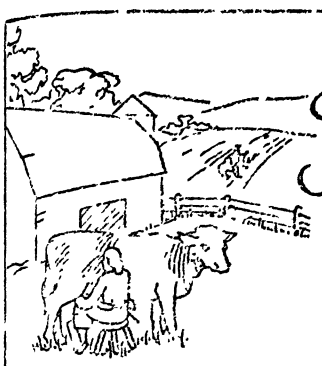

Farm Labor

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FARM WAGE RATES AT RECORD LEVEL
EMPLOYMENT UP SLIGHTLY

Farm wage rates had advanced to record levels on October 1 in practically all regions of the country, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. The number of persons employed on the Nation's farms was about two percent greater than a year ago, with most of the increase occurring in the number of hired workers.

Farm wage rates on October 1 were about 7 percent higher than a year ago and a little over 4 times the 1910-14 average. With the exception of some rates in the South Atlantic and Pacific States, all types of wage rates reached peak all-time levels. Per day rates with and without board advanced in all regions, with the greatest advances in the West North Central States. Here, day rates have soared to nearly 12 percent over the previous high last October. While rates of pay advanced from July 1 to October 1 in practically all regions, a much greater percentage of the hired laborers were employed in the South where the prevailing wages are considerably lower than in other parts of the country. Because of this shift some of the national average rates showed slight declines from July of this year.

Some of the increases in wage rates throughout the Nation were due to the seasonal demand for harvest labor. In addition, farm wage rate rises are partially the result of the increases in farm commodity prices and of the tendency of farm wages to follow industrial wage increases. The sharpest wage increases were in day rates reported from the Dakotas, Nebraska and Minnesota.

About 11,700,000 people were working on farms on October 1 of this year. There were only slightly more family workers than a year ago. Hired hands however, were considerably more numerous on farms than at this time last year. Important increases in the number of hired workers were shown in the South where corn and rice harvests, picking the larger cotton crop and peanut digging were in full swing. The West North Central States likewise reported considerably more hired hands working on farms this year. Changes were minor in other regions. There were 6 percent fewer hired workers in the Middle Atlantic States where killing frosts put an early end to most of the tender vegetable crops.

Seasonally, total farm employment rose 5 percent during September, about the same increase as usual. Increases in the southern regions ranged from 6 to 25 percent while the number of workers in all other sections of the country declined somewhat from the September 1 level. A greatly increased number of family workers in the South more than offset decreases elsewhere. The number

of hired workers likewise, rose seasonally in the South, but declines since September 1 in other regions varied from 6 percent in New England to 21 percent in the West North Central States.

Weather during the last week in September was mostly fair, but colder than usual east of the Rockies. Some freeze damage was reported from the northern border States and a few adjacent areas. Rains along the Atlantic coast northward to Virginia hindered farm activity somewhat in the South Atlantic States. Elsewhere, however, major harvesting operations were favored by the dry weather which hastened maturity of corn, soybeans and other ripening crops. Soil preparation and seeding of small grains made good progress except in the important Great Plains wheat areas of western Kansas and Oklahoma, northwestern Texas and sections of South Dakota. Due to the dryness of topsoil, many farmers in these States were awaiting rain before planting wheat. Cotton picking was nearly finished in the coastal areas on October 1 and good progress was being made in the northern portion of the belt. The cool, dry weather over most of the country also was especially favorable for such harvest operations as apple picking and the digging of potatoes, peanuts and sugar beets.

By October 1 in New England only 25 percent of the important Maine potato crop was harvested but apple picking was in full swing and after somewhat delayed ripening the cranberry harvest was underway. Most field crops were already in barns or silos. The number of family workers employed was the same as last year but there were 3 percent more hired workers. As usual, the number of family and hired workers were each down seasonally from September 1.

In the Middle Atlantic States the number of persons at work on farms was two percent lower than last year. Declines of both family and hired workers were slightly greater than usual for this time of year. Considerable damage to vegetable crops was caused by heavy frosts the last week of September. In New York silo filling was a rush job as was the cranberry harvest in New Jersey. Corn husking, apple picking, seeding small grains and cover crops were jobs common to the three-State area. Much of the migratory labor had already left the area by October 1.

There was very little change in the number of farm workers employed in the East North Central States in comparison with this time last year. The number of hired workers declined 3 percent since September 1 but family workers dropped only slightly during the same period. Fall seeding of winter grains was making good progress throughout the region. Much of the late corn was being rushed into silos around October 1. Corn picking and combining soybeans were just getting started in Indiana and Illinois. Sugarbeet harvest had started in Michigan and Wisconsin and the fall apples and late hay crops were being gathered everywhere.

Varied progress was being made with farm work in the West North Central States. Of most concern was the slow progress of wheat seeding in western Kansas and parts of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota where top soil moisture was insufficient for germination. Nearly all grain harvest was completed in the area, except flax combining and some shock threshing in North Dakota. Potato digging and beet lifting were creating quite a demand for labor in North Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota. Corn and soybean harvests were underway in Missouri, eastern Kansas and parts of Iowa. About 21 percent more hired workers were employed this year while only slightly more family members were at work than a year earlier. The decline in number of workers during September was about as usual.

Heavy rainfall during the last week of September delayed farm work somewhat in the South Atlantic States. Planting of fall crops has been delayed in Florida

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Farm labor: Persons employed, wage rates, indexes and related data, October 1, 1947, with comparisons

	Annual average 1910-14	October average 1935-39	October 1, 1946	September 1, 1947	October 1, 1947
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	12,389	1/ 11,458	11,132	11,700
Family labor	9,160	9,190	1/ 8,834	8,259	8,896
Hired labor	2,892	3,199	2,624	2,873	2,804
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation)					
Total	100	90	82	83	83
Family labor	100	91	1/ 85	84	87
Hired labor	100	89	67	79	72
	Annual average 1910-14	October average 1935-39	October 1, 1946	July 1, 1947	October 1, 1947
FARM WAGE RATES					
Per month, with board	$22.09	$27.10	$91.40	$98.70	$97.80
Per month, without board	29.18	34.90	104.00	114.00	112.00
Per day, with board	1.16	1.31	4.36	4.54	4.79
Per day, without board	1.42	1.55	4.94	5.17	5.25
Composite rate per month 2/	24.76	30.20	96.40	103.00	103.00
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES					
Unadjusted	100	122	389	416	416
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	118	378	404	404
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES BY REGION					
New England	100	146	386	389	402
Middle Atlantic	100	133	382	400	414
East North Central	100	122	351	369	384
West North Central	100	105	363	373	397
South Atlantic	100	113	343	357	362
East South Central	100	102	311	315	337
West South Central	100	105	349	367	391
Mountain	100	111	351	374	383
Pacific	100	132	426	428	431
RELATED INDEXES					
Prices received by farmers 3/	100	107	258	274	4/ 286
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	88	66	66	69
Average weekly factory earnings 5/	100	206	406	436	--

1/ Revised.
2/ Weighted average of monthly rates with and without board, and daily rates with and without board converted to a monthly basis.
3/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
4/ September 15, 1947 - latest data available.
5/ Factory payroll per employed worker, average of all weeks during the designated month. Revised April 1946.

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Farm employment: Persons employed, United States and geographic divisions, October 1, 1947, with comparisons

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

Geographic divisions	October 1 average 1935-39	September 1, 1946	October 1, 1946	September 1, 1947	October 1, 1947
	Thousands			Thousands	
United States	12,389	11,111	2/ 11,458	11,132	11,700
New England	273	266	259	272	262
Middle Atlantic	672	730	2/ 638	732	682
East North Central	1,551	1,481	1,441	1,498	1,440
West North Central	1,725	1,735	1,629	1,802	1,709
South Atlantic	2,451	2,074	2,205	2,127	2,259
East South Central	2,275	1,744	2,050	1,671	2,044
West South Central	2,339	1,749	2,048	1,694	2,120
Mountain	488	510	464	535	506
Pacific	615	822	664	801	678
	Family Workers 1/				
United States	9,190	8,334	2/ 8,834	8,259	8,896
New England	168	171	171	175	171
Middle Atlantic	418	442	2/ 415	448	419
East North Central	1,156	1,214	1,187	1,222	1,188
West North Central	1,347	1,388	1,369	1,407	1,395
South Atlantic	1,825	1,602	1,709	1,643	1,769
East South Central	1,919	1,495	1,749	1,422	1,713
West South Central	1,737	1,357	1,618	1,267	1,631
Mountain	293	311	307	327	319
Pacific	327	354	307	348	291
	Hired Workers				
United States	3,199	2,777	2,624	2,873	2,804
New England	105	95	88	97	91
Middle Atlantic	254	288	279	284	263
East North Central	395	267	254	276	252
West North Central	378	347	260	395	314
South Atlantic	626	472	496	484	490
East South Central	356	249	301	249	331
West South Central	602	392	430	427	439
Mountain	195	199	159	208	187
Pacific	288	468	357	453	387

1/ Including farm operators and members of their families working without wages.
2/ Revised.
Based on reports from 17,302 farmers who reported for their own farms the number of family and hired workers doing 2 or more days of work during the week of inquiry.

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Farm employment: Total, family and hired workers, United States, specified annual averages, and by months, Jan. 1, 1946-October 1, 1947 1/

Year and month	Total farm employment	Family workers 2/	Hired workers
	Thousands		
1910-14 average	12,052	9,160	2,892
1935-39 average	10,920	8,352	2,568
1939 average	10,740	8,145	2,595
1940 average	10,585	8,019	2,566
1941 average	10,361	7,829	2,532
1942 average	10,397	7,855	2,542
1943 average	10,263	7,857	2,406
1944 average	10,037	7,810	2,227
1945 average	9,844	7,726	2,118
1946 average	3/ 10,010	3/ 7,862	2,148
January 1	7,732	6,412	1,320
February 1	7,799	6,375	1,424
March 1	8,263	6,774	1,489
April 1	9,121	7,469	1,652
May 1	10,366	8,391	1,975
June 1	11,422	8,969	2,453
July 1	11,586	8,875	2,711
August 1	11,044	8,258	2,786
September 1	11,111	8,334	2,777
October 1	3/ 11,458	3/ 8,834	2,624
November 1	10,309	8,300	2,503
December 1	9,405	7,345	2,060
1947 average			
January 1	8,272	6,747	1,525
February 1	8,280	6,693	1,587
March 1	8,591	7,046	1,545
April 1	9,242	7,571	1,671
May 1	10,280	8,281	1,999
June 1	11,394	8,913	2,481
July 1	11,513	8,833	2,685
August 1	11,140	8,301	2,839
September 1	11,132	8,259	2,873
October 1	11,700	8,896	2,804

1/ Annual averages are straight averages of first of month employment estimates.
2/ Includes farm operators and members of their families working without wages.
3/ Revised.

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Farm employment: Persons employed, and index numbers, by type of farming area, July 1946 to date 1/

Year and month	Corn Area						Eastern Dairy Area					
	2/			Index 3/			2/			Index 3/		
	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total
	Thousands						Thousands					
1946	979	189	1,168	87	47	76	498	244	742	78	72	76
July	1,052	229	1,281	93	57	84	563	322	885	88	95	90
Aug.	1,030	247	1,277	91	61	83	537	361	898	84	106	92
Sept.	1,032	216	1,248	91	54	81	532	325	857	83	96	88
Oct.	1,010	191	1,201	89	48	78	508	314	822	80	93	84
Nov.	1,035	205	1,240	92	51	81	493	263	756	77	77	77
Dec.	965	215	1,180	85	53	77	483	223	706	76	66	72
1947												
Jan.	911	143	1,054	81	36	69	443	170	613	69	50	63
Feb.	882	135	1,017	78	34	66	433	166	599	68	49	61
Mar.	938	134	1,072	83	33	70	448	161	609	70	47	62
Apr.	1,001	163	1,164	89	41	76	478	194	672	75	57	69
May	1,006	200	1,206	89	50	79	490	237	727	77	70	74
June	1,044	220	1,264	92	55	82	507	256	763	79	75	78
July	1,042	232	1,274	92	58	83	536	338	874	84	100	89
Aug.	1,048	255	1,303	93	63	85	549	356	905	86	105	93
Sept.	1,048	223	1,271	93	55	83	540	317	857	85	93	88
Oct.	1,012	193	1,205	89	48	79	506	301	807	79	89	82

Year and month	Western Dairy Area						Middle Eastern Area					
1946	678	134	812	94	60	86	1,418	241	1,659	86	57	80
July	758	157	915	105	71	97	1,630	280	1,910	99	66	92
Aug.	728	189	917	101	85	97	1,536	297	1,833	93	70	89
Sept.	697	168	865	97	75	92	1,539	300	1,839	94	71	89
Oct.	699	157	856	97	71	91	1,537	284	1,821	94	67	88
Nov.	692	147	839	96	66	89	1,454	262	1,716	89	62	83
Dec.	678	116	794	94	52	84	1,313	236	1,549	80	56	75
1947												
Jan.	633	105	738	88	47	78	1,223	187	1,410	74	44	68
Feb.	606	105	711	84	47	75	1,229	215	1,444	75	51	70
Mar.	644	104	748	89	47	79	1,262	186	1,448	77	44	70
Apr.	665	107	772	92	48	82	1,339	211	1,550	82	50	75
May	714	134	848	99	60	90	1,458	240	1,698	89	56	82
June	733	145	878	102	65	93	1,607	261	1,868	98	61	90
July	759	150	909	105	67	96	1,642	281	1,923	100	66	93
Aug.	748	179	927	104	80	98	1,559	297	1,856	95	70	90
Sept.	698	172	870	97	77	92	1,547	288	1,835	94	68	89
Oct.	708	150	858	98	67	91	1,560	309	1,869	95	73	90

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Farm employment: Persons employed, and index numbers, by type of farming area, July 1946 to date 1/ --Continued

Year and month	Eastern Cotton Area						Delta Cotton Area					
	2/			Index 3/			2/			Index 3/		
	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total
	Thousands						Thousands					
1946	938	246	1,184	67	78	69	971	194	1,165	89	77	87
July	1,137	295	1,432	81	94	83	1,125	228	1,353	103	90	101
Aug.	918	286	1,204	65	91	70	1,001	172	1,173	92	68	87
Sept.	999	285	1,284	71	91	75	999	212	1,211	92	84	90
Oct.	1,217	358	1,575	86	114	91	1,292	299	1,591	119	118	119
Nov.	1,092	289	1,381	78	92	80	1,054	315	1,369	97	125	102
Dec.	760	190	950	54	60	55	895	252	1,147	82	100	85
1947												
Jan.	652	151	803	46	48	47	740	100	840	68	40	63
Feb.	649	183	832	46	58	48	754	132	886	69	52	66
Mar.	721	176	900	51	56	52	767	138	905	70	55	67
Apr.	851	182	1,033	60	58	60	871	129	1,000	80	51	75
May	1,048	235	1,283	74	75	74	1,059	129	1,188	97	51	89
June	1,193	326	1,519	85	104	88	1,197	225	1,422	110	89	106
July	1,133	264	1,397	80	84	81	1,112	217	1,329	102	86	99
Aug.	917	273	1,190	65	87	69	953	179	1,132	87	71	84
Sept.	972	307	1,279	69	98	74	948	239	1,187	87	95	88
Oct.	1,276	356	1,632	91	113	95	1,219	298	1,517	112	118	113
	Western Cotton Area						Small Grain Area					
1946	787	233	1,020	82	93	84	592	115	707	97	63	89
July	869	328	1,197	90	131	99	666	160	826	109	88	104
Aug.	788	304	1,092	82	121	90	663	182	845	108	100	106
Sept.	830	262	1,092	86	105	90	641	207	848	105	114	107
Oct.	932	237	1,169	97	95	96	599	139	738	98	77	93
Nov.	871	264	1,135	90	105	93	593	129	722	97	71	91
Dec.	724	251	975	75	100	80	563	94	657	92	52	83
1947												
Jan.	675	196	871	70	78	72	556	67	623	91	37	78
Feb.	656	183	839	68	73	69	547	68	615	89	38	77
Mar.	732	189	921	76	75	76	568	60	628	95	35	79
Apr.	750	132	882	78	73	77	605	71	676	99	39	85
May	838	201	1,039	87	80	86	626	123	749	102	68	94
June	890	288	1,178	92	115	97	655	139	794	107	77	100
July	891	293	1,184	92	117	98	654	151	805	107	83	101
Aug.	781	303	1,084	81	121	89	674	220	894	110	121	113
Sept.	773	273	1,046	80	109	86	649	245	894	106	135	113
Oct.	963	302	1,265	100	121	104	615	170	785	100	94	99

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Year and month	Range Area						Northwestern Area					
	2/			Index 3/			2/			Index 3/		
	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total
	Thousands						Thousands					
1946	187	92	279	124	91	111	206	102	308	129	131	130
July	195	111	306	129	110	121	212	154	366	133	197	154
Aug.	208	121	329	138	120	130	217	196	413	136	251	174
Sept.	194	131	325	128	129	129	239	207	446	150	265	188
Oct.	198	107	305	131	106	121	197	136	333	124	174	141
Nov.	200	116	316	132	115	125	199	130	329	125	167	139
Dec.	180	74	254	119	73	101	191	77	268	120	99	113
1947												
Jan.	164	65	229	108	64	91	182	48	230	114	62	97
Feb.	177	59	236	117	58	94	195	39	234	123	50	99
Mar.	185	53	238	122	52	94	200	40	240	126	51	101
Apr.	182	79	261	120	78	103	211	50	261	133	64	110
May	195	84	279	129	83	111	216	60	276	136	77	116
June	216	112	328	143	111	130	215	99	314	135	127	132
July	192	111	303	127	110	120	215	176	391	135	226	165
Aug.	213	109	322	141	108	128	210	207	417	132	265	176
Sept.	208	127	335	138	125	133	240	207	447	151	265	189
Oct.	204	123	327	135	122	130	201	161	362	126	206	153

1/ Corn Area: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa; Eastern Dairy Area: New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania; Western Dairy Area: Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota; Middle Eastern Area: Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee; Eastern Cotton Area: South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama; Delta Cotton Area: Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana; Western Cotton Area: Oklahoma and Texas; Small Grains Area: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Montana; Range Area: Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada; and Northwestern Area: Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

2/ Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

3/ 1910-14 = 100

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by geographic divisions, October 1, 1947, with comparisons

Geographic division	Annual average 1910-14	July 1, 1946	October 1, 1946	July 1, 1947	October 1 1947
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	91.50	96.70	96.80	98.70
Middle Atlantic	22.25	87.70	89.00	94.40	96.00
East North Central	23.75	83.00	85.10	89.40	92.70
West North Central	26.32	94.00	97.40	102.00	105.00
South Atlantic	14.62	49.50	49.00	51.50	52.00
East South Central	14.71	43.20	45.00	46.10	48.60
West South Central	17.35	63.90	62.20	68.80	70.70
Mountain	32.48	114.00	117.00	125.00	127.00
Pacific	33.45	152.00	150.00	151.00	151.00
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	133.00	137.00	139.00	143.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	120.00	120.00	129.00	132.00
East North Central	32.80	111.00	113.00	118.00	123.00
West North Central	36.86	120.00	125.00	130.00	134.00
South Atlantic	20.97	66.90	68.10	71.80	71.80
East South Central	20.80	59.00	61.50	64.20	67.30
West South Central	24.93	86.50	85.60	91.10	95.80
Mountain	46.42	146.00	148.00	160.00	163.00
Pacific	48.16	190.00	186.00	192.00	190.00
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	4.88	5.18	5.12	5.20
Middle Atlantic	1.24	4.58	4.90	4.93	5.19
East North Central	1.31	4.49	4.61	4.88	5.07
West North Central	1.46	4.97	5.44	5.24	6.07
South Atlantic	.81	2.86	2.95	3.02	3.16
East South Central	.81	2.38	2.64	2.62	2.91
West South Central	.98	3.54	3.52	3.68	4.02
Mountain	1.50	5.24	5.66	5.76	6.06
Pacific	1.49	6.70	6.95	6.84	7.02
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	5.84	6.33	6.44	6.68
Middle Atlantic	1.63	5.63	6.08	6.07	6.49
East North Central	1.68	5.35	5.60	5.80	6.07
West North Central	1.88	6.18	6.60	6.52	7.37
South Atlantic	1.05	3.48	3.65	3.75	3.82
East South Central	1.05	3.03	3.29	3.24	3.53
West South Central	1.25	4.06	4.17	4.25	4.62
Mountain	2.05	6.08	6.41	6.66	7.25
Pacific	2.06	8.23	8.51	8.21	8.55

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by States, October 1, 1946 and October 1, 1947

State	Per month with board		Per month without board		Per day with board		Per day without board	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	Dollars		Dollars		Dollars		Dollars	
Maine	92.00	93.00	130.00	128.00	5.40	5.30	6.80	6.60
N. H.	97.00	98.00	136.00	142.00	5.00	5.30	6.20	6.70
Vt.	94.00	96.00	131.00	136.00	5.30	5.40	6.40	6.70
Mass.	100.00	104.00	144.00	153.00	5.00	4.90	6.20	6.80
R. I.	97.00	98.00	142.00	148.00	4.90	4.90	6.00	6.50
Conn.	100.00	98.00	142.00	148.00	5.00	4.80	6.10	6.50
N. Y.	96.75	105.00	129.00	141.00	5.10	5.40	6.50	7.00
N. J.	97.00	108.00	134.00	147.00	5.40	5.60	6.70	6.60
Pa.	77.00	81.00	106.00	117.00	4.50	4.80	5.40	5.80
Ohio	73.25	80.25	103.00	109.00	4.20	4.80	5.20	5.70
Ind.	77.25	79.75	101.00	110.00	4.30	4.70	5.20	5.80
Ill.	90.25	98.75	113.00	122.00	4.80	5.00	5.60	5.90
Mich.	88.50	95.75	120.00	129.00	4.95	5.50	6.00	6.60
Wis.	92.75	104.00	123.00	140.00	4.75	5.30	5.90	6.40
Minn.	99.75	108.00	130.00	139.00	6.10	6.50	7.40	7.80
Iowa	104.00	112.00	127.00	136.00	5.80	6.20	6.70	7.40
Mo.	72.00	75.75	93.00	101.00	3.80	4.10	4.55	4.90
N. Dak.	115.00	131.00	146.00	163.00	6.20	7.80	7.60	9.70
S. Dak.	105.00	114.00	134.00	147.00	5.70	6.50	7.40	8.70
Nebr.	101.00	109.00	128.00	138.00	5.50	6.40	6.60	7.70
Kans.	90.00	100.00	118.00	131.00	5.20	6.00	6.40	7.40
Del.	78.00	82.50	100.00	110.00	5.50	5.30	6.50	6.20
Md.	73.25	80.00	101.00	108.00	5.00	5.20	5.90	6.10
Va.	61.50	70.00	82.75	92.00	3.80	3.85	4.40	4.60
W. Va.	53.50	57.50	73.75	76.00	3.05	3.20	3.75	3.95
N. C.	54.00	55.75	74.25	77.75	3.30	3.60	3.95	4.20
S. C.	39.25	40.25	54.50	55.75	2.15	2.30	2.90	2.90
Ga.	41.00	42.00	58.00	59.50	2.60	2.75	3.20	3.40
Fla.	58.00	55.00	84.00	85.00	3.05	3.25	4.25	4.25
Ky.	57.00	61.00	77.00	83.00	3.20	3.40	4.00	4.30
Tenn.	45.25	48.50	65.00	70.00	2.40	2.70	3.15	3.35
Ala.	41.50	46.50	54.75	64.00	2.60	2.75	3.20	3.25
Miss.	41.75	43.75	57.50	60.00	2.55	2.90	3.10	3.45
Ark.	51.00	56.25	72.50	77.50	3.15	3.15	3.95	4.05
La.	42.00	47.00	59.00	64.00	2.70	2.70	3.10	3.40
Okla.	74.75	91.00	99.25	120.00	4.40	4.85	5.00	5.70
Tex.	75.00	81.25	102.00	110.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	5.10
Mont.	132.00	140.00	156.00	171.00	6.80	7.00	7.70	8.10
Idaho	143.00	149.00	176.00	185.00	6.80	7.50	7.70	8.40
Wyo.	118.00	127.00	156.00	172.00	5.60	6.00	6.60	7.70
Colo.	104.00	109.00	141.00	150.00	5.50	5.60	6.30	7.00
N. Mex.	85.25	95.00	110.00	125.00	4.50	4.85	4.85	5.60
Ariz.	110.00	130.00	145.00	165.00	4.60	5.40	5.50	6.50
Utah	128.00	140.00	156.00	170.00	5.30	5.70	6.10	6.40
Nev.	125.00	130.00	150.00	165.00	5.00	5.40	6.00	6.50
Wash.	146.00	152.00	194.00	189.00	7.00	7.20	9.00	9.50
Oreg.	143.00	146.00	178.00	183.00	7.20	7.30	8.30	8.20
Calif.	152.00	151.00	185.00	192.00	6.90	6.90	8.40	8.30
U. S.	91.40	97.80	104.00	112.00	4.36	4.79	4.94	5.25

Farm labor program: Foreign workers employed in agriculture, October 3, 1947 1/

State	Mexicans	Jamaicans	Bahamians	Hondurans	British Barbadians	Newfound-landers	Total
Maine	2/ 6,129	3	13			6	6,151
N. H.	2/ 95	11				22	128
Vt.	2/ 16					39	55
Mass.		35	124				159
R. I.						4	4
Conn.		1,703	15			31	1,749
N. Y.	149	483	1,069		11	40	1,752
N. J.		210	555			2	767
Pa.		212				7	219
Ohio		137	445				582
Ind.	220		117				337
Ill.	157	103	74				334
Mich.	205	133	65				403
Wis.	1,129	56	42	1			1,228
Minn.	1,028						1,028
Iowa	197						197
Mo.		11					11
N. Dak.	132						132
S. Dak.	350						350
Nebr.	782						782
Kans.	117						117
Del.		56	181			2	239
Md.		149	317			1	467
Va.			419				419
W. Va.							
N. C.			97				97
S. C.							
Ga.							
Fla.		726	549		347		1,622
Ky.							
Tenn.							
Ala.							
Miss.							
Ark.							
La.							
Okla.							
Tex.							
Mont.	1,341						1,341
Idaho	2,172						2,172
Wyo.	234						234
Colo.	523						523
N. Mex.							
Ariz.	567						567
Utah	831						831
Nev.	131						131
Wash.	280						280
Oreg.	476						476
Calif.	11,598						11,598
U. S. 3/	28,859	4,028	4,082	1	358	154	37,482

1/ Data provided by Requirements and Certification Section, Program Division, Labor Branch, P. M. A. 2/ Canadians. 3/ Including Canadians.

Farm labor program: Farm labor placements
August 1947 1/

State	August		January 1 to August 31,	
	1946	1947	1946	1947
Maine	19,914	13,336	26,365	16,576
N. H.	9,087	4,341	13,160	5,809
Vt.	1,323	952	2,416	2,070
Mass.	481	198	2,591	750
R. I.	17	10	142	76
Conn.	5,974	5.409	21,610	15,776
N. Y.	56,043	50.089	144,260	117,463
N. J.	7,657	3,589	26,892	11,030
Pa.	8,965	3,053	15,912	8,936
Ohio	5,020	3,407	27,014	20,352
Ind.	3,788	5,410	15,197	10,188
Ill.	9,420	12,345	40,655	30,282
Mich.	48,528	23,789	102,150	57,342
Wis.	10,611	9,549	27,944	21,715
Minn.	7,247	5,471	18,961	19,875
Iowa	9,350	20,198	31,542	31,516
Mo.	942	657	6,643	4,997
N. Dak.	50,080	43,005	72,019	61,197
S. Dak.	7,493	8,620	24,186	21,516
Nebr.	3,316	2,611	15,681	12,142
Kans.	27	473	3,571	4,903
Del.	2,621	1,675	8,550	3,493
Md.	9,454	9,087	51,801	36,684
Va.	1,929	2,592	28,349	14,030
W. Va.	191	89	773	401
N. C.	10,073	11,094	84,233	119,336
S. C.	1,854	19,026	16,380	34,793
Ga.	16,861	20,973	70,116	73,252
Fla.	117	85	18,375	26,768
Ky.	1,399	1,422	12,644	24,535
Tenn.	10,431	12,264	49,392	42,633
Ala.	1,688	1,231	13,897	6,650
Miss.	8,809	2,883	85,453	38,577
Ark.	14,123	10,342	137,452	224,365
La.	4,302	4,863	36,967	27,418
Okla.	2,546	1,191	61,731	26,595
Tex.	50,259	34,305	170,321	167,131
Mont.	1,909	2,232	39,191	14,321
Idaho	18,510	23,813	162,775	143,034
Wyo.	1,761	1,201	13,419	9,765
Colo.	23,451	20,138	81,340	55,899
N. Mex.	10,514	2,685	28,438	9,289
Ariz.	463	279	26,395	3,151
Utah	6,793	1,966	56,022	12,478
Nev.	794	715	3,544	3,584
Wash.	71,745	59,601	207,479	194,592
Oreg.	56,554	34,012	137,494	117,730
Calif.	79,307	86,629	385,566	388,172
Total	673,761	582,885	2,627,008	2,293,187

1/ Data from monthly reports of Extension Farm Labor Program, Extension Service, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.

Farm labor program: Placements of World War II veterans on farms, United States, by months, January 1946 -August 1947 1/

Month	As hired hands	As tenants or sharecroppers	All placements
1946			
January	3,186	1,750	4,936
February	3,544	1,844	5,388
March	4,538	1,527	6,065
April	5,707	1,627	7,334
May	8,048	990	9,038
June	12,569	974	13,543
July	16,062	824	16,886
August	21,097	874	21,971
September	12,199	883	13,082
October	12,635	789	13,424
November	6,921	927	7,848
December	4,802	1,507	6,309
Total	111,308	14,516	125,824
1947			
January	4,060	1,453	5,513
February	4,763	1,982	6,745
March	5,143	1,676	6,819
April	7,325	1,024	8,349
May	11,622	591	12,213
June	16,369	1,300	17,669
July	18,645	593	19,238
August	15,471	700	16,171

1/ Data from monthly reports of Extension Farm Labor Program, Extension Service, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.

Farm labor program: Placements of World War II veterans on farms, by geographic divisions, August 1947 1/

Area	As hired hands	As tenants or sharecroppers	All placements
New England	116	1	117
Middle Atlantic	161	18	179
East North Central	267	84	351
West North Central	2,954	32	2,986
South Atlantic	314	66	380
East South Central	418	186	604
West South Central	2,199	173	2,372
Mountain	1,910	139	2,049
Pacific	7,132	1	7,133

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and some damage to cotton, late hay and truck crops was reported from other coastal sections. The number of hired workers increased less than usual during September and on October 1 was slightly below a year earlier. There was about a normal September increase in the number of family workers. Cotton picking was well advanced in Georgia and the Carolinas, and peanut digging was proceeding rapidly in the region. Apple harvest was making progress in the Virginias and Maryland while many general farmers were busy cutting or husking corn and seeding land to winter grain.

In the East South Central States excellent harvest weather prevailed around October 1. Hired and family labor increased somewhat more than usual to handle the heavy work load. Cotton picking made good progress in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. In Kentucky the principal work was cutting and housing tobacco. Digging and threshing peanuts and the digging of sweet potatoes were important activities in the southern end of the region. Late hays were being cut and the seeding of winter grains and cover crops was underway over most of the area.

Around the 1st of October farmers in the West South Central States also were very busy with harvest work. Total employment rose seasonally to 25 percent above the number working on September 1. In comparison with last year hired labor increased 14 percent but there was only a slight rise in the number of family workers. Picking or snapping cotton was in full swing throughout the region. Rice was being combined in Louisiana, Arkansas and eastern Texas. Other jobs were husking corn, harvesting grain sorghums and digging peanuts. Slow progress was being made, however, in seeding small grains due to drouth conditions in western Oklahoma and the high plains of northwestern Texas. The planting of winter vegetables in south Texas was proceeding normally.

Farm employment declined less than usual for September in the Mountain States and on October 1 there were 9 percent more people working on farms than at the same time last year. The biggest jobs confronting farmers in this region were the commercial potato harvest in Idaho and sugar beet harvest in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. Farmers are gravely concerned with the supply of labor in most beet-growing areas. Some schools and entire towns in Idaho already have declared holidays to help with the harvest. The beets are earlier than usual in Idaho, and potatoes, beets, and such row crops as lettuce, onions, corn and seed crops are all being harvested at about the same time. Good weather has favored cotton picking and dry bean harvest in Arizona and New Mexico. The 1st of October was a peak period in most of the Mountain States for rounding up cattle as well as marketing sheep. There has been a general movement of livestock to winter ranges.

Hired employment on October 1 in the Pacific States was 8 percent above last year but the number of family members at work was slightly smaller. The decline in total employment since last month was also less than usual due to the rapid ripening of crops following above normal temperatures in September. Picking of Delicious and Winesap apples was well underway in Washington and the Hood River Valley of Oregon. Filbert and cranberry harvest was also in full swing in Washington. Fall seeding of wheat under ideal moisture conditions was proceeding earlier than usual in Oregon and the Big Bend and Palouse areas of eastern Washington. In California hot dry weather hastened maturity of such crops as beans, rice, sugar beets, grain sorghums and alfalfa. Harvest activities requiring large numbers of workers in California included: citrus crops, all vegetables in many commercial areas, tomatoes for canning, grapes, walnuts and the wind-up of almond and fig harvest. Cotton picking is also now generally underway with a large number of workers involved.