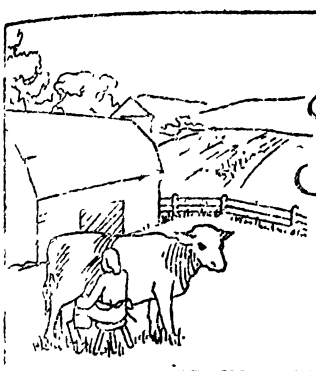

Farm Labor

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FARM EMPLOYMENT DOWN SEASONALLY; WORK DAY SHORTER

About 1.5 million fewer persons were employed on farms on December 1 than a month earlier, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today. There were 9,245,000 persons engaged in farm work around the first of this month, compared with 9,337,000 a year earlier. With field work for the year about finished in most areas, farmers and their hired hands were working shorter hours than on September 1. Farm operators averaged 10.6 hours of work per day, while hired workers averaged 9.1 hours on the first of December, compared with September 1 averages of 11.9 for operators and 9.9 for hired hands. December 1944 averages were 10.8 for farm operators and 9.3 for hired workers.

There was still some corn to be picked in the Northern States, with progress slow because of wet weather. Cotton picking was only 82 percent complete by December 1, compared with a 10-year (1934-43) average of 93 percent, and was especially late in Missouri, Arkansas, and Tennessee. Harvest of winter vegetables and the citrus crop continued in the extreme South.

The number of hired workers employed on December 1, at 2,028,000, was 21 percent less than on November 1. Large decreases were general in all Regions -- the largest 41 percent in the Mountain States and 34 percent in the Pacific Region. In the West South Central States, the number was only about 4 percent lower. Hired employment on the first of the month was slightly under December 1 a year ago. In most regions it was the same or lower, with the largest decline in the East South Central States. However, in the Middle Atlantic and West South Central States, the number was larger.

Family employment declined 12 percent during November to 7,217,000 on December 1, with fewer family workers employed in all Regions. Decreases were largest in the South. The number of family workers on December 1 was slightly smaller than a year earlier. Slight increases in the Middle Atlantic and North Central States were more than offset by decreases elsewhere.

In the New England States, farm work consisted mainly of chores and care of livestock. Some woods work was started in the northern States after the snow in late November. Total employment about December first, 215,000 was down 5 percent from the previous month, but the same as last year. Family employment showed little change from either last month or last year. The number of hired workers decreased from the 70,000 on November 1 to 60,000, the same as a year earlier. Farm operators were working 11.4 hours per day, the longest hours in any region, while hired workers were putting in 9.8 hours.

Farm employment in the Middle Atlantic States dropped over 10 percent from November 1 to a total of 589,000 on December 1, but this was 2 percent above a year earlier. The decrease during November amounted to 5 percent for family workers and 22 percent for hired workers. Family and hired workers both numbered more than a year earlier on the first of December. Outside work was nearly at a standstill. Cold, snowy, weather halted the completion of the small amount of soybean threshing and corn husking still to be done in New Jersey. Chores and other inside jobs were still keeping farm operators busy for 11.2 hours per day and hired workers 10.0 hours, slightly shorter working hours than a year ago.

Some corn still remained to be picked in the East North Central States around December 1, but the weather was unfavorable for rapid completion of the job. Family and hired employment both declined from a month ago -- family employment almost 6 percent and hired employment 11 percent. The number of family workers remained slightly above December 1944, but the number of hired workers dropped 5 percent. In this Region also, work days were somewhat shorter than around the first of last December.

Decreases from November 1, about 4 percent in the number of family workers and 16 percent in hired workers, brought total employment in the West North Central States to 1,486,000 persons on December 1. Total farm employment on December 1 was about the same as a year earlier. Regular year-around hands and farm operators were completing corn picking and doing chores and repair work. There was little work for extra hired labor, except for some corn picking not completed. Hours of work averaged 11.0 for operators and 9.6 for hired hands.

With more than 88 percent of the cotton picked, farm employment in the South Atlantic States dropped 22 percent from the first of November to 1,586,000 on December 1. The number of both family and hired workers decreased sharply. Total farm employment on the first of this month was slightly under a year ago; the entire decrease was in the number of family workers. Most major farm jobs were finished by the end of November. In Virginia, wet weather delayed corn husking, as well as the harvest of peanuts, soybeans and lespedeza seed. Pecan harvest was nearly finished in Georgia. In Florida, oranges and grapefruit were being picked in increasing volume. With the work slackening off, farm operators were working about an hour less per day than in September and a little less than a year ago. Hours of hired laborers were also a little shorter. Operators averaged 10.3 hours and hired workers 8.7 hours per day about December 1.

Harvest was about completed in the East South Central States by December 1. Tobacco stripping was in progress in Kentucky and Tennessee. Cotton picking was almost finished except in Tennessee, but there was still some corn to be harvested in northern Georgia. Both family and hired employment declined seasonally in the entire Region, with the bulk of harvest completed. There were 1,421,000 people employed on farms the first of this month, compared with 1,748,000 on November 1. The number of hired workers on December 1 was 13 percent smaller than a year ago. Family workers were also fewer, with total employment down about 4 percent. Work days around the first of the month averaged 10.2 hours for farm operators and 8.8 hours for hired workers.

The number of hired workers in the West South Central States, at 510,000, was 9 percent larger on December 1 this year than a year earlier, but 4 percent smaller than on November 1 of this year. Family employment showed about the

usual decline from the first of November to December 1, and was slightly under a year earlier. Continuation of cotton harvest into December in Arkansas was largely responsible for the larger-than-usual number of hired workers. Cotton was about all picked in Oklahoma and Texas. In Oklahoma, farmers were engaged in threshing peanuts and were doing some fall plowing. On the first of the month, farm operators and their hired hands were working shorter hours than in September. Operators were averaging 10.3 hours work per day and hired workers 8.8 hours.

Hired employment decreased about 40 percent in the Mountain States during November, somewhat more than usual. Family employment was down 6 percent, and all persons working on farms totaled 376,000 on December 1, a decrease of 18 percent from a month earlier. Farm employment was also down from a year earlier, with the number of hired workers showing the greatest percentage decrease. Practicall all harvest work was completed by December 1 in this region, and most of the hired workers still employed were regular year-round hands. Work generally consisted of livestock care and preparations for winter.

The load of work in the Pacific States eased considerably during November. Harvest operations were about completed in Washington and Oregon. In California, cotton picking and citrus and vegetable harvest were the main jobs. Grape, olive, and sugar beet harvest were being completed. Farm employment on December 1 was 24 percent less than a month earlier. The number of family workers was 10 percent smaller and the number of hired workers 34 percent smaller. Total farm employment on the first of December was under a year earlier, with the number of both family and hired workers down. Hours of work per day followed the general trend, and were shorter than on both September 1 and December 1 a year ago.

Custom and piece-work rates for corn harvest were about twice as high for the 1945 crop as for the crop of 1938, the latest crop for which comparable data are available. The use of mechanical corn pickers has increased rapidly in recent years. A survey of corn harvesting practices for the 1943 crop showed that over 50 percent of the acreage in each of the States of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota was harvested with a mechanical picker. This harvest method has continued to increase the past 2 years, as the supply of farm labor has decreased.

Custom rates paid for mechanical picking averaged $4.00 per acre this year and $2.10 per acre for the 1938 crop. Variation in rates between States resulted from differences in services furnished, concentration of corn acreage and mechanical pickers, yields per acre, size of fields, and in the supply of and demand for farm labor. Rates usually include the corn picker, the power to operate it, and the operator. The hiring farmer usually supplies the wagons or trucks and the labor to haul the corn from the picker. Fuel is sometimes furnished by the owner of the machinery. This year rates were high in some areas because corn stalks were blown down or bent and pickers could operate in only one direction.

Piece work rates averaged 10.4 cents per bushel for hand-husking from the standing stalk and 11.9 cents for husking from the shock. In 1938, rates averaged 4.3 cents per bushel for husking standing corn and 5.8 cents for husking shocked corn. Rates of pay for husking corn from shock were generally higher than those for husking from standing stalk, because of the quantity that can be harvested per day is usually less when husking from shock. The method of husking corn by hand from the standing stalk was used in 1943 for harvesting over 50 percent of the corn acreage in the country. Husking from shock is most important in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

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Farm labor: Persons employed, indexes and related data, United States, December 1, 1945, with comparisons

	Annual average 1910-14	Nov. 1, 1944	Dec. 1, 1944	Nov. 1, 1945	Dec. 1, 1945
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES:					
Total -					
Unadjusted	100	89	77	89	77
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	83	1/ 85	84	84
Family labor -					
Unadjusted	100	89	1/ 80	89	79
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	86	1/ 88	86	87
Hired labor					
Unadjusted	100	87	71	89	70
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	74	76	76	75
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	10,690	9,337	10,747	9,245
Family labor	9,160	8,168	7,289	8,178	7,217
Hired labor	2,892	2,522	2,048	2,569	2,028
RELATED INDEXES:					
Prices received by farmers 2/	100	195	198	202	205 3/
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	---	---	---	---
Average weekly factory earnings 4/	100	429	430	---	---

1/ Revised.
2/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the preceding month.
3/ November 15, 1945 - latest data available.
4/ Factory pay roll per employed worker, average of all weeks during the designated month.

Farm employment based on reports from 18,769 farmers.

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Farm labor: Persons employed, United States and geographic divisions, December 1, 1945, with comparisons

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

Geographic division	December average 1935-39	November 1, 1944	December 1, 1944	November 1, 1945	December 1, 1945
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	9,736	10,690	9,337	10,747	9,245
New England	232	216	215	226	215
Middle Atlantic	567	614	575	661	589
East North Central	1,422	1,449	1,346	1,434	1,341
West North Central	1,549	1,593	1,490	1,573	1,486
South Atlantic	1,802	2,066	1,628	2,041	1,586
East South Central	1,525	1,774	1,472	1,748	1,421
West South Central	1,764	1,926	1,706	1,950	1,725
Mountain	392	431	386	459	376
Pacific	483	621	519	655	506
FAMILY WORKERS 1/					
United States	7,465	8,168	7,289	8,178	7,217
New England	156	155	155	156	155
Middle Atlantic	393	410	394	426	405
East North Central	1,107	1,189	1,114	1,187	1,121
West North Central	1,271	1,331	1,277	1,324	1,278
South Atlantic	1,352	1,597	1,300	1,581	1,258
East South Central	1,278	1,475	1,240	1,472	1,220
West South Central	1,338	1,410	1,240	1,417	1,215
Mountain	277	295	286	301	283
Pacific	293	306	283	314	282
HIRED WORKERS					
United States	2,271	2,522	2,048	2,569	2,028
New England	76	61	60	70	60
Middle Atlantic	174	204	181	235	184
East North Central	315	260	232	247	220
West North Central	278	262	213	249	208
South Atlantic	450	469	328	460	328
East South Central	247	299	232	276	201
West South Central	426	516	466	533	510
Mountain	115	136	100	158	93
Pacific	190	315	236	341	224

1/ Including farm operators and members of their families working without wages.

Based on reports from 18,769 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 labor: Total, family and hired workers, United States, 1935-39 average and 1941-45 by months

TOTAL

Month	Average: 1935-39:	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
January 1	8,834	8,428	8,287	8,171	8,202	8,005
February 1	9,019	8,524	8,540	8,369	8,383	8,051
March 1	9,412	8,775	8,738	8,730	8,562	8,414
April 1	10,273	9,580	9,483	9,308	9,080	8,982
May 1	11,465	10,683	10,796	10,492	10,068	10,017
June 1	12,564	11,685	11,917	11,659	11,285	10,994
July 1	12,458	11,929	12,009	11,749	11,355	11,100
August 1	11,515	11,138	11,249	11,020	10,608	10,612
September 1	11,973	11,421	11,390	11,502	11,040	10,907
October 1	12,389	11,988	11,921	11,938	11,839	11,052
November 1	11,399	10,749	10,879	10,698	10,690	10,747
December 1	9,736	9,423	9,551	9,519	9,337	9,245
Annual average 1/	10,920	10,361	10,397	10,263	10,037	9,843

FAMILY WORKERS 2/

January 1	7,159	6,807	6,632	6,615	6,622	6,571
February 1	7,191	6,774	6,655	6,638	6,702	6,557
March 1	7,492	7,031	6,940	7,003	6,935	6,894
April 1	8,031	7,589	7,473	7,433	7,401	7,322
May 1	8,870	8,260	8,399	8,248	8,079	8,153
June 1	9,579	8,829	9,037	8,962	8,845	8,637
July 1	9,320	8,721	8,827	8,763	8,623	8,556
August 1	8,532	8,082	8,122	8,058	7,914	7,970
September 1	8,860	8,254	8,191	8,402	8,223	8,094
October 1	9,190	8,567	8,653	8,834	8,928	8,558
November 1	8,543	7,920	8,052	8,064	8,168	8,178
December 1	7,465	7,113	7,272	7,269	7,289	7,217
Annual average 1/	8,353	7,829	7,855	7,857	7,810	7,726

HIRED WORKERS

January 1	1,675	1,621	1,655	1,556	1,580	1,434
February 1	1,828	1,750	1,885	1,731	1,681	1,494
March 1	1,920	1,744	1,798	1,727	1,627	1,520
April 1	2,242	1,991	2,010	1,875	1,679	1,660
May 1	2,595	2,423	2,397	2,244	1,989	1,364
June 1	2,985	2,856	2,880	2,697	2,440	2,357
July 1	3,138	3,208	3,132	2,986	2,732	2,544
August 1	2,983	3,056	3,127	2,962	2,694	2,642
September 1	3,113	3,167	3,199	3,100	2,817	2,813
October 1	3,199	3,421	3,268	3,104	2,911	2,494
November 1	2,856	2,829	2,827	2,634	2,522	2,569
December 1	2,271	2,315	2,279	2,250	2,048	2,028
Annual average 1/	2,567	2,532	2,542	2,406	2,227	2,118

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

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Farm labor: Length of farm workday for operators and hired workers, December 1, 1943-45

State and division	Farm operator			Hired help		
	Dec. 1, 1943	Dec. 1, 1944	Dec. 1, 1945	Dec. 1, 1943	Dec. 1, 1944	Dec. 1, 1945
	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours
Maine	12.3	11.6	11.7	9.5	9.2	9.6
N.H.	11.8	11.1	11.5	9.6	9.6	10.1
Vt.	12.3	12.6	12.2	10.7	10.7	10.3
Mass.	11.5	10.4	11.1	9.3	9.3	9.2
R.I.	11.9	11.6	11.4	10.5	9.4	9.7
Conn.	10.8	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.4	10.3
N. Eng.	11.8	11.3	11.4	9.7	9.6	9.8
N.Y.	11.9	11.6	11.1	10.6	10.3	10.3
N.J.	11.2	10.8	10.4	9.8	9.8	9.7
Pa.	12.0	11.7	11.5	10.2	9.9	9.7
M. Atl.	11.9	11.6	11.2	10.3	10.1	10.0
Ohio	11.7	11.2	11.2	9.7	9.5	9.4
Ind.	11.5	10.8	10.6	9.7	9.3	9.0
Ill.	11.3	10.9	10.8	10.2	9.9	9.8
Mich.	12.0	11.5	11.2	10.3	10.0	9.7
Wis.	12.5	12.2	11.9	11.3	11.2	11.0
E.N. Cent.	11.8	11.3	11.1	10.3	10.1	9.9
Minn.	12.0	11.6	11.4	10.8	10.5	10.1
Iowa	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.6	10.2	9.9
Mo.	11.3	11.0	10.6	9.3	9.0	9.0
N. Dak.	10.9	10.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.4
S. Dak.	11.3	11.3	11.0	10.1	10.1	9.9
Nebr.	11.8	11.8	11.4	9.9	9.8	9.8
Kans.	11.4	11.1	10.7	9.6	9.3	9.0
W.N. Cent.	11.6	11.3	11.0	10.1	9.9	9.6
Del.	11.0	11.6	11.3	9.5	9.8	9.4
Md.	11.7	11.5	11.0	9.8	9.8	9.5
Va.	11.0	11.1	10.8	9.3	9.0	8.9
W. Va.	10.9	10.6	10.2	8.8	8.9	8.5
N. C.	10.5	10.5	10.3	8.6	8.7	8.4
S. C.	10.2	10.1	10.3	8.7	8.5	8.4
Ga.	10.3	10.3	10.0	8.8	8.9	8.6
Fla.	10.4	10.1	9.8	9.0	8.8	8.8
S. Atl.	10.5	10.5	10.3	8.9	9.1	8.7
Ky.	10.9	10.7	10.6	9.2	9.0	9.0
Tenn.	11.0	10.6	10.5	9.1	9.1	9.0
Ala.	10.3	10.1	10.0	8.7	8.8	8.4
Miss.	10.2	10.2	9.9	8.9	8.9	8.8
E.S. Cent.	10.6	10.4	10.2	9.0	8.9	8.8
Ark.	10.5	10.1	10.0	8.8	8.7	8.6
La.	10.6	9.9	10.1	8.9	8.7	8.8
Okla.	10.8	11.0	10.6	9.1	8.9	8.7
Tex.	11.0	10.7	10.5	9.3	9.0	8.9
W.S. Cent.	10.8	10.5	10.3	9.1	8.9	8.8
Mont.	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	9.3	9.1
Idaho	10.7	10.3	9.3	9.0	8.7	8.1
Wyo.	11.0	10.7	10.1	9.2	9.3	8.8
Colo.	11.0	10.7	10.6	9.7	8.9	9.2
N.Mex.	10.8	10.9	9.9	8.5	8.8	8.2
Ariz.	11.2	10.7	10.8	8.9	8.6	8.5
Utah	11.2	10.3	10.0	8.6	8.0	8.0
Nev.	11.2	10.9	10.0	8.8	8.5	8.0
Mount.	10.9	10.5	10.0	9.1	8.8	8.7
Wash.	11.2	10.2	9.9	9.3	9.0	8.6
Oreg.	10.9	10.7	10.1	8.8	8.7	8.4
Calif.	10.7	10.1	10.4	8.8	8.9	8.7
Pacific	10.9	10.3	10.2	8.9	8.9	8.7
U.S.	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.4	9.3	9.1

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Farm wage rates: Custom and piece work rates for harvesting corn, by States, 1938 and 1945

State	Custom rate per acre for mechanical corn picker		Piece rate per bushel for husking corn by hand from			
			Standing Stalk		Shock	
	1945	1938	1945	1938	1945	1938
	Dollars	Dollars	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Maine	---	---	---	---	---	6.7
N.H.	---	---	---	---	---	7.5
Vt.	---	---	---	---	---	7.6
Mass.	---	---	---	---	---	8.2
R.I.	---	---	---	---	---	8.0
Conn.	---	---	---	---	---	9.0
N. Eng.	---	---	---	---	---	8.3
N.Y.	6.90	4.30	9.0	5.8	10.0	6.1
N.J.	7.00	4.60	12.0	5.8	16.0	7.4
Pa.	4.85	3.60	9.0	4.5	11.0	5.4
M. Atl.	5.15	3.70	9.3	4.8	11.3	5.7
Ohio	4.00	2.50	12.0	4.8	14.0	6.5
Ind.	4.00	2.25	9.0	4.5	12.0	6.7
Ill.	3.75	2.15	9.0	4.2	11.0	5.9
Mich.	4.10	2.75	9.0	4.4	9.0	5.4
Wis.	3.80	2.40	8.0	4.7	8.0	5.3
E.N. Cent.	3.85	2.20	9.3	4.4	12.3	6.1
Minn.	3.70	1.95	10.0	4.9	13.0	5.3
Iowa	4.25	2.05	10.0	4.2	12.0	5.8
Mo.	3.95	1.70	10.0	3.8	14.0	5.6
N. Dak.	3.50	1.95	12.0	6.7	11.0	8.1
S. Dak.	3.90	1.65	12.0	5.9	13.0	7.5
Nebr.	4.10	1.85	12.0	4.5	17.0	6.5
Kans.	3.95	1.95	13.0	4.0	18.0	5.4
W.N. Cent.	4.05	2.00	11.3	4.4	14.2	4.7
Del.	5.90	---	12.0	4.1	15.0	6.3
Md.	5.85	---	12.0	4.2	15.0	7.0
Va.	5.50	---	12.0	4.6	12.0	5.0
W. Va.	---	---	11.0	4.3	13.0	5.0
N. C.	---	---	10.0	4.2	12.0	4.5
S. C.	---	---	10.0	3.7	12.0	3.8
Ga.	---	---	10.0	4.0	12.0	5.0
Fla.	---	---	---	4.9	---	---
S. Atl.	5.75	2.80	10.1	4.2	12.8	5.1
Ky.	5.00	2.05	9.0	3.4	10.0	4.7
Tenn.	---	---	8.0	3.2	10.0	4.1
Ala.	---	---	8.0	4.0	10.0	---
Miss.	---	---	10.0	3.5	12.0	---
E.S. Cent.	5.00	2.10	8.7	3.5	9.7	4.5
Ark.	---	---	11.0	4.1	12.0	4.6
La.	---	---	10.0	4.5	11.0	---
Okla.	3.45	---	11.0	4.1	12.0	5.7
Tex.	3.15	---	11.0	4.1	12.0	5.7
W.S. Cent.	3.30	---	11.1	4.7	11.8	5.6
Mont.	4.00	---	14.0	8.7	---	9.0
Idaho	---	---	14.0	5.8	---	8.0
Wyo.	4.50	1.60	14.0	6.8	---	7.0
Colo.	4.90	2.40	16.0	5.3	---	6.0
N. Mex.	---	---	---	5.5	---	6.0
Ariz.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Utah	---	---	---	7.0	---	---
Nev.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount.	4.85	2.35	15.9	5.9	---	6.2
Wash.	---	---	---	7.5	---	---
Oreg.	---	---	---	7.5	---	---
Calif.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pacific	---	---	---	6.7	---	7.3
U.S.	4.00	2.10	10.4	4.3	11.9	5.8

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Farm wage rates: Quarterly composite wage rates, by States Jan. 1944-Oct. 1945 1/

State	1944				1945			
	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	89.50	99.00	107.00	110.00	106.00	107.00	113.00	116.00
New Hampshire	97.75	94.75	96.00	99.75	98.20	101.00	105.00	107.00
Vermont	80.75	91.50	93.00	92.25	96.00	104.00	103.00	104.00
Massachusetts	103.00	99.50	102.00	103.00	105.00	108.00	110.00	109.00
Rhode Island	119.00	104.00	105.00	107.00	106.00	109.00	108.00	113.00
Connecticut	93.00	97.75	99.25	102.00	97.00	105.00	106.00	106.00
New York	82.00	88.25	91.00	94.00	92.50	97.30	99.90	100.00
New Jersey	86.50	91.50	98.50	98.25	98.70	103.00	105.00	105.00
Pennsylvania	65.75	69.00	70.25	73.00	72.70	76.80	78.60	78.70
Ohio	63.75	67.00	69.00	70.00	68.70	71.70	74.30	77.70
Indiana	66.35	69.00	73.25	74.50	71.00	77.90	80.20	79.20
Illinois	74.00	80.75	85.00	85.50	85.30	91.60	93.20	92.70
Michigan	74.75	79.75	84.75	85.25	84.20	91.10	92.10	91.70
Wisconsin	72.50	78.75	85.00	86.50	83.30	91.40	91.70	92.30
Minnesota	68.75	79.00	89.25	94.00	80.50	91.90	98.10	103.00
Iowa	78.75	90.00	96.00	93.50	91.80	102.00	105.00	102.00
Missouri	51.50	56.75	62.00	62.50	63.50	67.20	69.20	69.50
North Dakota	68.25	85.25	104.00	126.00	83.30	111.00	116.00	128.00
South Dakota	75.50	87.75	95.75	104.00	90.50	101.00	104.00	110.00
Nebraska	75.50	83.25	90.00	92.50	94.20	97.60	100.00	106.00
Kansas	70.25	75.75	85.50	91.00	89.30	90.80	94.40	95.70
Delaware	74.00	79.25	84.75	87.00	79.80	90.20	87.50	92.40
Maryland	65.25	68.00	73.75	76.25	76.50	80.10	81.40	84.50
Virginia	50.50	52.25	55.00	57.50	57.80	58.80	62.20	63.60
West Virginia	48.50	50.75	54.25	57.50	56.70	58.90	60.80	62.50
N. Carolina	47.00	49.50	50.50	52.75	54.00	56.90	56.80	60.00
S. Carolina	33.00	33.75	35.75	38.25	38.00	39.30	40.50	41.30
Georgia	35.25	36.75	39.50	41.00	41.50	44.70	44.30	45.40
Florida	53.50	56.50	61.25	65.25	68.70	69.70	72.20	72.10
Kentucky	49.25	50.00	53.75	62.50	57.80	59.30	59.20	60.90
Tennessee	40.50	42.25	44.50	46.50	47.80	46.80	49.10	50.20
Alabama	38.25	38.50	42.75	46.00	45.00	45.20	45.80	46.90
Mississippi	38.00	40.25	41.50	46.50	45.30	47.70	45.40	48.20
Arkansas	45.75	49.25	50.00	56.00	53.50	54.70	56.60	59.30
Louisiana	43.00	44.25	45.50	47.25	50.50	49.90	51.10	52.20
Oklahoma	63.50	67.25	75.75	83.00	80.70	86.50	87.90	89.90
Texas	64.25	67.00	73.25	81.00	78.70	80.00	84.20	87.20
Montana	94.25	107.00	116.00	127.00	111.00	124.00	128.00	129.00
Idaho	96.75	110.00	119.00	132.00	116.00	130.00	141.00	146.00
Wyoming	85.25	95.50	103.00	107.00	104.00	139.00	114.00	115.00
Colorado	77.75	80.75	92.75	96.00	94.00	101.00	104.00	107.00
New Mexico	68.25	68.00	78.00	79.50	82.70	76.70	81.90	82.60
Arizona	86.25	89.25	100.00	101.00	97.00	97.70	107.00	107.00
Utah	114.00	107.00	105.00	115.00	105.00	114.00	114.00	115.00
Nevada	90.00	89.50	104.00	110.00	108.00	115.00	120.00	113.00
Washington	125.00	140.00	152.00	153.00	141.00	151.00	164.00	165.00
Oregon	123.00	130.00	139.00	143.00	134.00	142.00	149.00	152.00
California	134.00	139.00	146.00	149.00	148.00	149.00	154.00	156.00
United States	68.08	72.33	81.29	80.50	80.30	82.90	89.60	88.00

1/ Composite farm wage rates are weighted averages of the four classes of wage rate (per month with and without board, per day with and without board).

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rate per month without board, by States, 1909-44

State	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine 1/	38.10	35.10	36.50	37.30	36.60	37.90	39.70	41.70	54.00
N.H. 1/	38.90	36.40	36.80	39.00	39.60	39.50	40.50	44.10	52.30
Vt. 1/	35.20	34.20	34.50	34.70	35.70	36.10	36.60	41.40	48.20
Mass. 1/	39.60	36.60	36.90	37.20	40.20	39.30	39.70	44.50	55.50
R.I. 1/	40.00	31.60	34.20	33.50	36.60	35.70	36.20	40.90	44.60
Conn. 1/	36.60	35.70	36.70	37.60	38.90	37.40	39.60	45.60	51.50
N.Y.	33.60	35.00	35.50	35.00	36.20	35.70	35.80	40.80	48.00
N.J. 1/	33.30	33.30	35.10	37.90	37.50	35.90	37.00	42.30	48.60
Pa. 1/	30.60	30.10	31.20	31.40	33.30	32.40	33.30	37.70	46.80
Ohio 1/	29.50	29.60	30.10	31.30	32.90	32.50	33.10	37.40	43.90
Ind.	27.90	28.40	28.40	29.60	30.20	30.10	30.10	33.50	41.00
Ill.	31.30	32.90	32.10	33.00	33.30	33.00	34.00	36.50	44.00
Mich. 1/	33.90	33.90	34.20	34.90	36.00	35.60	36.50	40.70	48.30
Wis. 1/	36.30	36.60	36.20	37.60	39.10	39.20	39.30	43.00	51.10
Minn.	38.90	38.00	37.50	39.90	41.00	40.80	41.80	44.70	54.00
Iowa	36.20	39.00	38.00	39.50	40.20	40.00	40.50	43.80	53.00
Mo.	27.70	29.50	28.10	29.30	29.40	29.20	30.10	31.60	39.00
N.Dak. 1/	44.60	40.70	40.60	42.90	41.20	43.70	44.10	45.60	58.20
S.Dak. 1/	40.80	39.00	40.00	42.40	43.00	43.50	44.50	47.50	61.00
Nebr. 1/	38.90	38.90	38.70	39.60	39.30	40.70	41.10	44.40	54.30
Kans. 1/	33.70	32.90	32.60	33.00	32.60	34.00	35.00	36.90	44.50
Del.	28.10	24.80	28.50	26.00	26.00	26.50	28.00	31.00	43.00
Md. 1/	22.20	20.10	20.50	22.40	24.70	24.30	24.30	27.10	34.50
Va.	21.10	19.50	20.20	21.60	23.50	22.80	23.00	25.20	32.00
W. Va.	22.00	29.00	29.00	29.90	30.50	30.00	30.50	35.10	45.00
N.C. 1/	18.40	18.40	18.90	19.90	21.00	20.60	19.90	22.00	28.20
S.C. 1/	14.40	15.10	14.90	15.70	15.40	15.10	14.50	16.00	22.90
Ga.	18.70	18.00	18.70	19.60	20.20	18.00	18.50	20.10	26.00
Fla. 1/	23.90	22.40	25.10	23.60	24.00	22.00	22.40	23.80	29.60
Ky.	22.40	23.10	23.20	23.40	24.00	24.20	23.50	26.10	33.00
Tenn.	20.40	20.00	20.60	21.60	22.30	21.10	21.30	23.50	29.00
Ala.	18.60	18.50	19.00	19.50	20.30	18.90	18.20	18.20	24.00
Miss.	19.80	19.50	19.20	19.00	19.60	18.20	18.60	19.80	24.00
Ark.	24.70	24.00	23.60	23.80	24.50	24.00	23.00	25.70	32.00
La.	19.50	20.20	21.70	20.90	20.70	20.70	20.90	23.00	30.00
Okla.	28.70	28.10	27.60	29.10	29.10	28.80	29.50	32.40	40.00
Tex. 1/	24.20	27.60	25.00	26.30	26.50	26.00	26.10	27.90	33.70
Mont. 1/	56.00	52.50	55.90	56.50	56.70	55.50	57.20	61.00	73.50
Idaho 1/	50.80	48.70	49.20	50.70	49.20	50.20	50.20	53.10	68.80
Wyo. 1/	49.70	54.90	54.90	55.30	55.10	56.00	57.10	60.50	76.20
Colo.	45.60	44.50	44.00	43.30	44.30	44.60	45.00	47.50	60.00
N.Mex. 1/	35.00	35.10	35.40	37.50	36.90	37.50	36.90	41.00	49.20
Ariz. 1/	47.40	39.30	45.20	49.10	47.60	47.10	47.10	54.00	66.80
Utah 1/	47.70	40.70	40.90	41.60	43.30	42.50	43.70	46.30	57.80
Nev. 1/	46.30	45.50	42.10	47.60	47.60	47.10	48.80	50.50	60.60
Wash. 1/	47.00	48.40	46.40	45.80	45.80	46.80	46.40	50.90	63.90
Oreg.	44.00	44.50	43.80	42.60	44.50	46.00	43.50	46.50	61.00
Calif. 1/	49.30	49.00	50.30	50.20	52.90	52.20	53.20	54.70	65.70

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State	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine 1/	66.70	71.30	83.00	60.10	54.50	62.10	62.40	59.90	63.50
N.H. 1/	65.20	71.50	83.10	62.60	61.60	70.80	71.20	71.10	72.80
Vt. 1/	59.70	62.60	70.60	54.40	50.10	58.10	64.10	65.60	65.70
Mass. 1/	63.70	68.00	81.40	64.20	65.10	76.60	80.00	77.80	79.90
R.I. 1/	57.50	67.80	75.20	63.20	60.40	74.30	75.10	74.40	84.40
Conn. 1/	62.40	70.30	81.20	66.40	66.40	74.30	75.50	76.80	80.70
N.Y.	56.50	62.50	76.20	58.50	56.50	64.10	66.60	67.70	69.20
N.J. 1/	64.50	70.80	86.60	62.90	65.50	70.80	70.30	71.80	75.80
Pa. 1/	54.10	61.30	72.50	54.10	52.90	57.70	58.50	58.50	60.00
Ohio 1/	50.80	57.40	67.90	47.00	47.50	51.50	51.70	52.20	53.90
Ind.	47.00	53.30	60.20	44.00	42.70	49.00	48.40	47.50	49.70
Ill.	52.00	58.50	68.40	48.40	45.00	51.70	53.90	55.00	54.90
Mich. 1/	53.90	61.60	77.00	51.90	48.60	56.50	57.00	55.50	58.80
Wis. 1/	59.10	67.80	83.00	55.00	53.10	61.90	60.00	59.80	63.10
Minn.	62.70	75.00	88.40	53.10	50.00	56.20	54.50	57.50	58.60
Iowa	64.00	71.40	83.50	52.50	49.70	55.80	55.60	56.10	56.60
Mo.	45.00	50.90	56.00	41.90	39.50	42.40	42.40	42.50	44.20
N.Dak. 1/	69.80	76.90	94.00	58.40	53.80	57.00	59.90	59.70	60.90
S. Dak.	77.50	88.00	101.00	53.50	53.00	61.70	59.70	59.40	59.60
Nebr. 1/	68.60	79.40	89.60	51.20	49.70	55.30	52.00	53.90	54.90
Kans. 1/	54.60	63.40	75.00	49.10	45.20	49.00	49.30	49.70	50.20
Del.	46.00	50.50	60.00	45.00	40.00	51.00	50.90	49.30	49.40
Md. 1/	42.00	45.70	52.30	40.10	39.20	44.80	49.40	49.80	51.70
Va.	39.50	45.00	51.60	37.00	35.50	39.50	41.10	41.90	41.30
W. Va.	54.50	58.00	68.30	48.10	47.90	51.30	51.90	50.90	49.50
N. C. 1/	35.30	42.30	40.60	30.10	31.10	36.70	40.40	39.90	40.50
S. C. 1/	25.70	35.20	38.30	22.00	21.30	25.20	28.80	29.20	29.10
Ga.	32.60	38.50	44.00	24.10	23.00	24.90	26.90	28.50	29.40
Fla. 1/	34.10	40.40	44.90	31.80	31.90	35.90	36.60	39.20	43.00
Ky.	41.00	46.00	50.10	35.70	36.30	39.00	39.50	37.80	38.20
Tenn.	35.70	41.40	46.00	33.00	30.75	34.30	34.40	34.00	33.00
Ala.	30.00	36.50	42.30	24.70	25.80	28.40	30.40	31.80	31.30
Miss.	30.50	38.00	41.00	25.10	25.90	28.80	30.80	31.20	32.70
Ark.	40.50	45.60	53.80	32.00	31.60	33.00	34.10	35.50	35.70
La.	35.90	43.10	51.00	30.70	32.60	32.20	33.40	34.20	36.00
Okla.	50.00	60.60	68.00	40.80	37.00	39.10	39.50	41.20	43.00
Tex. 1/	41.40	53.10	57.70	37.50	34.10	38.20	42.20	40.70	41.60
Mont. 1/	87.20	93.50	110.00	66.20	66.20	68.80	68.90	70.00	71.60
Idaho 1/	84.80	92.10	103.00	65.90	64.90	71.50	69.90	72.50	74.50
Wyo. 1/	93.00	96.40	110.00	69.40	67.20	70.00	65.80	65.40	67.80
Colo.	73.50	81.00	92.00	58.60	54.00	57.60	59.30	58.30	61.10
N. Mex. 1/	60.50	60.70	73.80	53.80	47.20	49.20	49.20	47.80	50.90
Ariz. 1/	78.50	81.50	92.30	58.90	56.90	64.80	65.80	68.90	68.90
Utah 1/	71.30	78.10	88.30	59.00	54.40	62.60	72.40	73.50	75.40
Nev. 1/	71.60	78.30	90.10	63.10	54.70	72.40	81.60	75.30	78.50
Wash. 1/	82.20	88.00	101.00	65.80	62.90	74.50	69.40	74.40	73.60
Oreg.	76.00	87.00	89.00	63.00	63.00	70.50	66.00	60.70	69.90
Calif. 1/	91.30	95.10	112.00	82.40	82.40	85.50	82.70	85.60	88.00

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State	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	64.40	64.60	66.80	65.10	55.40	40.60	36.10	41.70	42.10
N.H.	70.90	72.60	75.30	72.00	60.50	47.70	44.50	47.40	49.50
Vt.	68.20	70.30	71.20	67.20	52.10	41.40	36.00	39.30	42.80
Mass.	78.80	80.00	81.40	78.60	72.50	58.30	51.60	53.80	55.60
R.I.	81.70	82.90	85.50	81.70	73.70	63.80	56.00	60.10	62.40
Conn.	83.60	81.40	84.30	79.90	65.90	51.80	47.00	48.75	50.40
N.Y.	70.00	69.30	70.30	65.80	54.70	42.90	35.60	37.60	39.00
N.J.	75.20	71.70	73.50	72.70	59.90	50.50	43.30	45.10	45.10
Pa.	61.10	58.70	60.30	56.70	46.90	36.90	31.70	33.50	35.40
Ohio	53.60	53.80	53.70	50.20	39.90	30.70	26.30	27.70	30.60
Ind.	49.40	48.50	49.90	45.40	37.30	28.60	25.60	27.70	30.90
Ill.	55.10	54.00	54.90	50.20	41.70	30.80	25.60	28.70	33.40
Mich.	59.20	58.80	60.30	51.10	39.10	28.30	25.00	28.20	32.10
Wis.	64.70	63.40	65.60	57.10	43.40	30.80	26.00	28.20	33.20
Minn.	59.40	59.70	60.70	54.20	41.30	31.00	25.60	28.10	34.20
Iowa	56.50	57.70	59.00	55.90	44.40	30.90	24.40	27.40	32.60
Mo.	44.80	44.40	45.10	42.80	35.70	27.60	24.60	24.30	26.30
N. Dak.	62.20	64.10	62.00	53.00	36.70	30.10	25.80	29.60	35.20
S. Dak.	62.00	62.80	64.20	59.40	43.30	31.40	25.60	26.50	32.80
Nebr.	55.70	57.60	58.20	55.60	44.20	31.90	26.30	27.30	30.90
Kans.	51.30	52.50	53.80	50.50	40.10	30.90	26.80	28.70	31.60
Del.	49.30	47.10	53.50	47.00	41.60	32.80	29.80	28.00	32.40
Md.	52.40	51.70	51.00	49.00	42.20	34.70	30.00	32.20	33.10
Va.	42.60	41.50	42.50	40.10	32.80	25.80	23.80	25.50	26.80
W. Va.	48.20	47.80	47.00	44.00	37.00	28.60	26.50	27.70	29.50
N. C.	38.50	38.80	38.50	32.70	25.00	17.90	17.60	22.00	23.80
S. C.	29.00	28.10	27.00	25.20	17.90	13.00	12.80	15.60	16.00
Ga.	28.40	27.90	27.20	25.20	18.00	12.70	12.30	14.90	15.70
Fla.	38.90	35.70	35.70	35.10	30.00	21.90	20.10	21.70	22.80
Ky.	37.30	37.50	37.50	35.10	29.60	21.90	20.30	22.20	23.70
Tenn.	32.70	33.10	33.40	32.10	25.40	19.20	18.20	20.30	21.90
Ala.	28.60	29.90	29.10	27.50	18.00	13.50	12.80	16.00	17.30
Miss.	31.30	31.50	32.20	28.80	20.50	14.80	14.30	16.30	17.10
Ark.	34.50	35.20	35.90	31.30	23.70	18.40	17.40	19.50	20.30
La.	33.70	34.90	37.60	32.40	25.00	18.60	17.40	19.10	19.60
Okla.	44.10	42.50	41.60	38.30	29.00	23.10	22.80	25.20	26.20
Tex.	40.50	41.50	41.70	38.40	29.00	22.30	22.00	25.30	27.00
Mont.	74.40	77.80	75.50	63.70	49.50	39.20	36.10	42.40	46.70
Idaho	76.40	75.90	78.80	72.20	57.20	42.60	36.30	45.40	48.00
Wyo.	69.80	73.90	73.70	68.70	54.90	41.00	36.60	40.10	45.90
Colo.	62.10	60.80	64.00	58.00	49.90	35.90	31.60	33.90	38.90
N. Mex.	51.30	50.20	51.70	52.60	41.90	33.00	29.10	33.20	34.50
Ariz.	69.70	68.60	69.10	71.40	54.50	41.00	36.80	44.30	47.40
Utah	77.60	75.90	79.80	76.70	62.70	46.70	42.10	45.20	51.20
Nev.	82.40	79.50	83.70	84.10	70.20	57.50	45.60	44.50	51.30
Wash.	75.20	74.60	76.20	70.60	54.80	44.30	37.20	42.80	45.30
Oreg.	70.60	68.80	72.90	69.20	53.90	41.90	36.60	41.90	44.70
Calif.	89.40	88.60	89.90	88.30	72.30	54.90	49.40	54.70	60.30

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rates per month without board, by States, 1909-44 - continued

State	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	44.50	47.60	45.10	47.10	49.20	61.90	78.60	102.00	120.00
N. H.	49.70	52.40	53.50	55.00	55.20	64.40	80.60	96.40	114.00
Vt.	43.80	47.00	47.40	47.70	48.80	60.60	74.10	90.60	107.00
Mass.	56.60	59.20	59.60	62.10	62.90	73.30	92.10	109.00	122.00
R. I.	66.60	67.60	65.30	65.40	64.40	76.60	92.80	113.00	124.00
Conn.	56.00	62.00	64.10	63.80	63.50	76.30	91.30	107.00	119.00
N. Y.	41.90	47.40	46.60	45.60	47.60	59.30	75.40	93.50	107.00
N. J.	48.20	53.70	53.90	53.60	55.80	65.10	80.00	99.20	116.00
Pa.	38.70	43.40	42.20	41.70	42.70	49.70	63.10	82.50	84.30
Ohio	34.60	39.40	38.60	39.00	39.40	46.40	57.20	70.50	78.70
Ind.	33.80	38.90	38.20	37.70	39.00	46.10	56.60	73.20	83.00
Ill.	36.80	41.70	42.10	42.80	43.30	50.80	63.90	80.10	93.40
Mich.	36.60	45.50	42.00	42.20	42.90	53.60	65.40	84.20	97.80
Wis.	39.20	44.70	43.20	41.40	42.80	54.20	69.90	85.70	98.50
Minn.	38.30	43.90	43.50	41.60	41.70	50.60	67.50	88.70	101.00
Iowa	36.50	40.50	41.00	41.70	42.80	50.30	66.80	89.60	106.00
Mo.	28.20	30.70	30.90	31.30	32.30	37.70	48.50	60.90	72.20
N. Dak.	36.50	41.10	40.80	40.30	42.60	55.50	78.10	107.00	124.00
S. Dak.	34.40	38.40	38.70	39.80	40.70	49.00	69.10	93.90	111.00
Nebr.	34.40	35.30	35.90	35.40	36.80	44.70	63.50	86.70	103.00
Kans.	33.30	36.10	36.00	35.50	36.50	43.50	59.90	81.20	96.40
Del.	34.60	39.90	37.40	37.60	40.30	46.60	59.50	77.50	89.20
Md.	35.40	38.70	38.80	38.70	40.00	46.60	56.80	68.60	76.80
Va.	27.70	29.90	30.10	30.50	31.20	36.20	44.50	52.80	59.10
W. Va.	31.10	33.10	32.40	32.00	32.60	36.80	45.70	54.20	61.50
N. C.	23.90	26.10	25.10	25.00	25.60	29.00	36.60	48.00	55.60
S. C.	16.70	18.20	17.30	18.50	18.70	21.60	27.10	34.50	41.20
Ga.	16.50	18.70	17.70	17.90	18.80	21.40	27.30	34.70	43.00
Fla.	23.50	26.10	26.50	26.60	28.10	32.30	43.30	57.00	68.70
Ky.	25.20	27.70	28.40	29.10	28.70	33.00	42.10	52.70	58.90
Tenn.	22.60	24.70	23.80	24.00	24.00	28.40	35.40	43.50	50.40
Ala.	18.30	20.20	19.20	19.50	19.60	23.00	31.00	38.30	46.20
Miss.	18.50	20.90	20.60	20.50	20.80	23.80	29.80	38.20	46.40
Ark.	21.80	24.50	23.30	23.60	24.30	28.90	38.70	48.50	57.40
La.	20.00	23.00	22.40	22.80	23.10	25.10	32.00	42.10	49.90
Okla.	27.90	30.50	30.50	29.80	30.60	35.90	47.20	63.40	80.00
Tex.	28.10	30.40	30.40	29.60	30.60	36.10	48.70	66.80	82.70
Mont.	49.70	52.90	56.40	54.20	56.10	68.10	89.80	120.00	137.00
Idaho	53.20	58.70	53.90	53.70	55.10	65.20	89.90	120.00	149.00
Wyo.	48.90	52.10	50.80	52.80	53.20	62.00	81.10	108.00	130.00
Colo.	42.60	47.20	46.50	45.90	46.50	54.30	73.50	97.90	116.00
N. Mex.	36.40	39.90	39.10	43.30	40.50	47.90	60.00	79.50	94.80
Ariz.	51.90	54.20	53.30	55.00	55.80	60.90	85.30	116.00	131.00
Utah	54.80	58.90	59.10	56.90	59.60	69.10	92.70	115.00	137.00
Nev.	52.80	63.60	62.90	60.80	60.70	71.30	85.30	107.00	133.00
Wash.	51.90	57.00	53.80	54.90	58.80	72.60	109.00	152.00	173.00
Oreg.	50.00	54.70	52.80	53.50	54.70	68.40	103.00	138.00	160.00
Calif.	64.30	71.30	70.30	70.20	72.10	85.10	112.00	147.00	169.00

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EARNINGS OF HIRED FARM WORKERS IN SEPTEMBER HIGHER THAN IN MARCH

Hourly cash earnings of hired farm workers averaged 40 cents during the week ended September 22, 1945, compared with 34 cents for the third week in March. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has completed the September enumeration in a series of nationwide surveys of farm wages.1/ The following preliminary summary is based on reports from more than 6,000 farmers who hired labor during the third week of September in a national sample of 20,000 farms. Reports for hired workers employed in crews are not included in this summary. A more detailed analysis of wages and wage rates of all workers will be released at a later date.

Hired workers, excluding those in crews, averaged 67 cents per hour in the West, the highest cash earnings in any of the four regions.2/. Hourly earnings were lowest in the South at 34 cents and in the North Central States at 35 cents. In the Northeast, they averaged 42 cents. Hourly earnings were 5 to 10 cents higher in September than in March in all regions. For the entire country, workers receiving 2 or more meals per day earned 12 cents less per hour than those not receiving meals 3/. The difference in hourly earnings of workers receiving meals and those not receiving meals was 5 cents in the South and 28 in the West.

Earnings of hired workers on the farms reporting for the week ended September 22 averaged $16.90. Some workers may have worked part of the time on other farms or at non-farm jobs, so that these average weekly wages do not represent the total weekly earnings of hired farm workers. Earnings for the week varied from $33.80 in the West to $11.20 in the South, and were near $20 for the other two regions. Hourly earnings in the South were nearly the same as in the North Central region, but fewer days work during the week and shorter days held earnings for the week on the farms reporting to a lower level. In the South, workers receiving meals earned slightly more per week than those not receiving meals. Hourly earnings for workers not receiving meals were greater, but this group of workers averaged one-fifth fewer hours during the week. Large numbers of women and youth were employed part-time at cotton picking. This accounts, in part, for the shorter hours of workers not receiving meals. In the other regions workers not receiving meals also worked fewer hours during the week than workers receiving meals, but differences in hourly earnings were great enough so that weekly earnings of workers not receiving meals were somewhat larger.

Work-week shorter in September

Hired workers not employed in crews averaged 4.4 days of 9.5 hours during the week. In the West, hired hands averaged 5.5 days during the week on farms reporting, while in the South the average was 3.6 days. In the other Regions,

1/ The results of the March survey were published in Wages and Wage Rates of Hired Farm Workers, United States and Major Regions, March 1945. Survey of Wages and Wage Rates in Agriculture, Report No. 4.
2/ Northeast, New England and Middle Atlantic States; North Central, East and West North Central States; South, South Atlantic and East and West South Central States; West, Mountain and Pacific States.
3/ Includes the few workers receiving one meal per day.

the average was 5.2 days. Hours of work per day were longest in the North Central States, where hired workers put in an average of 10.5 hours. Work-days were shortest in the South at 9.1 hours and in the West at 9.2 hours.

Workers receiving meals in addition to cash wages averaged a day more per week and an hour more per day than those not receiving meals. Workers receiving meals worked more hours during the week in every Region. Most workers receiving meals were regular hands, in contrast to seasonal workers hired for the duration of a specific job.

Hired workers, not including crew workers, generally averaged fewer days and hours of work per week in September than in March. A greater proportion of short-time seasonal workers were employed in September. Hours of work per day, however, were up slightly for the United States. In the Northeast and the West daily hours of work averaged slightly less in September, but longer work-days in the North Central Region and the South raised the national average.

Wage rates higher than in March

Wage rates for farm labor in the third week of September were up sharply from the week ended March 24. All types of wage rates in all Regions were higher, with only two minor exceptions, where they were the same. The higher rates in September reflect the much heavier demand for harvest labor. Monthly rates averaged $77.10 with meals and $109.00 without meals for the entire United States. Daily rates without meals averaged $3.60 in September and $2.65 in March, while hourly rates without meals averaged 59 cents, an increase of 4 cents over the March rate.

Women were hired for farm work much more generally in late September than in the latter part of March. Women made up 18 percent of the total hired workers, excluding crew workers, in the United States in September and only about 5 percent in March. In the South more than one-fourth of the hired workers were women, as cotton picking was in full swing in September. The percentage of women, about 4 percent, was lowest in the North Central States, and not greatly different from March. In the Northeast, women made up 7 percent of the total hired workers, and in the West 8 percent were women.

About one-fourth of the hired farm workers, excluding workers in crews, in the United States received 2 or more regular meals per day in addition to cash wages. Only about 10 percent of the hired workers in the South received meals. In the North Central States, where this practice is most common, about half the hired hands received meals. The September survey shows little change since March in the proportion of hired workers furnished meals.

The proportion of workers not in crews working at piece-work rates increased sharply from March. This increase was marked in all Regions, except the North Central where piece rates are seldom used in September except for crews. In the South, over 30 percent of the hired workers were paid piece rates. Most of the hired labor employed to pick cotton is paid on this basis. Fruit and potato harvest in the Northeast and fruit and vegetable harvest in the West were responsible for much piece-rate work in these areas.

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Average cash earnings of hired farm workers, United States and major regions, March and September 1945 1/

Area	Hourly earnings			Daily earnings			Weekly earnings		
	Total	With meals 2/	Without meals 3/	Total	With meals 2/	Without meals 3/	Total	With meals 2/	Without meals 3/
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
United States									
Mar. (incl. crews)	.35	.25	.40	3.20	---	---	15.80	14.20	16.60
Mar. (excl. crews)	.34	.26	.39	3.20	2.60	3.50	16.00	15.30	16.30
Sept. (excl. crews)	.40	.32	.44	3.90	3.30	4.10	16.90	17.70	16.60
Northeast									
Mar. (incl. crews)	.34	.21	.46	3.30	---	---	19.40	13.60	24.00
Mar. (excl. crews)	.32	.21	.44	3.20	2.10	4.20	19.10	13.60	24.10
Sept. (excl. crews)	.42	.27	.55	4.00	2.80	5.10	20.80	16.00	24.20
North Central									
Mar. (incl. crews)	.28	.21	.37	2.90	---	---	16.30	13.50	19.20
Mar. (excl. crews)	.30	.22	.40	3.10	2.30	3.90	17.30	13.70	20.90
Sept. (excl. crews)	.35	.30	.42	3.70	3.20	4.20	19.30	17.40	21.30
South									
Mar. (incl. crews)	.29	.22	.30	2.60	---	---	11.20	10.00	11.40
Mar. (excl. crews)	.28	.23	.29	2.50	2.20	2.50	10.40	10.80	10.30
Sept. (excl. crews)	.34	.29	.34	3.10	2.70	3.10	11.20	11.70	11.10
West									
Mar. (incl. crews)	.62	.47	.67	4.90	---	---	27.20	27.40	27.20
Mar. (excl. crews)	.59	.47	.66	5.40	4.40	6.10	31.50	27.70	33.40
Sept. (excl. crews)	.67	.49	.77	6.20	4.80	6.90	33.80	29.80	35.50

1/ Hourly, daily and weekly earnings are derived from weekly earnings and days and hours worked on reporting farm. March data are shown for all hired workers and for workers excluding those in crews for purposes of comparison, since crew data for September are not yet available.
2/ Two or more regular meals per day.
3/ Includes some workers receiving one meal per day.

Estimates based on data from enumerative surveys. Results from September survey are preliminary.

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Average time worked by hired farm workers, United States and major regions, March and September 1945 1/

Area and survey	Hours per day			Hours per week			Days per week		
	Total workers	Workers with meals 2/	Workers without meals 3/	Total workers	Workers with meals 2/	Workers without meals 3/	Total workers	Workers with meals 2/	Workers without meals 3/
United States									
Mar. (incl. crews)	9.1	---	---	45	58	42	5.0	---	---
Mar. (excl. crews)	9.4	10.1	9.1	47	59	42	5.0	5.8	4.6
Sept. (excl. crews)	9.5	10.2	9.2	42	55	37	4.4	5.3	4.1
Northeast									
Mar. (incl. crews)	9.7	---	---	57	65	53	5.9	---	---
Mar. (excl. crews)	9.8	10.2	9.4	59	65	54	6.0	6.3	5.7
Sept. (excl. crews)	9.7	10.3	9.1	50	59	44	5.2	5.7	4.8
North Central									
Mar. (incl. crews)	10.3	---	---	58	63	52	5.7	---	---
Mar. (excl. crews)	10.1	10.7	9.6	57	63	52	5.7	5.9	5.4
Sept. (excl. crews)	10.5	10.8	10.1	55	58	51	5.2	5.4	5.1
South									
Mar. (incl. crews)	9.0	---	---	39	45	38	4.3	---	---
Mar. (excl. crews)	8.9	9.6	8.8	38	47	36	4.2	4.9	4.1
Sept. (excl. crews)	9.1	9.2	9.0	33	40	32	3.6	4.3	3.6
West									
Mar. (incl. crews)	7.8	---	---	44	59	41	5.6	---	---
Mar. (excl. crews)	9.3	9.3	9.3	54	59	51	5.8	6.3	5.5
Sept. (excl. crews)	9.2	9.7	9.0	50	61	46	5.5	6.3	5.1

1/ March data are shown for all hired workers and for workers excluding those in crews for purposes of comparison since crew data for September are not yet available.
2/ Two or more regular meals per day.
3/ Includes some workers receiving one meal per day.

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Average farm wage rates, United States and major regions,
March and September, 1945

Survey	United States	Northeast	North Central	South	West
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Rates per month					
With meals 1/					
March (incl. crews) 2/	67.10	55.90	60.50	43.80	121.80
March (excl. crews) 3/	71.80	56.10	62.80	52.60	120.00
Sept. (excl. crews) 3/	77.10	60.40	67.40	53.80	134.00
Without meals 4/					
March (incl. crews) 2/	99.30	98.60	98.20	65.60	151.00
March (excl. crews) 3/	99.00	97.50	102.00	65.30	160.00
Sept. (excl. crews) 3/	109.00	98.50	103.00	79.30	166.00
Rates per week					
Without meals 4/					
March (incl. crews) 2/	21.60	27.00	21.80	16.30	34.70
March (excl. crews) 3/	21.60	26.90	22.70	16.10	37.80
Sept. (excl. crews) 3/	23.40	30.30	25.40	16.10	35.90
Rates per day					
Without meals 4/					
March (incl. crews) 2/	2.65	5.40	3.20	2.35	4.80
March (excl. crews) 3/	2.65	5.25	3.35	2.35	4.45
Sept. (excl. crews) 3/	3.60	8.10	3.80	3.10	5.20
Rates per hour					
Without meals 4/					
March (incl. crews) 2/	.57	.57	.54	.36	.80
March (excl. crews) 3/	.55	.51	.55	.38	.74
Sept. (excl. crews) 3/	.59	.58	.55	.48	.80

1/ Two or more regular meals per day. 2/ Includes all hired workers.
3/ Excludes workers employed in crews. 4/ Includes some workers receiving one meal per day.

Estimates based on data from enumerative surveys. Results from September survey are preliminary.

Percentage distribution of hired farm workers, by sex,
United States and major regions, March and September, 1945

Survey	United States		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
March (incl. crews) 1/	91.1	8.9	94.6	5.4	97.6	2.4	85.9	14.1	97.3	2.7
March (excl. crews) 2/	94.7	5.3	96.1	3.9	97.7	2.3	92.1	7.9	98.2	1.8
Sept. (excl. crews) 2/	82.0	18.0	92.9	7.1	96.3	3.7	71.9	28.1	91.5	8.5

1/ Includes all hired workers. 2/ Excludes workers employed in crews.

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Percentage distribution of hired farm workers by mode of payment, United States and major regions, March and September 1945 1/

Mode of payment	United States			Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Mar. (incl. crews)	Mar. (excl. crews)	Sept. (excl. crews)	Mar. (incl. crews)	Mar. (excl. crews)	Sept. (excl. crews)	Mar. (incl. crews)	Mar. (excl. crews)	Sept. (excl. crews)	Mar. (incl. crews)	Mar. (excl. crews)	Sept. (excl. crews)	Mar. (incl. crews)	Mar. (excl. crews)	Sept. (excl. crews)
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
With meals 2/	23.3	29.0	25.9	43.4	47.1	41.3	50.3	49.1	51.4	11.9	14.2	10.4	16.2	33.8	30.9
Per month	11.2	15.1	11.6	21.7	23.3	15.6	28.9	30.5	28.8	3.0	3.5	1.6	10.3	22.7	18.6
Per week	3.1	4.2	3.2	15.7	17.9	12.8	3.3	3.7	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.2	.9	1.7	2.0
Per day	6.6	8.0	6.1	4.3	4.5	6.1	11.8	11.4	8.4	6.1	7.4	4.8	3.1	6.8	7.9
Per hour	1.5	1.7	3.9	1.2	1.2	5.1	3.1	3.4	10.7	.8	.9	1.2	1.9	2.5	2.3
Piece rate	.2	.1	1.1	.1	.2	1.7	.3	.1	.1	.2	---	1.6	5/	.1	.1
Other 3/	.7	---	---	.4	---	---	2.9	---	---	.2	---	---	5/	---	---
Without meals 4/	76.7	71.0	74.1	56.6	52.9	58.7	49.7	50.9	48.6	88.1	85.8	89.6	83.8	66.2	69.1
Per month	9.7	11.6	9.1	10.3	11.3	8.1	17.7	19.9	17.6	5.8	7.4	4.8	11.9	13.1	14.5
Per week	5.7	6.8	5.6	20.4	20.3	13.4	4.3	4.7	5.5	5.0	6.2	4.7	1.7	2.6	2.2
Per day	27.0	32.9	26.4	9.7	7.3	9.9	12.3	13.9	12.3	42.3	53.3	39.2	7.3	13.6	13.6
Per hour	24.4	15.3	14.6	13.3	11.8	18.0	11.0	12.9	13.1	19.9	11.4	11.3	58.7	36.2	27.3
Piece rate	8.0	4.3	18.4	2.4	2.2	9.3	.9	.5	.1	13.3	7.5	29.6	3.1	1.7	11.5
Other 3/	1.9	---	---	.5	---	---	3.5	---	---	1.8	---	---	1.1	---	---

1/ March data are shown for all hired workers and for workers excluding those in crews.
2/ Two or more regular meals per day.
3/ Includes custom work rates and annual rates, omitted in March and September excluding crews for purposes of comparisons since crew data for September are not yet available.
4/ Includes some workers receiving one meal per day.
5/ Less than 0.05 percent.

Estimates based on data from enumerative surveys. Results from September survey are preliminary.

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Preliminary Results from Surveys of Farm Wage Rates
in Special Crop Areas

Peach and Prune Harvests in Yuba City Area, California:

Harvest workers housed in the Department of Agriculture Labor Supply Center at Yuba City earned average cash wages of 82 cents per hour, $7.10 per day, and $37.30 for the week ended September 1, 1945. Wage information was obtained from these workers in one of several surveys covering Labor Supply Centers in California. Data covered all farm work done by these workers during the survey week. Yuba City is located in the center of the "Peach Bowl," the leading California area in production of canning peaches. Of the 181 workers included in the sample, 72 were picking peaches, 38 picking prunes and smaller numbers were engaged in other operations or in harvesting other crops. Two-thirds of the workers were male and one-third female.

Workers picking peaches averaged 7.6 hours per day, 5.2 days per week, or 39 hours during the reporting week. They averaged daily cash wages of $7.30 and weekly cash wages of $38.00. Ninety-seven percent of the workers picking peaches were paid piece rates, averaging 12 cents per box. Male workers, whose hourly earnings averaged 96 cents, picked slightly fewer boxes of peaches an hour than the female workers, whose hourly earnings averaged 99 cents. Female workers often picked the low hanging peaches while the men used ladders to pick those on higher branches.

There was little difference between the wages earned by men and women picking prunes during the survey week. All workers averaged 8.5 hours per day, 5.2 days per week, and 44 hours per week in this operation. Although the prune pickers worked longer hours than the peach pickers, their average daily and weekly earnings were lower. The prune pickers earned average cash wages of $5.90 a day and $30.60 a week. The average rate paid for picking prunes was 30 cents per box.

Michigan sugar beets:

Workers harvesting sugar beets in the Saginaw-Bay City area of Michigan earned cash wages averaging 65 cents an hour, and $4.80 per day during the week ended October 27, 1945. These preliminary results are from an enumerative sample survey made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics during an active week of sugar beet harvesting. Farmers interviewed gave wage information for 529 workers, 91 percent of whom were pulling and topping sugar beets at an acre wage rate. These workers were paid an average of $17.60 an acre, but rates varied depending on the yield per acre. Each pulled and topped, on the average, slightly less than one-third of an acre of sugar beets per day. Four percent of the workers were hauling sugar beets in their own trucks at an average rate of $1.65 per ton. The truckers hauled 10.6 tons per day and earned an average of $17.50 a day which included payment for the use of the truck.

The sugar beet harvesters worked an average of 7.4 hours a day, 2.7 days a week, or 20 hours a week on the reporting farms. Adverse weather conditions were a factor in the short work week. Sixty-five percent of all workers surveyed were men. Average hourly earnings of women pulling and topping sugar beets were very close to those of men doing this work, and the men worked only slightly longer hours per day. Forty-five percent of all workers were

Mexicans and 29 percent were prisoners of war.

Michigan potatoes.

Cash wages earned by workers harvesting potatoes in Otsego County, Michigan averaged 46 cents an hour and $3.70 a day during the week ended October 13, 1945. These preliminary results are from an enumerative sample survey made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of 411 workers harvesting potatoes during an active week of potato harvesting. Ninety-four percent of the workers were picking up potatoes, while 6 percent were digging, loading, and hauling the potatoes. Of the workers picking up potatoes, 76 percent were paid at piece rates which averaged 9 cents per bushel. The other workers picking up potatoes were paid either hourly rates or daily rates, averaging 48 cents per hour or $3.30 per day.

Workers harvesting potatoes during the survey week worked an average of 8.0 hours per day and 3.4 days per week, or 27 hours a week on the farm enumerated. Fifty-five percent of the workers were male. The male workers picking up potatoes at a bushel rate earned an average of 45 cents an hour, while females doing this work averaged 35 cents an hour. These hourly earnings are lower than those of pickers paid hourly rates. However, many of the workers paid by the bushel were school children, who were let out of school to assist in the harvest work. Ninety-six percent of all the potato harvesters were local workers. Some perquisites in addition to cash wages were given to 45 percent of the workers.

Louisiana sugar cane:

Sugar cane harvesters in Assumption and Iberia Parishes, Louisiana earned average cash wages of 47 cents per hour and $21.60 per week. These preliminary results are from an enumerative sample survey made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of farms which employed 2,006 workers in the sugar cane harvest during the week ended November 17, 1945. Seventy percent of the workers were Negroes and 16 percent were prisoners of war. About 80 percent of all workers surveyed were men. All of the female workers were Negroes.

Sugar cane harvesters worked an average of 8.4 hours per day, 5.6 days per week, or 46 hours per week on the reporting farm. Over 70 percent of the workers were cutting the sugar cane or doing cutting in combination with other sugar cane work. Other workers were crossing or piling, loading or hauling. Of the workers cutting sugar cane, 64 percent were paid on a per ton basis at an average rate of $1.17. Eighty-eight percent of all the workers were hand laborers and 12 percent were operating harvesting machines. There was no appreciable difference in the hourly earnings of machine operators compared with hand laborers. Most of the workers received transportation or housing in addition to their cash wages. Only a few were furnished meals.

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Farm labor program: Foreign workers and prisoners of war employed in Agriculture, December 1, 1945

State	Mexicans 1/	Jamaicans 1/	Bahamians 1/	Newfound-landers 1/	Prisoners of war 2/	Total
Maine		11		82		93
N.H.		10		58		68
Vt.				150	3/	170
Mass.		61		66	75	202
R.I.				12		12
Conn.		830		88		918
N.Y.		214	5	277	1,043	1,539
N.J.		437		73	300	810
Pa.		198	28	76	985	1,287
Ohio		229				229
Ind.		75	2		50	127
Ill.		22	16		219	257
Mich.		202			1,420	1,622
Wis.	95	32	13		1,500	1,640
Minn.	5		4			9
Iowa	7				215	222
Mo.		22			515	537
N.Dak.	11					11
S.Dak.	136					136
Nebr.	382				1,447	1,829
Kans.	235	9			500	744
Del.		110	84	11	951	1,156
Md.		250	145	14	1,267	1,676
Va.		40			1,500	1,540
W. Va.					167	167
N. C.					1,137	1,137
S. C.					753	753
Ga.					1,594	1,594
Fla.		2,579	3,997		341	6,917
Ky.					185	185
Tenn.					1,005	1,005
Ala.					360	360
Miss.					6,030	6,030
Ark.					8,812	8,812
La.					7,803	7,803
Okla.					1,209	1,209
Tex.					41	41
Mont.	40					40
Idaho	750				3,285	4,035
Wyo.	3				100	103
Colo.	178	25			944	1,147
N. Mex.					3,874	3,874
Ariz.	1,756	4			5,900	7,660
Utah	51				850	901
Nev.	204					204
Wash.	275					275
Oreg.	425	5				430
Calif.	20,771	2			13,511	34,284
Total	25,324	5,367	4,294	907	69,888	3/105,800

1/ As of November 30. Data provided by Requirements and Certifications Division, Labor Branch, U.S.D.A. 2/ As of November 30. Data provided by Extension Service, U.S.D.A. 3/ Includes 20 Canadians in Vermont.

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Farm Labor Program: Farm labor placements 1/

State	October		January 1 to October 31	
	1944	1945	1944	1945
Maine	1,533	2,102	21,307	24,293
N.H.	1,158	1,223	5,478	7,772
Vt.	845	191	6,273	3,497
Mass.	1,015	1,697	10,206	10,138
R.I.	141	370	691	332
Conn.	2,885	1,662	27,508	24,335
N.Y.	43,097	34,485	222,726	231,520
N.J.	10,666	17,917	53,371	128,821
Pa.	22,729	16,165	63,292	65,042
Ohio	12,206	23,239	74,929	47,443
Ind.	6,256	4,865	37,543	53,094
Ill.	5,107	2,475	75,826	69,794
Mich.	21,440	49,298	151,855	183,470
Wis.	2,400	9,331	38,674	54,121
Minn.	5,449	12,631	64,289	74,806
Iowa	1,178	3,385	55,352	94,382
Mo.	1,830	1,451	14,656	24,608
N. Dak.	9,005	50,977	83,235	150,175
S. Dak.	2,808	5,880	36,933	58,191
Nebr.	5,545	12,363	30,647	83,072
Kans.	992	178	29,602	16,179
Del.	5,667	3,235	29,346	19,664
Md.	30,866	30,101	137,004	152,708
Va.	15,236	19,003	74,311	100,337
W. Va.	292	182	3,668	2,193
N. C.	24,563	58,584	141,120	218,717
S. C.	16,747	15,640	82,234	91,485
Ga.	35,779	24,178	145,395	146,529
Fla.	1,626	4,287	68,408	36,412
Ky.	22,755	17,415	67,105	152,929
Tenn.	10,753	18,680	82,050	155,220
Ala.	38,072	25,591	74,683	145,207
Miss.	44,377	61,237	115,053	184,015
Ark.	147,404	19,565	351,542	238,971
La.	19,833	32,951	74,728	99,831
Okla.	54,281	22,589	168,442	155,536
Tex.	120,543	82,565	453,975	432,529
Mont.	4,824	25,377	20,184	103,383
Idaho	49,946	88,325	180,485	282,086
Wyo.	5,217	20,957	11,300	54,879
Colo.	14,680	47,824	71,623	127,808
N. Mex.	11,002	7,969	57,893	49,876
Ariz.	6,664	7,834	32,244	59,459
Utah	18,244	27,435	75,357	139,074
Nev.	722	483	6,386	6,146
Wash.	37,406	30,509	290,109	297,950
Oreg.	22,655	21,483	184,582	172,717
Calif.	85,211	106,532	563,103	644,099
Total	1,003,570	1,073,924	4,627,673	5,734,445

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

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Farm Labor Program: Placements of World War II veterans on farms, United States, by months, January-October 1945 1/

Month	As hired hands		As tenants or sharecroppers		All	
	During month	Cumulative total	During month	Cumulative total	During month	Cumulative total
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
January	513	513	80	80	593	593
February	730	1,243	116	196	846	1,439
March	910	2,153	167	363	1,077	2,516
April	1,149	3,302	140	503	1,289	3,805
May	1,229	4,531	85	588	1,314	5,119
June	1,718	6,249	76	664	1,794	6,913
July	3,024	9,273	86	750	3,110	10,023
August	3,791	13,064	140	890	3,931	13,954
September	3,873	16,937	421	1,311	4,294	18,248
October	5,529	22,466	378	1,689	5,907	24,155

1/ Revised-data from monthly reports of Extension Farm Labor Program, Extension Service, USDA, Washington, D.C.

Farm Labor Program: Placements of World War II veterans on farms by geographic divisions, October 1945 and January-October 1945 1/

Area	As hired hands		As tenants or sharecroppers		All	
	During October	January-October	During October	January-October	During October	January-October
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
New England	19	220	0	8	19	228
Middle Atlantic	75	375	3	32	78	407
East North Central	123	687	18	90	141	777
West North Central	423	2,691	17	106	440	2,797
South Atlantic	173	1,102	67	201	240	1,303
East South Central	252	1,095	158	547	410	1,642
West South Central	917	3,586	106	373	1,023	3,959
Mountain	313	1,934	1	270	314	2,204
Pacific	3,234	10,776	8	62	3,242	10,838
United States	5,529	22,466	378	1,689	5,907	24,155

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

SPECIFIC WAGE CEILING REGULATIONS ISSUED OR AMENDED IN NOVEMBER

SOUTH DAKOTA

CORN. Harvest operations in Area I, counties of Buffalo, Jerauld, Sanborn, Miner, Lake, Moody, Minnehaha, McCook, Hanson, Davison, Aurora, Brule, Charles Mix, Douglas, Hutchison, Bon Homme, Turner, Yankton, Lincoln, Clay and Union; Area II, Counties of Brookings, Kingsbury, Beadle, Hamlin, Deuel, Coddington, Clark, Grant, Day, Marshall and Roberts; and Area III, all counties in South Dakota not included in Areas I and II. No. 88, issued November 8, 1945.

Maximum wage regulations: Hand picking, where elevator is used for unloading, 10 cents per measured bushel in Area I, 12 cents in Area II and 14 cents in Area III; where corn is scooped into crib, 11 cents per measured bushel in Area I, 13 cents in Area II and 15 cents in Area III. Driving tractor or operating mechanical picker $1 per hour with board and room in all areas. The term "bushel" means a measure equivalent to one inch depth in a standard wagon box.

ARIZONA

LETTUCE. Dry-pack harvesting of lettuce in Maricopa County. No. 89, issued November 23, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Dry-pack harvesting, 40 cents per standard crate; crew organization and supervision, 5 cents per standard crate.

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