

# Farm Labor



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## **Hired Workers Up 5 Percent, Wage Rates Up 4 Percent From a Year Ago**

There were 844,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of January 10-16, 1999, up 5 percent from a year ago. There were 689,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 155,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 5.7 percent of the January hired workforce compared to 7.3 percent last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$7.90 per hour during the January 1999 survey week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.21 per hour, up 22 cents from last January. Livestock workers earned \$7.31 per hour compared with \$6.97 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 26 cents from last year.

Number of hours worked averaged 37.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 36.6 hours a year ago.

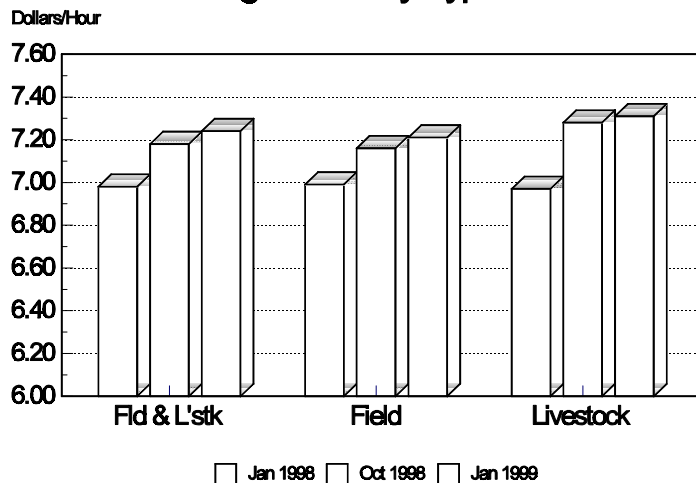
The largest increases in number of hired farm workers over last year occurred in the Appalachian I (North Carolina and Virginia), Northeast II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), Pacific (Oregon and Washington) and California regions. In the Appalachian I region, milder weather gave farm workers more time for land preparation, general farm maintenance, and tending to livestock during the survey week. Additional nursery and greenhouse activities contributed to the Northeast II region's increase in hired farm workers over last year. Orchard pruning, Christmas tree replanting, and hothouse harvest activities were underway in the Pacific region. In California, dry weather aided vegetable harvest throughout the State and permitted normal pruning and fertilizing activities in vineyards and non-citrus fruit orchards. Citrus growers in the San Joaquin Valley continued to assess freeze damage while picking in southern California citrus groves, not affected by the freeze, remained active.

The largest declines in number of hired farm workers from a year ago were in the Corn Belt II (Iowa and Missouri), Northern Plains (North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas), and Mountain I (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming) regions. Drier, cooler weather coupled with fewer storms in the Corn Belt II region helped reduce farm work activity which would normally be spent opening roads and repairing assets usually affected by bad weather. In the Northern Plains region, mild, breezy conditions prevailed in most areas. Most farm activity reported for the week was general farm maintenance and tending to livestock. Milder temperatures in the Mountain I region led to fewer workers being needed to tend to livestock during the survey week.

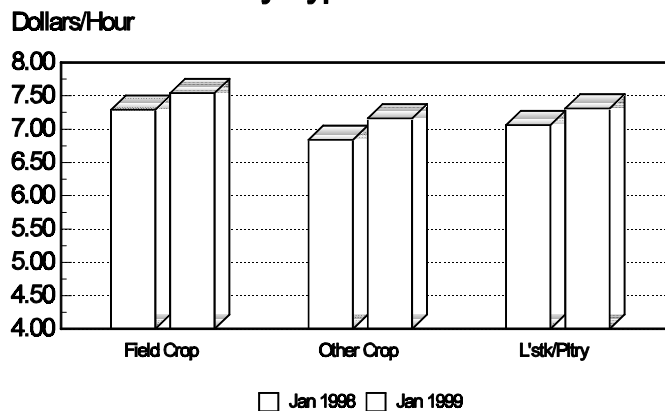
Hired farm worker wage rates in most regions were above a year ago. The largest increases occurred in the Appalachian I, Corn Belt II, and Mountain II (Colorado, Nevada, and Utah) regions. The higher wage rates in the Appalachian I and Mountain II regions were generally attributable to more maintenance and machinery work done on farms this year.

Regions showing the largest declines in hired worker wage rates from last year were Mountain III (Arizona and New Mexico), and Pacific. Milder temperatures in these regions allowed farmers to hire more seasonal workers in advance of regular springtime fieldwork.

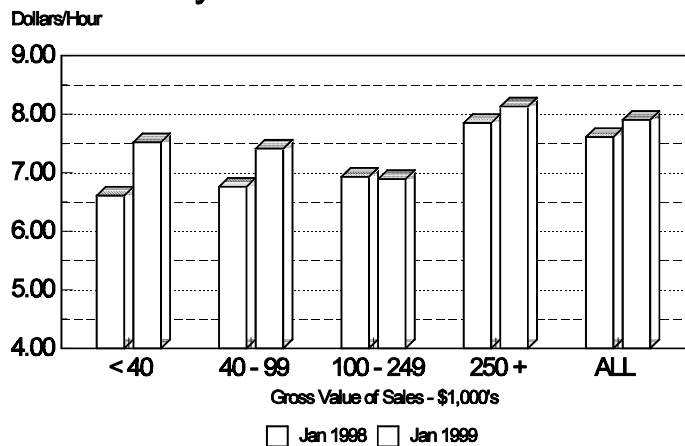
## U.S. Wage Rates by Type of Worker



## 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,  
January 10-16, 1999, with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

Farm Employment	January 11-17, 1998	October 11-17, 1998	January 10-16, 1999
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Hired Workers			
Expected to be Employed	661	983	689
150 Days or More	528	696	559
149 Days or Less	133	287	130
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	141	263	155
Hired Farm & Service Workers	802	1,246	844
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Migrant Workers Percent of Hired Farm & Service Workers	7.3	11.0	5.7
	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Hours Worked			
Hired	36.6	42.7	37.9
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers <sup>2 3</sup>	7.61	7.60	7.90
Type of Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	6.98	7.17	7.24
Field	6.99	7.15	7.21
Livestock	6.97	7.28	7.31

<sup>1</sup> Excludes AK.

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

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region  
and United States, January 10-16, 1999<sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired			
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Northeast I	30	25	5	37.5
Northeast II	25	22	3	38.3
Appalachian I	26	20	6	34.9
Appalachian II	22	10	12	27.8
Southeast	28	21	7	34.4
FL	55	48	7	38.7
Lake	42	37	5	34.9
Cornbelt I	29	25	4	35.6
Cornbelt II	16	13	3	29.9
Delta	24	19	5	32.6
Northern Plains	23	18	5	35.5
Southern Plains	48	39	9	38.4
Mountain I	14	12	2	37.4
Mountain II	15	14	1	42.7
Mountain III	16	15	1	43.4
Pacific	45	33	12	37.1
CA	224	182	42	41.1
HI	7	6	1	36.7
US <sup>3</sup>	689	559	130	37.9

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Region map on page 13.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers  
by Region and United States, January 10-16, 1999 <sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
Northeast I	8.08	6.61	7.20	7.75
Northeast II	7.79	6.13	6.99	8.01
Appalachian I	7.14	7.47	7.25	7.76
Appalachian II	5.60	7.39	6.39	6.89
Southeast	6.84	6.84	6.84	7.18
FL	7.35	7.00	7.32	8.25
Lake	8.43	7.33	7.59	8.48
Cornbelt I	8.01	7.82	7.89	8.46
Cornbelt II	7.36	7.35	7.35	7.86
Delta	6.99	6.35	6.68	7.20
Northern Plains	7.83	7.56	7.62	8.10
Southern Plains	6.49	6.58	6.53	6.93
Mountain I	7.36	7.35	7.35	7.80
Mountain II	7.29	7.36	7.33	8.41
Mountain III	6.66	7.06	6.75	7.18
Pacific	7.80	8.93	7.96	8.70
CA	7.08	8.40	7.22	7.88
HI <sup>4</sup>	9.38		9.35	10.80
US <sup>3</sup>	7.21	7.31	7.24	7.90

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Region map on page 13.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

<sup>4</sup> Insufficient data for livestock.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region  
and United States, October 11-17, 1998<sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired			
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Northeast I	43	31	12	39.6
Northeast II	32	24	8	38.4
Appalachian I	44	27	17	37.5
Appalachian II	27	12	15	31.5
Southeast	38	30	8	38.6
FL	47	42	5	43.0
Lake	59	38	21	39.6
Cornbelt I	53	34	19	39.6
Cornbelt II	28	20	8	38.6
Delta	40	29	11	49.2
Northern Plains	33	21	12	39.7
Southern Plains	53	37	16	39.0
Mountain I	33	21	12	48.3
Mountain II	23	19	4	47.0
Mountain III	25	21	4	46.8
Pacific	85	41	44	37.2
CA	312	242	70	47.7
HI	8	7	1	36.6
US <sup>3</sup>	983	696	287	42.7

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Region map on page 13.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Worker and All Hired Workers  
By Region and United States, October 11-17, 1998 <sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
Northeast I	7.52	6.90	7.32	7.82
Northeast II	7.11	6.74	6.98	7.59
Appalachian I	6.60	7.38	6.73	7.08
Appalachian II	6.23	6.92	6.40	6.73
Southeast	6.46	6.45	6.46	6.63
FL	7.10	7.30	7.13	7.82
Lake	8.23	7.40	7.99	8.45
Cornbelt I	7.43	7.76	7.49	7.90
Cornbelt II	7.23	8.20	7.56	8.03
Delta	5.85	7.07	6.05	6.48
Northern Plains	7.65	6.03	7.24	7.57
Southern Plains	6.14	6.58	6.28	6.77
Mountain I	6.89	6.72	6.85	7.03
Mountain II	6.37	7.33	6.82	7.32
Mountain III	6.55	6.33	6.52	7.00
Pacific	7.76	8.76	7.86	8.25
CA	7.29	7.99	7.34	7.75
HI <sup>4</sup>	9.20		9.17	10.65
US <sup>3</sup>	7.15	7.28	7.17	7.60

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Region map on page 13.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

<sup>4</sup> Insufficient data for livestock.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region  
and United States, January 11-17, 1998<sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired			
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked
		150 Days or More <sup>3</sup>	149 Days or Less <sup>3</sup>	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Northeast I	32	28	4	38.0
Northeast II	20	17	3	38.7
Appalachian I	20	16	4	35.1
Appalachian II	23	14	9	30.9
Southeast	31	24	7	35.1
FL	51	41	10	38.3
Lake	41	35	6	32.1
Cornbelt I	32	28	4	34.1
Cornbelt II	26	17	9	31.5
Delta	27	20	7	29.2
Northern Plains	33	28	5	39.4
Southern Plains	52	44	8	38.5
Mountain I	19	16	3	33.6
Mountain II	14	12	2	35.8
Mountain III	17	15	2	42.0
Pacific	36	31	5	36.0
CA	180	136	44	38.9
HI	7	6	1	35.3
US <sup>3</sup>	661	528	133	36.6

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Region map on page 13.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.



**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Worker and All Hired Workers  
By Region and United States, January 11-17, 1998<sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
Northeast I	8.60	6.22	6.96	7.54
Northeast II	7.45	6.08	6.80	7.51
Appalachian I	6.50	6.66	6.57	6.97
Appalachian II	6.44	5.71	6.10	6.33
Southeast	7.13	6.09	6.70	*7.21
FL	7.45	8.00	7.49	8.22
Lake	7.74	7.16	7.35	8.32
Cornbelt I	7.51	7.62	7.57	8.31
Cornbelt II	6.82	6.43	6.50	7.08
Delta	6.94	6.30	6.70	7.21
Northern Plains	8.34	7.38	7.65	8.22
Southern Plains	6.59	6.65	6.61	7.04
Mountain I	6.53	6.80	6.74	7.26
Mountain II	7.22	6.89	7.00	7.65
Mountain III	6.63	6.61	6.63	7.34
Pacific	7.67	8.16	7.81	8.86
CA	6.62	8.36	6.85	7.38
HI <sup>4</sup>	8.88		8.84	10.24
US <sup>3</sup>	6.99	6.97	6.98	7.61

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Region map on page 13.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

<sup>4</sup> Insufficient data for livestock.

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

Region <sup>2</sup>	January 11-17, 1998				January 10-16, 1999			
	Field Crops	Other Crops	L'stk & Poultry	All Farms	Field Crops	Other Crops	L'stk & Poultry	All Farms
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
Northeast	7.84	8.06	6.36	7.10	7.18	7.97	6.49	7.16
Appalachian	6.17	6.88	5.99	6.32	6.41	7.27	6.98	6.95
Southeast	6.95	7.35	7.11	7.23	8.23	6.96	7.23	7.02
Lake	7.72	7.50	7.26	7.35	9.53	8.70	7.19	7.59
Cornbelt	7.14	7.26	7.05	7.11	8.08	7.93	7.53	7.66
Delta	7.20	7.18	5.91	6.70	7.17	6.82	6.04	6.68
Northern Plains	3/	3/	7.22	7.65	7.86	7.90	7.41	7.62
Southern Plains	6.43	7.09	6.43	6.61	6.09	6.61	6.64	6.53
Mountain	6.28	6.73	6.88	6.77	3/	6.76	7.17	7.16
Pacific	3/	6.81	3/	7.76	8.91	7.61	9.12	8.07
48 States	7.29	6.84	7.06	6.98	7.54	7.16	7.31	7.24

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

Region <sup>2</sup>	January 11-17, 1998					January 10-16, 1999				
	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms
	<40	40-99	100-249	250+		<40	40-99	100-249	250+	
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
N. East	6.41	6.63	6.54	8.20	7.53	7.48	6.81	6.37	8.44	7.87
Appal.	5.70	5.63	5.95	7.29	6.54	3/	3/	7.19	7.38	7.41
S. East	7.63	7.47	7.27	7.88	7.80	8.81	8.31	6.94	7.90	7.92
Lake	6.82	6.20	6.25	8.26	8.32	3/	7.01	6.68	8.98	8.48
Cornbelt	5.48	7.10	7.41	8.17	7.71	3/	8.04	6.68	8.74	7.27
Delta	6.84	6.69	6.92	7.53	7.21	5.92	5.03	5.51	8.29	7.20
N. Plains	5.04	4.89	8.34	8.50	8.22	3/	3/	7.62	8.24	8.10
S. Plains	6.87	6.68	6.36	7.32	7.04	6.72	6.84	6.63	7.05	6.93
Mountain	7.99	7.34	7.23	7.36	7.41	6.59	6.39	6.86	8.05	7.78
Pacific	7.92	7.64	7.90	8.71	8.63	8.29	7.47	7.08	8.12	8.01
48 States	6.61	6.76	6.93	7.85	7.61	7.52	7.41	6.89	8.13	7.90

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Insufficient data.

**Field and Livestock Workers: Distribution  
by Type of Farm, 48 States<sup>1 2 3</sup>**

Type of Farm	January 11-17, 1998	October 11-17, 1998	January 10-16, 1999
	<i>Percent of Field and Livestock Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Field and Livestock Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Field and Livestock Workers</i>
Field Crops	14	14	9
Other Crops	52	62	60
Livestock, Dairy, & Poultry	34	24	31
	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Hired Workers: Distribution by Economic  
Class of Farm, 48 States<sup>1 3</sup>**

Gross Value of Sales	January 11-17, 1998	October 11-17, 1998	January 10-16, 1999
	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>
Less than \$40,000	10	10	10
\$40,000-\$99,999	6	8	7
\$100,000-\$249,999	13	15	13
\$250,000 and over	71	67	70
	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Hired Workers: Distribution by Category, United States,<sup>1 3</sup>**

	January 11-17, 1998	October 11-17, 1998	January 10-16, 1999
	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>
Employed on Farms Hiring			
1 Worker	14	9	13
2 Workers	10	9	10
3-6 Workers	22	20	18
7-10 Workers	7	9	8
At least 11 Workers	47	53	51
	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>1</sup> 48 States, excluding AK and HI.

<sup>2</sup> Field and Livestock Workers combined.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

## Agricultural Services

Crew leaders and custom crews provided 155,000 workers for the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 10-16, 1999. Service workers in California numbered 65,000 this January compared with 59,000 last year. Florida's number of service workers was 12,000, compared to 16,000 last year.

The average wage received by agricultural service workers in California and Florida were \$7.75 and \$8.50 per hour, respectively. Comparable wages in January 1998 were \$7.24 in California and \$8.80 in Florida.

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

State	Number of Workers Working on Farms			Hours Worked <sup>2</sup>			Wage Rates <sup>2 3</sup>		
	Jan 1998	Oct 1998	Jan 1999	Jan 1998	Oct 1998	Jan 1999	Jan 1998	Oct 1998	Jan 1999
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>
CA	59.0	95.0	65.0	35.2	*39.5	37.7	7.24	*7.00	7.75
FL	16.0	*6.0	12.0	30.0	30.0	35.0	*8.80	*8.05	8.50
US	141.0	263.0	155.0						

\* Revised

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> United States data not available.

<sup>3</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

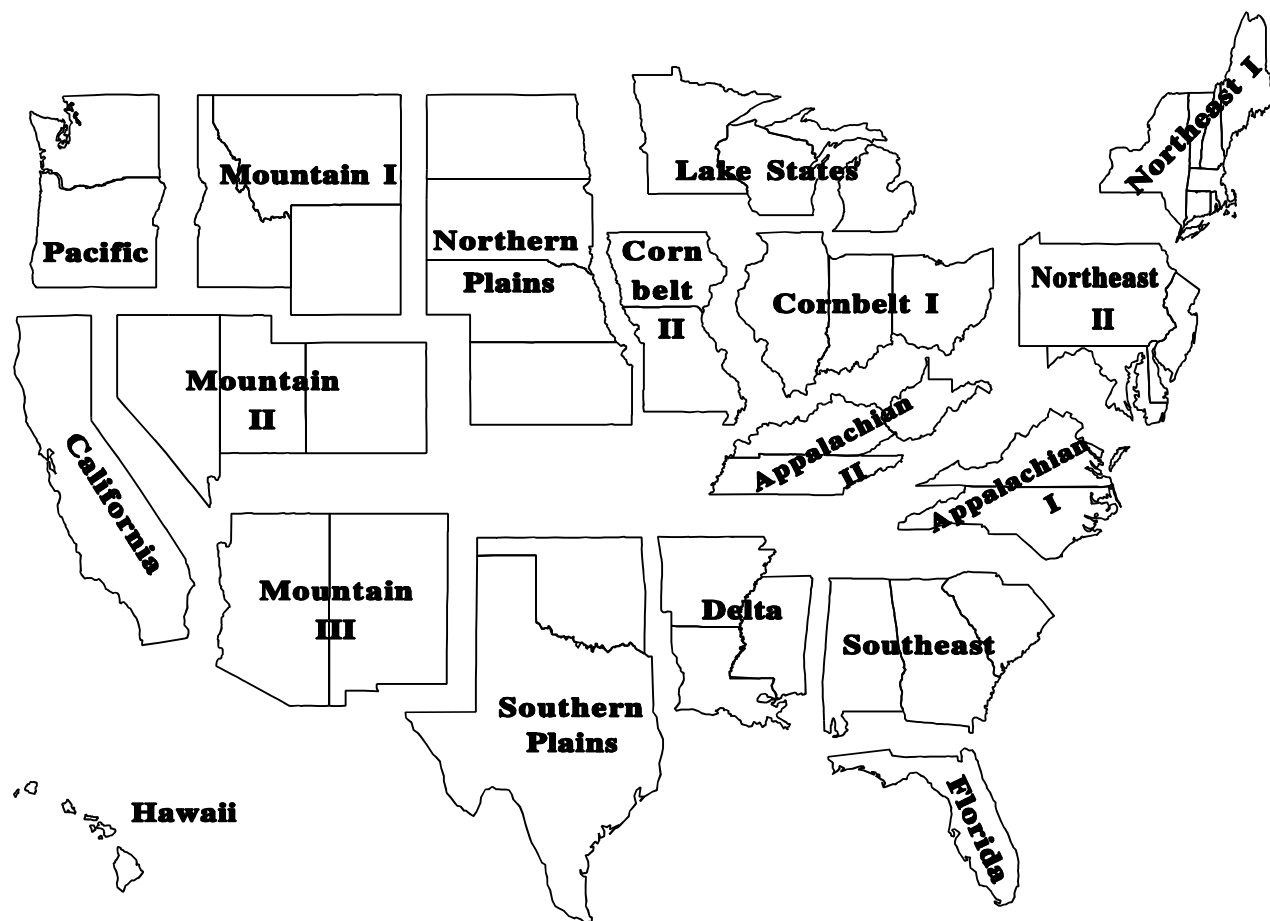
**Migrant Workers: Percent of all Hired Workers, United States,  
By Quarter (Includes Agricultural Service Workers), 1995-99 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1995 <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A	12.4	11.6
1996	5.7	7.5	13.1	11.1
1997	9.5	6.3	10.8	11.2
1998	7.3	6.6	13.7	11.0
1999	5.7			

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Reliability of Farm Labor Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) during the last two weeks of January 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 an area sampling frame. 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 NASS list of farms; those not found on the list are included in the labor survey sample to represent all farms. 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 January 10-16, 1999. The Survey in California was jointly conducted with the California Employment Development Department.

**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 hired workers at the U.S. level was 5.2 percent. The relative sampling error for the number of hired workers generally ranged between 11 and 27 percent at the regional level. The U.S. all hired farm worker wage rate had a relative sampling error of 1.1 percent. The relative sampling error was 1.0 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 11 percent at the regional levels. Relative sampling errors for wage rates published by type of farm and economic class of farm ranged between 3 and 22 percent at the regional level.

Nonsampling errors can occur in a complete census 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 editing, 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 January 1998 and October 1998 were subject to revision with this report. Revisions were made and previous data are reprinted in this report for your information. The May 21st report will have information for the survey week of April 11-17, 1999. The report will include the number of All Hired Workers, Average Hours Worked by Hired Workers and the All Hired Worker Wage Rates at the regional and U.S. levels. The wage rate for field, livestock, and combined field and livestock workers will be available for the regional and U.S. level. The number of Agricultural Service Workers and the corresponding wage rates will be published for California and Florida.

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