



# Farm Labor

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## **Hired Workers Up 1 Percent, Wage Rates Up 5 Percent From a Year Ago**

There were 1.46 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of July 11-17, 1999, up 1 percent from a year ago. There were 1.14 million workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 319,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 12.5 percent of the July hired workforce compared to 13.7 percent last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$7.58 per hour during the July 1999 survey week, up 33 cents from a year earlier. Field Workers received an average of \$7.05 per hour, up 27 cents from last July. Livestock Workers earned \$7.15 per hour compared with \$6.91 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock Workers combined wage rate was up 27 cents from last year.

Number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 40.7 hours a year ago.

The largest increases in number of hired farm workers over last year occurred in the Pacific (Oregon and Washington), Corn Belt I (Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio), and Lake (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) regions. In the Pacific region, winter wheat harvest was starting. Early potato and onion harvest were in progress. Mint harvest was underway while sweet cherry and strawberry harvests neared completion. Apricot and vegetable harvesting continued. Raspberry harvest was peaking. Wheat, alfalfa, and oat harvesting; corn detasseling; hauling grain; baling hay and straw; applying post-emergence chemicals; and mowing pastures contributed to most of the worker increases in the Corn Belt I region. In the Lake region, blueberry harvest was in full swing while cherry picking was winding down. Wheat and oat harvest was active and most livestock operations were busy with second cuttings of hay.

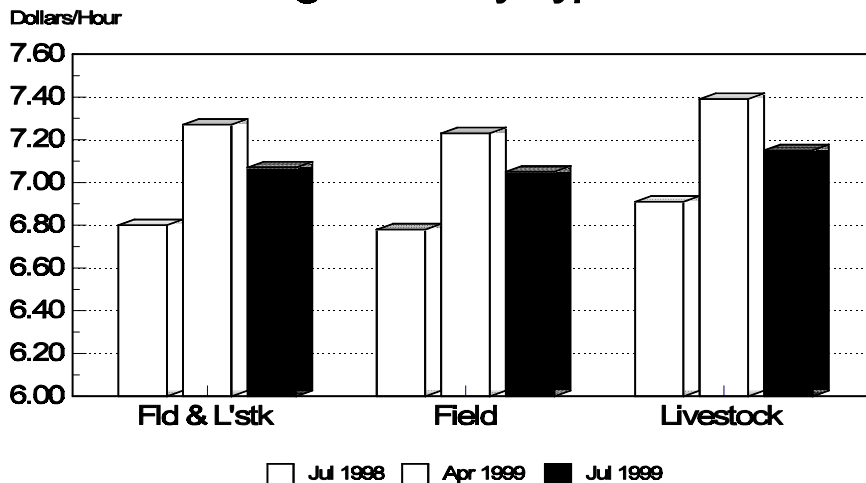
The largest declines in number of hired farm workers from a year ago were in the Mountain III (Arizona and New Mexico), Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina), and Appalachian I (North Carolina and Virginia) regions. In Mountain III, rain delayed field activity for most of the survey reference week, thus contributing to fewer hired workers needed. Summer onion harvest was specifically slowed by wet weather. Field crop cultivation and spraying activity continued in the Southeast region where weather allowed.

Hired farm worker wage rates in all regions were above a year ago. The largest increases occurred in the Southeast, Lake, and Northern Plains (North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas) regions. An increasingly competitive economic environment, coupled with a need to attract more skilled farm labor, continued to push hired farm wage rates higher in the above regions and nationwide.

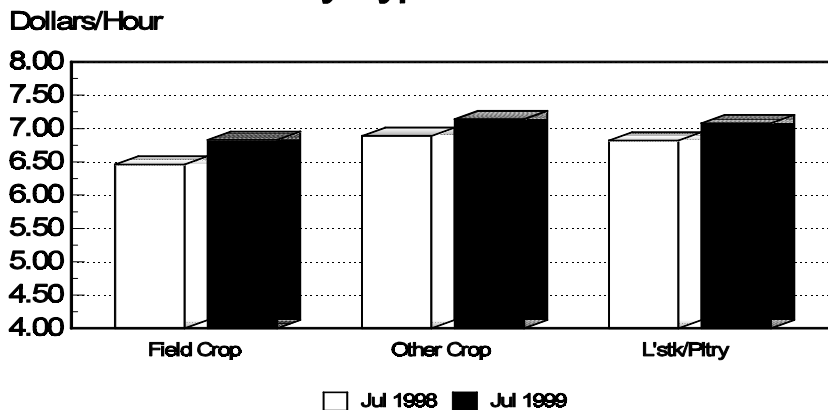
### **Revisions:**

The April 1999 hired workers estimates were revised for the U.S. and California. These revisions were based on additional information received in California as part of the ongoing Federal-State cooperative program.

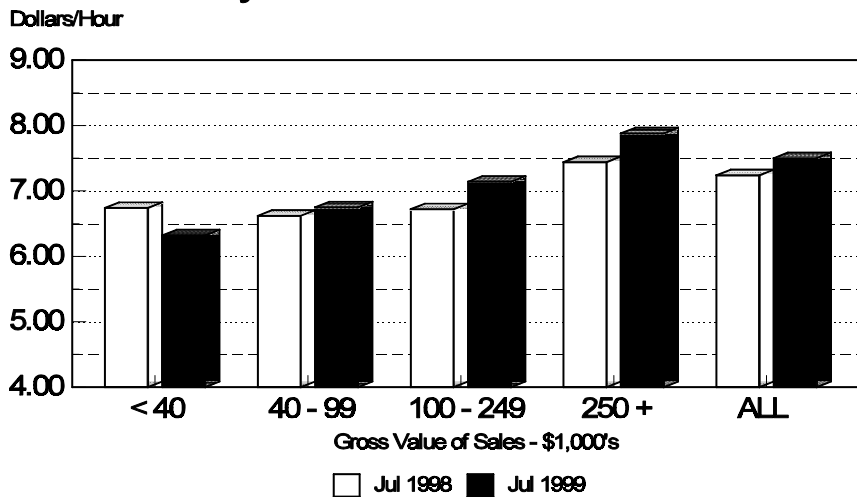
## U.S. Wage Rates by Type of Worker



## 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,  
July 11-17, 1999, with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

Farm Employment	July 12-18, 1998	April 11-17, 1999	July 11-17, 1999
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Hired Workers	1,071	*867	1,143
150 Days or More	712	*670	748
149 Days or Less	359	*197	395
Agricultural Services	379	*160	319
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,450	*1027	1,462
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Migrant Workers Percent of Hired Farm & Service Workers	13.7	8.7	12.5
	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>	<i>Hours per Week</i>
Hours Worked Hired	40.7	*39.5	39.8
	<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>	*7.25	*7.83	7.58
Type of Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	6.80	*7.27	7.07
Field	6.78	7.23	7.05
Livestock	6.91	*7.39	7.15

\* Revised.

<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, July 11-17, 1999 <sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired			Number of Hours Worked
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		
		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	48	31	17	36.9
Northeast II	49	31	18	40.8
Appalachian I	61	39	22	32.3
Appalachian II	40	21	19	33.9
Southeast	40	24	16	37.7
FL	45	40	5	39.5
Lake	88	46	42	36.7
Cornbelt I	68	34	34	34.4
Cornbelt II	30	21	9	34.4
Delta	45	33	12	36.5
Northern Plains	54	40	14	44.2
Southern Plains	60	39	21	40.3
Mountain I	31	21	10	44.6
Mountain II	31	23	8	42.5
Mountain III	19	15	4	47.2
Pacific	116	54	62	37.5
CA	310	229	81	44.6
HI	8	7	1	37.4
US <sup>3</sup>	1,143	748	395	39.8

<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, July 11-17, 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	7.87	6.69	7.47	7.86
Northeast II	7.17	6.45	6.98	7.34
Appalachian I	6.53	7.62	6.75	7.08
Appalachian II	6.25	6.57	6.37	6.89
Southeast	6.44	6.59	6.47	6.83
FL	7.25	7.30	7.26	8.31
Lake	7.35	7.15	7.29	7.73
Cornbelt I	7.54	7.39	7.52	8.03
Cornbelt II	7.22	8.07	7.58	7.90
Delta	6.55	6.89	6.62	6.99
Northern Plains	7.32	7.63	7.37	7.73
Southern Plains	6.23	6.40	6.26	6.60
Mountain I	6.17	6.97	6.43	6.61
Mountain II	6.47	7.09	6.73	7.26
Mountain III	6.52	6.68	6.56	7.17
Pacific	7.22	8.02	7.29	7.81
CA	7.15	7.59	7.19	7.77
HI <sup>4</sup>	9.51		9.53	10.88
US <sup>3</sup>	7.05	7.15	7.07	7.58

<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.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region  
and United States, April 11-17, 1999 <sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired			Number of Hours Worked
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		
		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	40	30	10	38.0
Northeast II	37	30	7	42.6
Appalachian I	30	21	9	37.4
Appalachian II	29	18	11	32.0
Southeast	*33	*21	12	*41.5
FL	54	46	8	*41.1
Lake	55	39	16	37.8
Cornbelt I	42	30	12	33.2
Cornbelt II	24	19	5	37.0
Delta	32	26	6	40.9
Northern Plains	29	24	5	39.5
Southern Plains	51	37	14	36.1
Mountain I	22	15	7	50.0
Mountain II	18	15	3	41.3
Mountain III	20	17	3	44.1
Pacific	58	36	22	39.1
CA	*286	*240	*46	*40.5
HI	7	6	1	37.3
US <sup>3</sup>	*867	*670	*197	*39.5

\* Revised.

<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, April 11-17, 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	8.18	7.34	7.92	8.34
Northeast II	7.73	6.05	7.20	7.73
Appalachian I	7.17	7.02	7.14	7.50
Appalachian II	6.17	6.63	6.39	6.72
Southeast	6.61	*7.59	*6.85	*7.12
FL	7.40	6.90	7.37	8.18
Lake	7.95	7.03	7.54	8.09
Cornbelt I	7.71	7.47	7.66	8.35
Cornbelt II	7.02	8.54	8.07	8.27
Delta	6.41	7.28	6.59	6.81
Northern Plains	7.82	7.00	7.41	7.66
Southern Plains	6.41	6.66	6.51	7.18
Mountain I	6.54	6.53	6.54	6.71
Mountain II	*7.51	7.67	*7.61	*8.06
Mountain III	6.77	7.58	6.96	7.65
Pacific	7.25	9.98	7.49	8.02
CA	*7.20	*8.29	*7.31	*8.00
HI <sup>4</sup>	9.45		9.38	*10.81
US <sup>3</sup>	7.23	*7.39	*7.27	*7.83

\* 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.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region  
and United States, July 12-18, 1998 <sup>1</sup>**

U.S. and Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired			Number of Hours Worked
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		
		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	48	34	14	39.8
Northeast II	47	30	17	40.7
Appalachian I	66	33	33	34.8
Appalachian II	38	18	20	26.7
Southeast	45	30	15	39.5
FL	45	40	5	41.5
Lake	72	40	32	37.3
Cornbelt I	50	28	22	32.1
Cornbelt II	28	21	7	28.7
Delta	40	28	12	40.9
Northern Plains	45	25	20	42.3
Southern Plains	63	45	18	44.4
Mountain I	31	20	11	44.7
Mountain II	30	20	10	41.4
Mountain III	22	16	6	47.7
Pacific	95	43	52	43.9
CA	298	234	64	44.5
HI	8	7	1	36.6
US <sup>3</sup>	1,071	712	359	40.7

<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, July 12-18, 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	7.27	6.80	7.12	7.59
Northeast II	6.95	6.20	6.75	7.22
Appalachian I	6.24	7.12	6.34	6.70
Appalachian II	6.07	6.54	6.24	6.59
Southeast	6.02	5.82	5.99	6.22
FL	7.25	6.90	7.21	8.08
Lake	6.95	6.41	6.77	7.01
Cornbelt I	7.45	7.52	7.47	7.84
Cornbelt II	6.61	7.62	7.02	7.52
Delta	6.20	6.83	6.36	6.75
Northern Plains	6.73	6.51	6.69	7.08
Southern Plains	5.98	5.98	5.98	6.32
Mountain I	6.05	6.47	6.13	*6.30
Mountain II	6.13	7.08	6.39	6.95
Mountain III	6.11	6.74	6.22	6.65
Pacific	6.77	8.70	6.91	7.27
CA	7.10	8.05	7.19	7.72
HI <sup>4</sup>	8.82		8.91	10.30
US <sup>3</sup>	6.78	6.91	6.80	*7.25

\* 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>	July 12-18, 1998				July 11-17, 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	6.90	7.19	6.16	6.82	6.46	7.67	6.55	7.20
Appalachian	5.85	6.26	7.54	6.54	5.94	7.14	7.03	6.59
Southeast	5.85	6.51	6.54	6.54	6.06	6.99	7.03	6.88
Lake	6.85	7.09	6.50	6.77	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.72	7.47	7.29
Cornbelt	7.39	7.78	7.04	7.33	7.83	7.51	7.17	7.54
Delta	5.73	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.44	6.36	6.53	7.21	6.64	6.62
Northern Plains	7.03	8.15	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.69	7.10	7.61	7.48	7.37
Southern Plains	<sup>(3)</sup>	5.71	6.05	5.98	5.88	6.43	6.47	6.26
Mountain	5.73	6.41	6.58	6.43	6.67	6.49	6.59	6.57
Pacific	7.88	7.59	8.82	7.66	<sup>(3)</sup>	7.15	<sup>(3)</sup>	7.21
48 States	6.46	6.89	6.82	6.80	6.83	7.14	7.08	7.07

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

Region <sup>2</sup>	July 12-18, 1998					July 11-17, 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>	
N. East	6.50	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.65	7.76	7.40	7.51	6.35	7.31	7.80	7.58
Appal.	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.25	6.17	6.72	6.67	6.49	6.53	6.53	7.38	7.00
S. East	6.68	7.17	6.52	7.33	7.17	6.77	6.91	6.93	7.91	7.63
Lake	5.38	6.63	6.48	7.51	7.01	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.20	7.00	8.86	7.73
Cornbelt	7.48	6.79	6.63	8.10	7.73	6.70	7.62	7.45	8.45	7.99
Delta	5.76	5.79	6.54	7.06	6.75	6.42	6.65	6.58	7.27	6.99
N. Plains	5.76	6.73	7.15	7.39	7.08	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.43	7.48	7.96	7.73
S. Plains	<sup>(3)</sup>	5.93	5.91	6.46	6.32	6.41	6.51	6.47	6.80	6.60
Mountain	5.75	6.32	6.57	6.76	6.60	6.72	<sup>(3)</sup>	6.51	7.23	6.99
Pacific	7.20	6.77	7.63	7.66	7.61	6.96	7.57	7.45	7.92	7.78
48 States	6.74	6.62	6.72	7.44	*7.25	6.32	6.75	7.14	7.88	7.58

\* Revised.

<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	July 12-18, 1998	April 11-17, 1999	July 11-17, 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	17	12	17
Other Crops	55	*63	55
Livestock, Dairy, & Poultry	28	*25	28
	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Gross Value of Sales	July 12-18, 1998	April 11-17, 1999	July 11-17, 1999
	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>	<i>Percent of Hired Workers</i>
Less than \$40,000	9	7	13
\$40,000-\$99,999	10	7	8
\$100,000-\$249,999	16	14	17
\$250,000 and over	65	72	62
	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

	July 12-18, 1998	April 11-17, 1999	July 11-17, 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	9	11	9
2 Workers	9	*8	11
3-6 Workers	21	*17	18
7-10 Workers	10	9	9
At least 11 Workers	51	55	53
	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Revised.

<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 319,000 workers for the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 1999. Service workers in California numbered 120,000 this July compared with 110,000 last year. Florida's number of service workers was 3,000, compared to 5,000 last year.

The average wage received by agricultural service workers in California and Florida were \$7.51 and \$8.85 per hour, respectively. Comparable wages in July 1998 were \$7.19 in California and \$8.60 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>		
	Jul 1998	Apr 1999	Jul 1999	Jul 1998	Apr 1999	Jul 1999	Jul 1998	Apr 1999	Jul 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	110.0	*71.0	120.0	38.3	*34.0	36.4	7.19	*7.13	7.51
FL	5.0	9.0	3.0	32.0	38.0	45.0	8.60	8.30	8.85
US	379.0	*160.0	319.0						

\* 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.

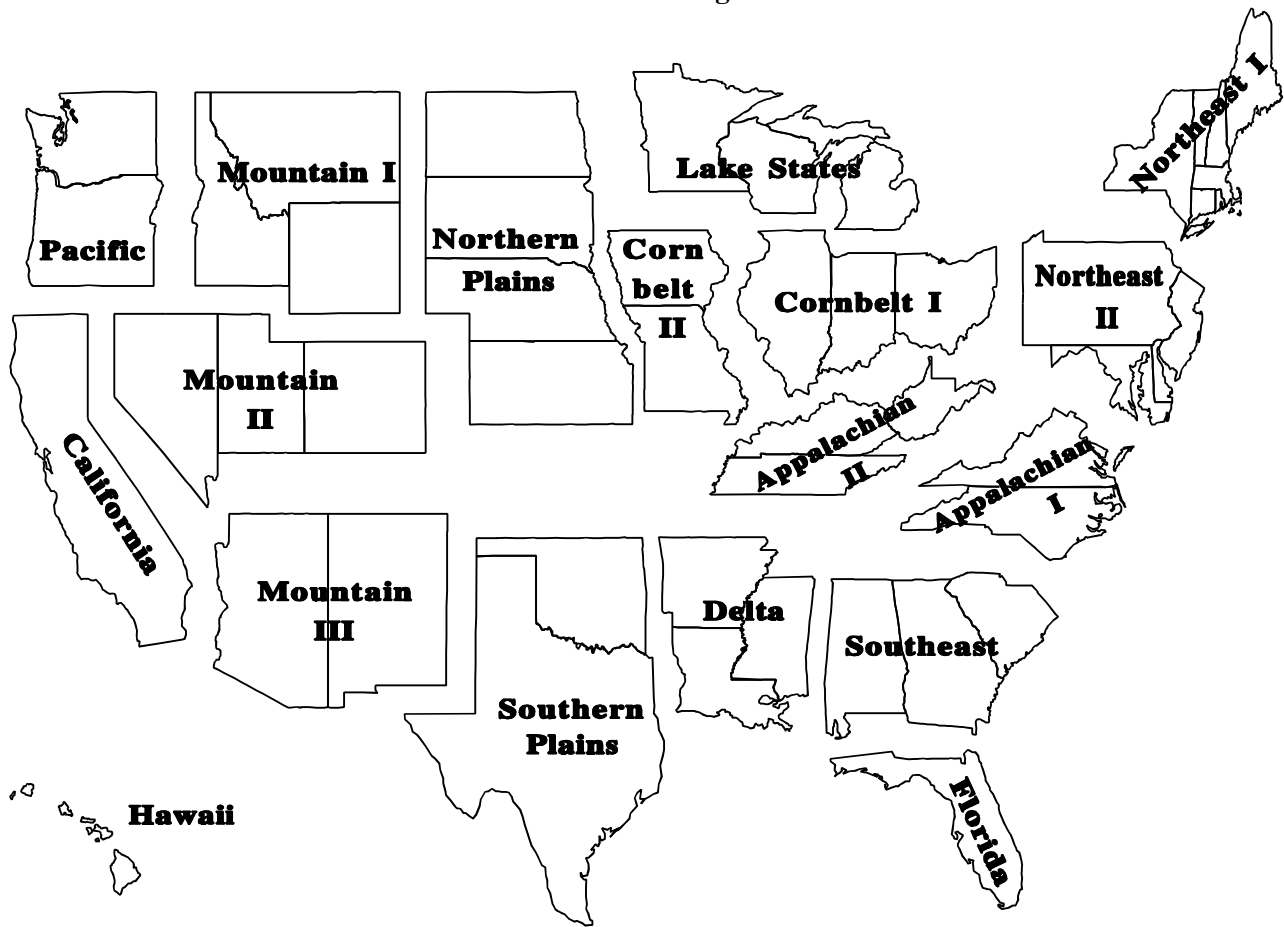
<sup>3</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

### Migrant Workers: Percent of all Hired Workers, United States, By Quarter (Includes Agricultural Service Workers), 1996-99 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1996		5.7	7.5	13.1
1997		9.5	6.3	10.8
1998		7.3	6.6	13.7
1999		6.0	8.7	12.5

<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.

## 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 July 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 July 11-17, 1999.

**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 3.7 percent. The relative sampling error for the number of hired workers generally ranged between 9 and 24 percent at the regional level. The U.S. all hired farm worker wage rate had a relative sampling error of 1.2 percent. The relative sampling error was 0.9 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 9 percent at the regional levels. Relative sampling errors for wage rates published by type of farm and economic class of farm ranged between 2 and 18 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 July 1998 and April 1999 were subject to revision with this report. Revisions were made and previous data are reprinted in this report for your information.

The November 19th report will have information for the survey week of October 10-16, 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 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 California and Florida.

The report will also contain annual averages for Self employed, Unpaid, and All Hired workers at the U.S. and regional levels and for selected states. All Hired Hours Worked will also be published for the U.S., regions, and selected states. Annual average wage rates will be published for the U.S., regions, and by State for Field, Field and Livestock combined, and All Hired workers.

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