees F below normal throughout the Plains and Midwest. Despite the chill, major to record flooding continued in the Red and upper Mississippi River basins. Cooler-than-normal conditions also encompassed the rest of the Nation, except Florida, where temperatures averaged up to 5 degrees F above normal. After midweek, there were significant snow accumulations from the Central Plains into the Midwest. Heavy rains ranged from southern Kansas to northern Texas. Farther east, scattered showers were from southern Texas to the lower Ohio Valley, but heavy rainfall soaked the lower Delta region. Later in the week, rain spread into the East with scattered thunderstorms active in the Southeast. Early week blizzard conditions went across the North Central States. Midweek snow developed on parts of the central Plains. In California, cotton planting continued while small grain fields continued to head out. Alfalfa and oat acreage were cut for hay or green chopped. Early irrigation was underway in orchards and vineyards due to the continued dry spring. Lemons, grapefruit and oranges were harvested. Leaf and head lettuce harvest were at their peak in Fresno County. Broccoli, cauliflower, sugar peas, and green onions were harvested. Summer vegetables and melons were planted. Activities in Florida included field preparations for numerous spring planted crops, such as tomatoes, potatoes, sweet corn, peppers, cabbage, and cucumbers. Valencia harvest was very active while other citrus harvests were slowing. In Texas, a few corn fields were planted in the High Plains while other planting took place along the Upper Coast. Cotton planting was slowly increasing in parts of the central areas. Recent heavy rains in many southern and coastal areas will cause replanting to occur. In the Rio Grande Valley, wet fields have slowed harvest of onions and other vegetables.

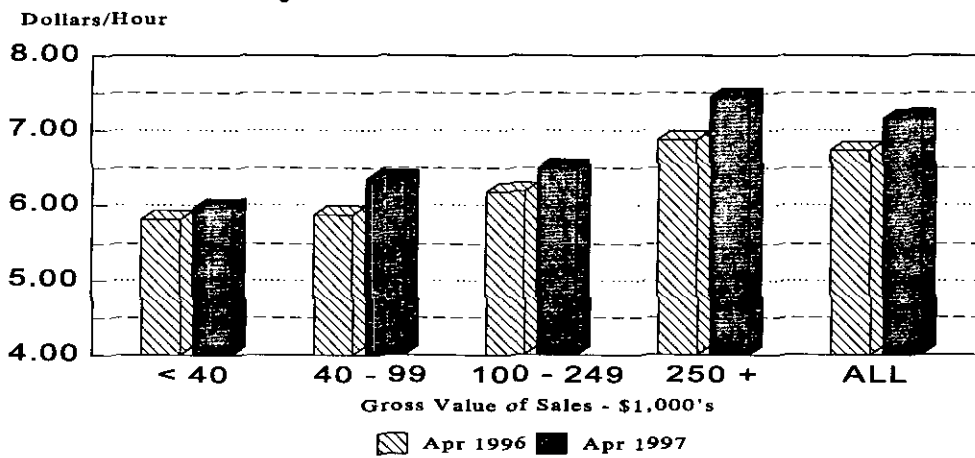
U.S. Wage Rates by Type of Worker



Wage Rate of Field & Livestock Workers By Type of Farm



Wage Rates of All Hired Workers by Economic Class of Farm



Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States,
April 6-12, 1997, with Comparisons 1/

Farm Employment	: April 7-13, : 1996	: January 12-18, : 1997	: April 6-12, : 1997
		1,000	
Hired Workers	780	635	809
Expected to be Employed			
150 Days or More	599	537	658
149 Days or Less	181	98	151
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	207	131	207
Hired Farm & Service Workers	987	766	1,016
		Percent	
Migrant Workers Percent of			
Hired Farm & Service Workers	7.5	9.5	6.3
		Hours per Week	
Hours Worked			
Hired	40.7	36.5	40.6
		Dollars per Hour	
Wage Rates for			
All Hired Workers 2/ 3/	6.76	7.19	7.10
Type of Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	6.28	6.57	6.63
Field	6.31	6.60	6.72
Livestock	6.22	6.52	6.41

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.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region
and United States, April 6-12, 1997 1/

U.S. and Region 2/	Hired				Number of hours Worked
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed			
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less		
		1,000			Hours per Week
Northeast I	40	31	9		41.0
Northeast II	41	35	6		40.8
Appalachian I	38	29	9		41.4
Appalachian II	25	17	8		34.2
Southeast	43	35	8		33.8
FL	60	52	8		40.9
Lake	63	50	13		33.6
Cornbelt I	55	45	10		35.7
Cornbelt II	27	20	7		36.2
Delta	39	32	7		38.7
Northern Plains	27	24	3		43.1
Southern Plains	55	44	11		40.5
Mountain I	20	16	4		50.8
Mountain II	22	16	6		40.4
Mountain III	16	14	2		43.2
Pacific	61	46	15		43.8
CA	171	147	24		45.1
HI	6	5	1		37.6
US 3/	809	658	151		40.6

- 1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.
2/ Region map on page 13.
3/ Excludes AK.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers
by Region and United States, April 6-12, 1997 1/

U.S. and Region 2/	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	Dollars per Hour			
Northeast I	7.11	5.67	6.59	7.22
Northeast II	6.62	5.81	6.25	6.94
Appalachian I	6.45	6.85	6.57	6.76
Appalachian II	5.69	6.28	5.84	6.23
Southeast	7.50	5.70	7.02	7.62
FL	6.50	6.30	6.48	7.19
Lake	7.50	6.56	6.91	7.31
Cornbelt I	7.28	7.47	7.33	7.91
Cornbelt II	6.76	6.43	6.57	6.64
Delta	5.96	6.36	6.06	6.50
Northern Plains	7.96	6.61	7.08	7.73
Southern Plains	5.37	5.78	5.57	5.98
Mountain I	6.59	4.95	5.65	5.94
Mountain II	6.57	5.93	6.37	6.94
Mountain III	5.78	5.90	5.81	6.24
Pacific	6.71	7.54	6.89	7.36
CA	6.90	8.06	6.99	7.35
HI	8.81	3/	8.82	9.97
US 4/	6.72	6.41	6.63	7.10

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2/ Region map on page 13.

3/ Insufficient data.

4/ Excludes AK.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region
and United States, January 12-18, 1997 1/

U.S. and Region 2/	Hired			
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less	
	-----	1,000	-----	Hours per Week
Northeast I	29	25	4	38.6
Northeast II	30	26	4	40.5
Appalachian I	23	19	4	34.3
Appalachian II	24	20	4	29.6
Southeast	33	30	3	37.0
FL	67	58	9	35.5
Lake	44	39	5	37.2
Cornbelt I	31	27	4	34.8
Cornbelt II	24	20	4	37.8
Delta	26	22	4	33.1
Northern Plains	25	21	4	38.0
Southern Plains	47	38	9	38.5
Mountain I	11	10	1	43.9
Mountain II	13	12	1	38.9
Mountain III	15	13	2	42.6
Pacific	49	42	7	40.0
CA	137	109	28	34.0
HI	7	6	1	35.5
US 3/	635	537	98	36.5

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Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Worker and All Hired Workers
By Region and United States, January 12-18, 1997 1/

U.S. and Region 2/	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
Dollars per Hour				
Northeast I	7.78	6.28	6.82	7.45
Northeast II	7.38	6.12	6.66	7.40
Appalachian I	6.24	6.91	6.46	6.85
Appalachian II	5.87	6.27	6.08	6.80
Southeast	7.36	6.14	7.01	7.43
FL	6.80	6.80	6.80	7.35
Lake	7.74	6.20	6.66	7.28
Cornbelt I	7.13	7.42	7.27	7.88
Cornbelt II	7.35	6.32	6.74	7.22
Delta	6.26	6.16	6.21	6.82
Northern Plains	7.80	7.16	7.35	7.57
Southern Plains	5.56	5.97	5.81	6.11
Mountain I	6.19	6.59	6.48	6.91
Mountain II	6.75	6.64	6.67	7.37
Mountain III	5.82	5.90	5.84	6.36
Pacific	6.71	6.92	6.78	7.42
CA	6.04	7.50	6.25	7.10
HI	8.85	3/	8.87	10.32
US 4/	6.60	6.52	6.57	7.19

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3/ Insufficient data.

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Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region
and United States, April 7-13, 1996 1/

U.S. and Region 2/	Hired			Number of Hours Worked
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		
		150 Days or More 3/	149 Days or Less 3/	
		1,000		Hours per Week
Northeast I	33	27	6	40.8
Northeast II	35	30	5	38.4
Appalachian I	38	27	11	37.5
Appalachian II	20	13	7	33.6
Southeast	32	23	9	37.2
FL	50	43	7	38.5
Lake	59	44	15	36.7
Cornbelt I	43	35	8	37.2
Cornbelt II	27	20	7	34.7
Delta	44	32	12	41.8
Northern Plains	36	28	8	40.5
Southern Plains	64	48	16	41.6
Mountain I	27	21	6	48.9
Mountain II	15	11	4	43.3
Mountain III	19	16	3	49.2
Pacific	46	30	16	40.7
CA	185	145	40	43.9
HI	7	6	1	37.5
US 3/	780	599	181	40.7

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Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Worker and All Hired Workers
By Region and United States, April 7-13, 1996 1/

U.S. and Region 2/	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
Dollars per Hour				
Northeast I	7.47	6.20	6.93	7.27
Northeast II	6.62	5.31	6.11	6.78
Appalachian I	5.60	6.21	5.78	6.03
Appalachian II	5.84	5.75	5.80	6.29
Southeast	5.52	5.63	5.56	5.96
FL	6.12	7.10	6.27	7.05
Lake	6.78	6.39	6.56	7.02
Cornbelt I	6.57	6.76	6.61	7.14
Cornbelt II	6.47	7.00	6.67	6.89
Delta	5.38	5.74	5.46	5.65
Northern Plains	6.76	5.79	6.32	6.51
Southern Plains	5.38	5.53	5.45	6.12
Mountain I	5.54	5.29	5.42	5.78
Mountain II	5.60	5.88	5.73	6.53
Mountain III	5.67	6.03	5.74	6.34
Pacific	6.83	7.22	6.87	7.44
CA	6.53	7.50	6.64	7.14
HI	8.79	3/	8.76	10.13
US 4/	6.31	6.22	6.28	6.76

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

Region 2/	April 7-13, 1996				April 6-12, 1997			
	Field : Crops	Other : Crops	L'stk & : Poultry	All : Farms	Field : Crops	Other : Crops	L'stk & : Poultry	All : Farms
	Dollars per Hour							
Northeast	6.60	7.34	5.74	6.51	6.87	6.68	5.77	6.30
Appalachian	5.48	5.73	6.07	5.78	5.55	7.01	6.90	6.35
Southeast	4.63	5.41	5.51	5.29	5.35	7.02	4.98	6.51
Lake	5.85	7.35	6.44	6.56	7.87	6.75	6.89	6.91
Cornbelt	6.44	6.21	7.36	6.63	7.70	6.94	6.91	6.96
Delta	5.38	5.03	5.75	5.46	6.02	6.47	6.04	6.06
Northern Plains	6.89	5.49	6.12	6.32	7.62	5.91	6.89	7.08
Southern Plains	5.47	5.09	5.56	5.45	5.69	5.11	5.82	5.57
Mountain	5.65	5.83	5.43	5.59	6.16	6.54	5.31	5.91
Pacific	6.29	6.64	7.29	6.68	7.21	7.43	7.83	7.33
48 States	5.81	6.40	6.19	6.19	6.30	6.89	6.34	6.60

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

Region 2/	April 7-13, 1996					April 6-12, 1997				
	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's <40	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's :40-99	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's :100-249	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's :250+	All : Farms	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's <40	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's :40-99	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's :100-249	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's :250+	All : Farms
	Dollars per Hour									
N. East	5.62	5.67	5.74	7.84	7.02	3/	6.90	6.33	7.23	7.08
Appal.	5.86	5.75	6.54	6.20	6.11	5.95	5.74	6.64	6.88	6.57
S. East	4.96	5.06	5.56	5.70	5.62	5.89	6.41	6.20	3/	8.11
Lake	4.84	6.03	6.65	7.31	7.02	7.27	6.32	6.05	6.89	7.31
Cornbelt	6.55	5.65	6.09	7.28	7.05	7.15	7.23	7.59	7.48	7.22
Delta	5.42	5.60	5.51	5.75	5.65	5.91	6.57	6.73	6.56	6.50
N. Plains	5.22	7.07	5.24	7.10	6.51	5.84	3/	6.98	3/	7.73
S. Plains	5.07	6.76	6.59	6.21	6.12	5.19	5.84	5.89	6.21	5.98
Mountain	6.38	5.50	5.76	6.28	6.12	6.32	5.54	5.66	6.67	6.27
Pacific	7.11	6.65	7.07	7.23	7.20	5.04	6.70	7.25	7.41	7.16
48 States	5.81	5.87	6.18	6.87	6.73	5.96	6.35	6.49	7.45	7.16

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/ 2/ 3/

Type of Farm	April 7-13, 1996	January 12-18, 1997	April 6-12, 1997
Percent of Field and Livestock Workers			
Field Crops	23	12	21
Other Crops	47	58	49
Livestock, Dairy, & Poultry	30	30	30
	100.0	100.0	100.0

Hired Workers: Distribution by Economic
Class of Farm, 48 States 1/ 3/

Gross Value of Sales	April 7-13, 1996	January 12-18, 1997	April 6-12, 1997
Percent of Hired Workers			
Less than \$40,000	9	12	8
\$40,000-\$99,999	9	6	7
\$100,000-\$249,999	17	17	15
\$250,000 and over	65	65	70
	100.0	100.0	100.0

Hired Workers: Distribution by Category, United States, 1/ 3/

	April 7-13, 1996	January 12-18, 1997	April 6-12, 1997
Percent of Hired Workers			
Employed on Farms Hiring			
1 Worker	14	13	11
2 Workers	11	10	10
3-6 Workers	21	19	20
7-10 Workers	11	9	9
At least 11 Workers	43	49	50
	100.0	100.0	100.0

- 1/ 48 States, excluding AK and HI.
2/ Field and Livestock Workers combined.
3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Agricultural Services

Crew leaders and custom crews provided 207,000 workers for the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 1997, the same as a year ago. Service workers in California numbered 90,000 compared with 63,000 during the April 1996 survey week. Florida's number of service workers was 13,000, compared to 10,500 last year.

The average wages received by agricultural service workers in California and Florida were \$7.21 and \$8.44 per hour, respectively. Comparable wages in April 1996 were \$6.58 in California and \$7.68 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 2/			Wage Rates 2/ 3/			
	Apr 1996	Jan 1997	Apr 1997	Apr 1996	Jan 1997	Apr 1997	Apr 1996	Jan 1997	Apr 1997
	----- 1,000 -----		----- Hours -----			----- Dollars per Hour -----			
CA	63.0	50.0	90.0	38.2	*32.0	39.3	6.58	7.10	7.21
FL	10.5	15.8	13.0	31.5	37.0	35.7	7.68	8.05	8.44
US	207.0	131.0	207.0						

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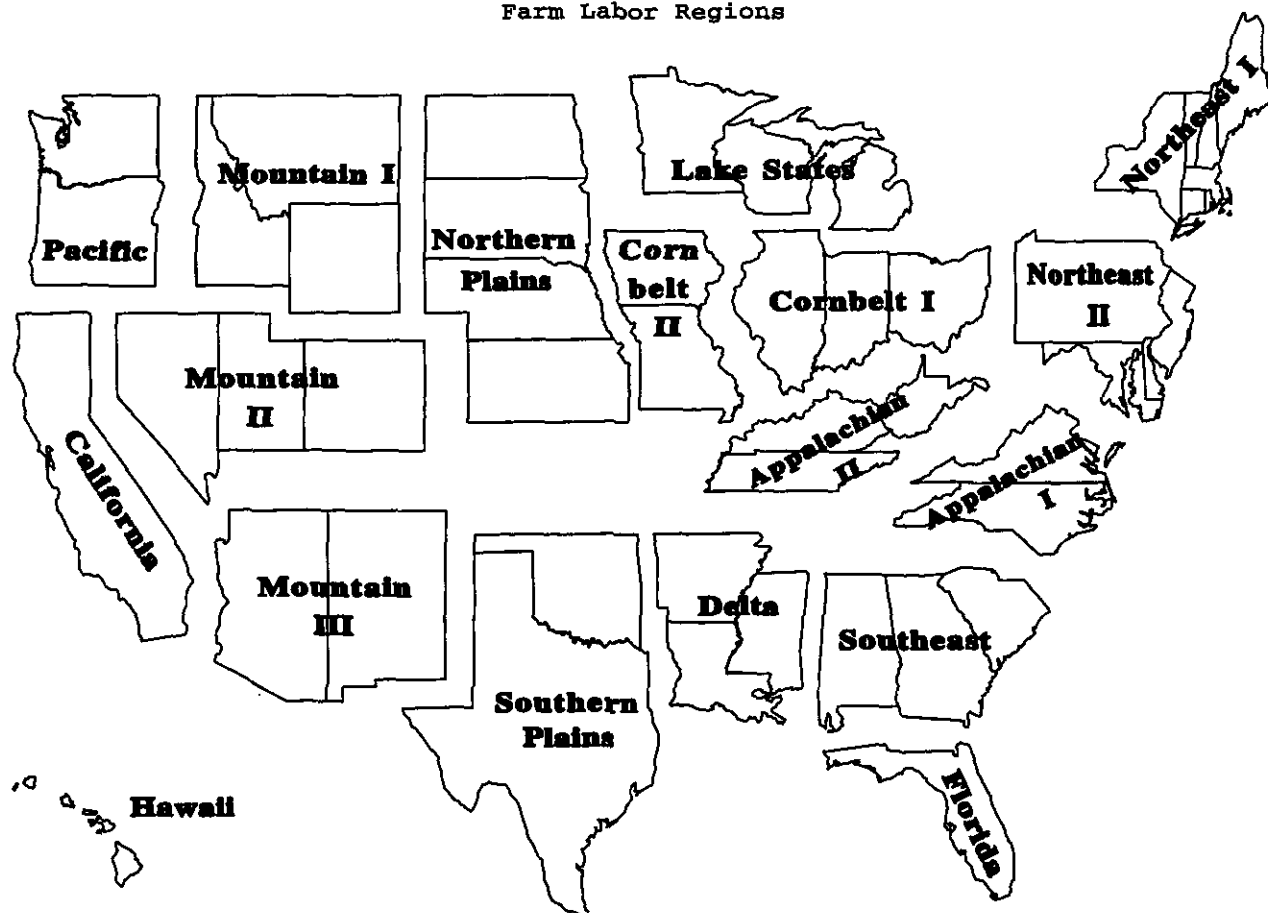
- 1/ Data are for Agricultural Services performed on the farm by custom service units such as crew leaders or custom crews. These statistics are not included in the State-Regional tables.
- 2/ United States data not available.
- 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

Migrant Workers: Percent of all Hired Workers, United States,
By Quarter (Includes Agricultural Service Workers), 1995-97 1/

Year	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
	----- Percent -----			
1995 2/	N/A	N/A	12.4	11.6
1996	5.7	7.5	13.1	11.1
1997	9.5	6.3		

- 1/ Definition "Migrant Worker" is a farm worker whose employment required travel that prevented the farm worker from returning to his/her permanent place of residence the same day.
- 2/ Data first collected during July 1995 survey.

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 quarterly Farm Labor reports. 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 - continued

Perquisites: Benefits, such as 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 6-12, 1997.

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 hired workers at the U.S. level was 4.1 percent. The relative sampling error for number of hired workers generally ranged between 8 and 20 percent at the regional level. The U.S. all hired farm worker wage rate had a relative sampling error of 3.1 percent. The relative sampling error was 2.4 percent for the combined field and livestock worker wage rate. Relative sampling errors for the all hired farm worker wage rate generally ranged between 3 and 8 percent at the regional level. Relative sampling errors for wage rates published by type of farm and economic class of farm ranged between 2 and 10 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 April, 1996 and January, 1997 were subject to revision with this report. There were no revisions made.

The August 15th report will have information for the survey week of July 6-12, 1997. The report will include the number of All Hired Workers, Average Hours Worked by Hired Workers and the All Hired Worker Wage Rates regional and U.S. levels. The wage rate for field and livestock workers will be available for 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 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 will be published for Florida and California.

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