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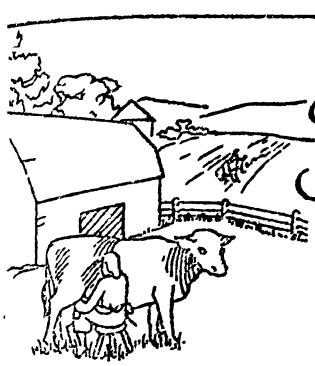

Farm Labor

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FARM WAGE RATES CONTINUE UP
EMPLOYMENT SAME AS YEAR AGO

Farm wage rates, continuing to rise, on July 1 were 3½ times as high as the 1935-39 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. The number of persons working on farms totaled 11,518,000, about the same as on July 1, 1946.

Farm wage rates continued upward along with recent advances in industrial wages. Nationally the rate per month without board made the greatest increase since last July. At $114.00, this rate of pay now averages 8 percent above July of last year, 7 percent higher than April of this year and over 3 times the 1935-39 average. Other pay rates increased almost as much.

The average of all rates of pay reached new peaks for all geographic divisions of the country on July 1. However, in some regions individual rates were slightly higher during the latter half of 1946. Wage rates averaged 10 percent higher than last July in the Mountain States, whereas in the Pacific States, where hired employment continued well above last year's level, they changed very little.

At the usual summer peak around July 1, the number of persons working on farms was about the same as a year earlier. There was little seasonal change from June 1. Weather during the last week in June was about the same as a year ago, except that floods in the Midwest limited farm employment locally. This year's later season changed labor requirements in some areas. The number of farm operators and unpaid members of their families working on farms on July 1 was about the same as last year. As usual there was little change since June 1. The number of hired farm workers increased a little less than the usual seasonal amount and on July 1 totaled about the same as last year.

The last week in June was one of the best this season for farm work east of the Rockies. Rainfall of 1 to 2 inches occurred in southern New England, in the central Gulf area, the southeastern coastal regions and in eastern Iowa and northern Illinois. Farm work made good progress in most of the country although one to three weeks late east of the Rockies. Delayed planting and planting of late crops, cultivation of row-crops and haying were making good progress in the North Central and Northeast regions.

In parts of Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Nebraska floods and wet soil were serious obstacles to farm work. Soybeans were not all planted in the Corn Belt and corn was progressing slowly. Wheat harvest was somewhat later than a year ago with combine harvest in full swing in southern Kansas. On the West Coast farm work held its advantage of the earlier than usual spring start.

In New England on July 1 a few more people were working on farms than a year ago as farmers completed delayed plantings. The number of hired workers was 20 percent larger but there were fewer family workers employed. About the usual seasonal increases occurred less than last year for family workers and greater for hired workers. In addition to some late planting New England farmers were also haying, cultivating crops and picking strawberries.

In the Middle Atlantic States the same number of hired hands were employed on July 1 as a year ago but fewer family workers. The number of family workers increased less than usual during June. Weather favored field work but some New York areas were still too wet for planting. Finishing delayed plantings was the main job in most of the region. Hay-making and cultivating crops were also general. Barley harvest was past its peak and buckwheat seeding started in Pennsylvania. In western New York transplanting cabbage was just starting and tomato setting was about over.

Employment on farms on July 1 was about the same as a year ago in the East North Central States. The number of hired workers increased seasonally but a little less than usual. Field work was later than usual with cultivating a major job. Hay-making was general in all States. Wheat harvest was barely started in the extreme southern part of the region. Michigan farmers were still planting beans, potatoes and corn for silage.

Floods and a later wheat harvest in the West North Central States held the number of hired workers to 6 percent less than last year on July 1 after a seasonal increase of only a fourth of usual. The number of family workers was about the same as last year. Little field work was possible in parts of eastern Nebraska, central and southeastern Iowa and northern Missouri because of excessive rainfall and overflow of the Mississippi, Missouri, Raccoon and Des Moines rivers. In most of the region corn cultivation and hay-making were major jobs. Wheat harvest was underway in southern Missouri and was in full swing in southern Kansas.

In the South Atlantic States there were fewer hired hands on July 1 than a year ago after a larger than usual seasonal decrease. There were slightly more family workers than last year. Farm work generally made good progress during the last week of June. Small grain harvest was about completed in South Carolina and underway in the more northern States. Tobacco-curing was in progress in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The Florida citrus harvest was nearly over. Peach harvest was well underway in Georgia but much later than last year. Cantaloupes and watermelons were moving in volume from South Carolina.

About a usual seasonal decrease in both family and hired employment in the East South Central States left both groups of workers slightly smaller than last July 1. Small grain harvest was about completed in Alabama and Mississippi and underway in Kentucky and Tennessee. Rain had delayed field work in some parts of the region. Cotton chopping was about completed in the southern States of the region. Sweet potato harvest was started in Baldwin County, Alabama.

In the West South Central States the number of hired workers on July 1 was nearly 10 percent less than a year ago after less than the usual seasonal increase. Family workers numbered about the same as last year. As usual family employment did not decrease from June 1. Small grain harvest was in progress in the Panhandle of Texas and the northern sections of Oklahoma and Arkansas. Wheat harvest was not started in the Texas High Plains. Sorghums were being combined in southern Texas and planted in the High Plains. In Oklahoma cotton chopping and cultivation of row crops were important jobs.

In the Mountain States the number of family workers declined about twice as much as usual from June 1 to July 1 to less than last year. But an increase from last year in the number of hired workers more than offset this decline. Haying, cultivating row-crops and irrigating were jobs general throughout the region. In Montana, a large part of the beet crop had been thinned and some hoed. In Idaho, early potato and apricot harvests had started. In the lower western valleys of Colorado, peaches were being thinned and early cherries and apricots picked. In the San Luis valley farmers were cultivating and spraying potatoes.

In the Pacific States hired employment on July 1 remained above last year. On July 1 there were 8 percent more hired workers than a year ago. The number of family workers declined slightly. Farm work was proceeding at a satisfactory rate. In Washington greenpeas for canning, cane berries (raspberries, blackberries, etc.), and some cherries and market vegetables were being harvested. Wheat harvest was getting started but most farmers were still making preparations for harvest. In California harvest operations were underway for citrus, apricots, plums, cherries, some early peaches and grapes and early potatoes, as well as grain, flax and hay. Other field work consisted of irrigation, cotton chopping and planting and cultivation of truck crops.

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

	Annual average 1910-14	July average 1935-39	July 1, 1946	June 1, 1947	July 1, 1947
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	12,458	11,586	11,394	11,518
Family labor	9,160	9,320	8,875	8,913	8,833
Hired labor	2,892	3,138	2,711	2,481	2,685
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation)					
Total	100	91	84	84	83
Family labor	100	91	87	86	86
Hired labor	100	90	74	77	73

	Annual average 1910-14	July average 1935-39	July 1, 1946	Apr. 1, 1947	July 1, 1947
FARM WAGE RATES					
Per month, with board	$22.09	27.08	92.00	91.50	98.70
Per month, without board	29.18	34.92	106.00	107.00	114.00
Per day, with board	1.16	1.29	4.25	4.17	4.54
Per day, without board	1.42	1.53	4.84	4.77	5.17
Composite rate per month 1/	24.76	30.01	96.40	96.20	103.00
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES					
Unadjusted	100	121	389	389	416
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	118	378	397	404
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES BY REGION					
New England	100	146	367	383	389
Middle Atlantic	100	132	374	389	400
East North Central	100	120	342	362	369
West North Central	100	104	346	349	373
South Atlantic	100	112	336	363	357
East South Central	100	101	292	303	315
West South Central	100	105	348	355	367
Mountain	100	110	339	342	374
Pacific	100	131	426	418	428
RELATED INDEXES					
Prices received by farmers 2/	100	106	231	278	271 3/
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	88	59	71	65
Average weekly factory earnings 4/	100	197.7	385.8	422.8	--

1/ Weighted average of monthly rates with and without board, and daily rates with and without board converted to a monthly basis.
2/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
3/ June 15, 1947 - latest data available.
4/ 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, July 1, 1947 with comparisons

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

	July 1 average 1935-39	June 1, 1946	July 1, 1946	June 1, 1947	July 1, 1947
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	12,458	11,422	11,586	11,394	11,518
New England	282	257	275	257	282
Middle Atlantic	723	637	760	640	740
East North Central	1,660	1,501	1,513	1,475	1,496
West North Central	1,909	1,713	1,816	1,759	1,798
South Atlantic	2,511	2,234	2,271	2,277	2,279
East South Central	2,048	1,950	1,776	1,903	1,740
West South Central	2,218	2,045	1,994	1,959	1,966
Mountain	509	476	473	496	488
Pacific	598	609	708	628	729
FAMILY WORKERS 1/					
United States	9,320	8,969	8,875	8,913	8,833
New England	175	170	182	167	170
Middle Atlantic	458	422	473	422	453
East North Central	1,248	1,248	1,233	1,218	1,220
West North Central	1,478	1,446	1,502	1,475	1,503
South Atlantic	1,907	1,761	1,790	1,790	1,817
East South Central	1,755	1,687	1,562	1,674	1,533
West South Central	1,657	1,593	1,502	1,519	1,520
Mountain	315	323	311	333	306
Pacific	327	319	320	315	311
HIRED WORKERS					
United States	3,138	2,453	2,711	2,481	2,685
New England	107	87	93	90	112
Middle Atlantic	265	215	287	218	287
East North Central	412	253	280	257	276
West North Central	431	267	314	284	295
South Atlantic	604	473	481	487	462
East South Central	293	263	214	229	207
West South Central	561	452	492	440	446
Mountain	194	153	162	163	182
Pacific	271	290	388	313	418

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

Based on reports from 17,402 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. 1946-July 1947 1/

Year and Month	Total farm employment	Family workers 2/	Hired workers
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
1910-14 av.	12,052	9,160	2,892
1935-39 av.	10,920	8.352	2,568
1939 av.	10,740	8,145	2,595
1940 av.	10,585	8,019	2,566
1941 av.	10,361	7,829	2,532
1942 av.	10,397	7,855	2,542
1943 av.	10,263	7,857	2,406
1944 av.	10,037	7,810	2,227
1945 av.	9,844	7,726	2,118
1946 av.	10,012	7,864	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	11,486	8,862	2,624
November 1	10,809	8,306	2,503
December 1	9,405	7,345	2,060
1947 av.			
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	11,518	8,833	2,685

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

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

Year and Month	Corn Area						Eastern Dairy Area					
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	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total
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1946	979	189	1,168	87	47	76	498	244	742	78	72	76
Jan.	882	130	1,012	78	32	66	442	148	590	69	44	60
Feb.	848	136	984	75	34	64	438	149	587	69	44	60
Mar.	879	132	1,011	78	33	66	456	158	614	71	47	63
Apr.	977	160	1,137	86	40	74	486	190	676	76	56	69
May	983	197	1,180	87	49	77	500	224	724	78	66	74
June	1,059	213	1,272	94	53	83	506	254	760	79	75	78
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	536	314	850	84	93	87
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

	Western Dairy Area						Middle Eastern Area					
1946	678	134	812	94	60	86	1,418	241	1,659	86	57	80
Jan.	588	94	682	82	42	72	1,164	158	1,322	71	37	64
Feb.	593	100	693	82	45	74	1,154	178	1,332	70	42	64
Mar.	618	101	719	86	45	76	1,251	195	1,426	75	46	69
Apr.	653	111	764	91	50	81	1,348	214	1,562	82	50	76
May	699	129	828	97	58	88	1,501	235	1,736	91	55	84
June	731	138	869	102	62	92	1,609	252	1,861	98	59	90
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	95

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

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
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1946	938	246	1,184	67	78	69	971	194	1,165	89	77	87
Jan.	662	139	801	47	44	46	669	93	762	61	37	57
Feb.	618	167	785	44	53	46	675	107	782	62	42	58
Mar.	719	183	902	51	58	52	747	133	880	69	53	66
Apr.	853	202	1,055	61	64	61	857	132	989	79	52	74
May	1,084	234	1,318	77	74	76	1,124	134	1,258	103	53	94
June	1,199	330	1,529	85	105	89	1,215	251	1,466	111	99	109
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.	724	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

	Western Cotton Area						Small Grain Area					
1946	787	233	1,020	82	93	84	592	115	707	97	63	89
Jan.	617	147	764	64	59	63	496	51	547	81	28	69
Feb.	651	158	809	68	63	67	504	57	561	82	31	71
Mar.	669	160	829	69	64	68	525	59	584	86	33	74
Apr.	727	170	897	75	68	74	582	68	650	95	38	82
May	844	211	1,055	88	84	87	616	116	732	100	64	92
June	926	298	1,224	96	119	101	650	119	769	106	66	97
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	93	33	79
Apr.	750	182	932	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

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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
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1946	187	92	279	124	91	111	206	102	308	129	131	130
Jan.	161	55	216	106	54	86	182	41	223	114	53	94
Feb.	163	50	213	108	49	84	197	37	234	124	47	99
Mar.	165	62	227	109	61	90	199	42	241	125	54	102
Apr.	181	76	257	120	75	102	201	45	246	126	58	104
May	199	83	282	132	82	112	211	65	276	133	83	116
June	202	114	316	134	113	125	222	92	314	140	118	132
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

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; 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, July 1, 1947, with comparisons

Geographic division	Annual average 1910-14	April 1, 1946	July 1, 1946	April 1, 1947	July 1, 1947
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	88.10	91.50	95.40	96.80
Middle Atlantic	22.25	83.30	87.70	91.30	94.40
East North Central	23.75	80.30	83.00	89.00	89.40
West North Central	26.32	90.50	94.00	95.90	102.00
South Atlantic	14.62	48.80	49.50	51.80	51.50
East South Central	14.71	40.40	43.20	44.00	46.10
West South Central	17.35	58.80	63.90	65.80	68.80
Mountain	32.48	105.00	114.00	114.00	125.00
Pacific	33.45	141.00	152.00	149.00	151.00
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	129.00	133.00	139.00	139.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	115.00	120.00	126.00	129.00
East North Central	32.80	108.00	111.00	118.00	118.00
West North Central	36.86	115.00	120.00	123.00	130.00
South Atlantic	20.97	65.80	66.90	73.00	71.80
East South Central	20.80	56.30	59.00	60.90	64.20
West South Central	24.93	80.50	86.50	91.00	91.10
Mountain	46.42	137.00	146.00	152.00	160.00
Pacific	48.16	180.00	190.00	190.00	192.00
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	4.62	4.88	4.96	5.12
Middle Atlantic	1.24	4.23	4.58	4.76	4.93
East North Central	1.31	4.18	4.49	4.61	4.88
West North Central	1.46	4.53	4.97	4.82	5.24
South Atlantic	.81	2.75	2.86	3.11	3.02
East South Central	.81	2.18	2.38	2.50	2.62
West South Central	.98	3.18	3.54	3.38	3.68
Mountain	1.50	4.86	5.24	5.09	5.76
Pacific	1.49	6.38	6.70	6.56	6.84
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	5.59	5.84	6.25	6.44
Middle Atlantic	1.63	5.21	5.63	5.84	6.07
East North Central	1.68	5.12	5.35	5.62	5.80
West North Central	1.88	5.60	6.18	6.15	6.52
South Atlantic	1.05	3.35	3.48	3.80	3.75
East South Central	1.05	2.82	3.03	3.15	3.24
West South Central	1.25	3.76	4.06	4.06	4.25
Mountain	2.05	5.72	6.08	6.10	6.66
Pacific	2.06	7.68	8.23	7.93	8.21

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by States, July 1, 1946, July 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
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	92.00	93.50	130.00	128.00	5.30	5.10	6.20	6.40
N. H.	92.00	96.00	132.00	138.00	4.60	4.90	5.70	6.30
Vt.	89.00	98.00	129.00	134.00	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.80
Mass.	92.00	100.00	136.00	148.00	4.50	5.20	5.60	6.40
R. I.	90.00	94.00	135.00	142.00	4.40	4.90	5.60	6.20
Conn.	93.00	95.00	135.00	142.00	4.70	4.90	5.90	6.30
N. Y.	94.25	105.00	126.00	141.00	4.75	5.10	5.90	6.40
N. J.	97.00	99.50	133.00	139.00	4.80	5.50	6.00	6.50
Pa.	72.50	77.00	105.00	109.00	4.20	4.50	5.00	5.40
Ohio	73.25	77.50	98.25	106.00	4.20	4.80	5.00	5.40
Ind.	71.25	79.25	99.00	106.00	4.25	4.55	4.95	5.40
Ill.	89.25	96.25	113.00	120.00	4.70	5.10	5.50	5.90
Mich.	88.00	91.50	120.00	128.00	4.85	5.10	5.90	6.40
Wis.	90.25	100.00	122.00	131.00	4.50	4.85	5.50	6.00
Minn.	99.75	107.00	127.00	139.00	5.10	5.40	6.20	6.50
Iowa	103.00	111.00	127.00	135.00	5.40	5.90	6.50	7.10
Mo.	66.00	74.00	89.00	96.75	3.80	4.00	4.50	4.75
N.Dak.	118.00	126.00	146.00	160.00	5.20	5.60	6.80	7.30
S.Dak.	103.00	112.00	133.00	144.00	5.00	5.50	6.50	7.10
Nebr.	99.75	105.00	123.00	134.00	5.20	5.40	6.40	6.90
Kans.	90.00	98.00	116.00	127.00	5.80	5.70	7.20	7.30
Del.	78.00	80.00	100.00	105.00	4.75	5.00	5.85	6.00
Md.	73.25	81.75	97.75	111.00	4.30	4.70	5.20	5.70
Va.	61.00	66.50	80.75	86.25	3.50	3.50	4.20	4.30
W.Va.	53.25	55.00	73.75	76.50	2.80	2.95	3.55	3.75
N.C.	51.75	55.00	73.00	77.00	3.30	3.40	3.75	4.00
S.C.	37.25	38.00	51.00	54.25	2.15	2.35	2.65	2.85
Ga.	43.00	38.75	55.75	54.50	2.50	2.55	2.95	3.05
Fla.	58.00	55.00	80.00	85.00	3.10	3.05	4.20	4.15
Ky.	50.00	55.50	70.00	76.75	2.70	2.95	3.40	3.75
Tenn.	44.00	48.75	62.00	69.25	2.30	2.50	2.95	3.20
Ala.	40.00	40.75	52.00	55.00	2.15	2.45	2.80	3.00
Miss.	40.50	42.25	55.00	60.00	2.40	2.55	3.00	3.10
Ark.	51.00	53.00	71.00	74.75	2.80	3.05	3.40	3.70
La.	41.50	45.75	58.00	62.00	2.60	2.70	3.00	3.15
Okla.	74.75	77.75	98.00	103.00	4.40	4.50	5.00	5.20
Tex.	72.00	78.75	96.75	102.00	3.90	4.00	4.40	4.55
Mont.	127.00	139.00	156.00	171.00	5.90	6.30	6.90	7.00
Idaho	140.00	146.00	171.00	184.00	6.60	6.90	7.40	7.80
Wyo.	113.00	116.00	153.00	160.00	5.10	5.50	6.30	7.10
Colo.	100.00	109.00	137.00	146.00	4.80	5.20	5.90	6.40
N.Mex.	85.00	94.75	110.00	122.00	4.20	4.75	4.70	5.30
Ariz	108.00	120.00	142.00	155.00	4.60	4.80	5.50	6.00
Utah	125.00	135.00	150.00	168.00	5.10	5.70	5.90	6.40
Nev.	120.00	130.00	150.00	165.00	5.00	5.40	6.00	6.50
Wash.	149.00	149.00	195.00	196.00	7.00	7.20	9.00	8.80
Oreg.	141.00	145.00	178.00	181.00	6.70	7.00	7.60	7.80
Calif.	155.00	153.00	191.00	192.00	6.60	6.70	8.10	8.10
U. S.	92.00	98.70	106.00	114.00	4.25	4.54	4.84	5.17

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Farm wage rates: Composite wage rate per month by States, and geographic divisions, April 1 and July 1, 1946 and 1947

State	April 1		July 1	
	1946	1947	1946	1947
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Maine	109.00	112.00	114.00	116.00
N. H.	110.00	117.00	112.00	119.00
Vt.	106.00	118.00	112.00	122.00
Mass.	112.00	123.00	114.00	126.00
R. I.	112.00	142.00	112.00	120.00
Conn.	109.00	119.00	114.00	121.00
N. Eng.	110.00	119.00	114.00	121.00
N. Y.	106.00	116.00	108.00	120.00
N. J.	109.00	117.00	113.00	119.00
Penn.	82.20	91.60	88.30	93.20
M. Atl.	97.00	107.00	103.00	110.00
Ohio	81.60	90.40	85.70	92.50
Ind.	84.10	90.10	84.80	92.60
Ill.	96.60	106.00	99.90	107.00
Mich.	96.10	107.00	102.00	109.00
Wis.	97.80	109.00	102.00	112.00
E. N. Cent.	91.90	101.00	95.40	103.00
Minn.	99.80	104.00	107.00	115.00
Iowa	106.00	115.00	110.00	119.00
Mo.	70.60	76.70	73.90	81.00
N. Dak.	112.00	114.00	122.00	131.00
S. Dak.	105.00	113.00	110.00	120.00
Nebr.	103.00	112.00	106.00	113.00
Kans.	94.40	101.00	104.00	110.00
W. N. Cent.	96.50	103.00	102.00	110.00
Del.	93.50	96.80	95.40	102.00
Md.	86.40	95.40	90.90	102.00
Va.	69.00	76.80	75.00	78.70
W. Va.	62.60	70.20	65.00	67.80
N. C.	63.00	69.60	67.10	70.70
S. C.	42.70	49.50	46.80	49.70
Ga.	49.70	52.40	52.40	51.30
Fla.	72.60	78.40	72.90	73.40
S. Atl.	60.10	66.80	61.70	65.70
Ky.	61.30	65.50	63.10	69.30
Tenn.	49.80	57.10	55.20	61.00
Ala.	48.10	51.90	49.80	52.90
Miss.	46.70	54.30	52.70	55.70
E. S. Cent.	51.40	56.80	54.80	59.10
Ark.	59.80	69.60	64.30	68.60
La.	51.40	58.50	54.80	58.40
Okla.	85.70	90.60	93.10	97.20
Tex.	82.30	87.60	86.60	91.00
W. S. Cent.	72.50	79.90	78.30	82.60
Mont.	132.00	131.00	130.00	141.00
Idaho	133.00	144.00	143.00	150.00
Wyo.	119.00	118.00	116.00	124.00
Colo.	103.00	111.00	105.00	115.00
N. Mex.	79.50	90.50	89.10	99.60
Ariz.	108.00	110.00	111.00	121.00
Utah	117.00	138.00	122.00	134.00
Nev.	113.00	131.00	115.00	124.00
Mount.	108.00	118.00	117.00	129.00
Wash.	155.00	165.00	168.00	168.00
Oreg.	147.00	156.00	153.00	157.00
Calif.	155.00	162.00	165.00	165.00
Pac.	154.00	161.00	164.00	165.00
U. S.	87.80	96.20	96.40	103.00

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

State	Mexicans	Jamaicans	Bahamians	British Hondurans	Barbadians	Newfoundlanders	Total
Maine		3	32			22	57
N. H.	7 2/	11				23	41
Vt.	16 2/					46	62
Mass.		22	124			1	147
R. I.						3	3
Conn.		1,806	21			40	1,867
N. Y.		300	851		2	51	1,204
N. J.		227	696			1	924
Pa.		272				8	280
Ohio		132	216				348
Ind.	84		49				133
Ill.	375	37	5				417
Mich.	30	137	69				236
Wis.	1,686	45	125	3			1,859
Minn.	1,989						1,989
Iowa	188						188
Mo.		15					15
N. Dak.	185						185
S. Dak.	350						350
Nebr.	1,035						1,035
Kans.	190						190
Del.		60	104			3	167
Md.		182	402			4	588
Va.			295				295
W. Va.							
N. C.	410		349				759
S. C.							
Ga.			292				292
Fla.		992	717		396		2,105
Ky.							
Tenn.			157				157
Ala.							
Miss.							
Ark.							
La.		77	21				98
Okla.							
Tex.							
Mont.	3,209						3,209
Idaho	2,204						2,204
Wyo.	634						634
Colo.	595						595
N. Mex.							
Ariz.	841						841
Utah	900						900
Nev.	128						128
Wash.	1,277						1,277
Oreg.	883						883
Calif.	14,088						14,088
U. S. 3/	31,304	4,318	4,525	3	398	202	40,750

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

Farm labor program: Farm labor placements,
May 1947 1/

State	May 1946	May 1947	January 1 to May 31 1946	January 1 to May 31 1947
Maine	411	116	631	311
N. H.	183	108	607	425
Vt.	148	74	458	428
Mass.	522	80	1,094	248
R. I.	19	10	55	30
Conn.	1,601	979	4,097	3,986
N. Y.	6,248	969	22,865	3,002
N. J.	3,503	947	4,736	2,075
Pa.	726	712	1,893	1,504
Ohio	1,579	1,680	4,412	4,337
Ind.	640	361	1,525	1,071
Ill.	3,888	2,889	9,276	7,453
Mich.	659	750 2/	2,951	2,977 2/
Wis.	487	796	2,043	2,087
Minn.	1,599	1,224	4,184	2,697
Iowa	932	286	2,483	1,665
Mo.	1,147	1,134	1,859	1,954
N. Dak.	1,016	1,960	5,423	4,669
S. Dak.	748	747	2.102	1,994
Nebr.	674	951	1,855	2,315
Kans.	134	89	400	336
Del.	444	152	1,398	370
Md.	4,389	861	17,259	2,440
Va.	1,025	850	3,601	970
W. Va.	75	43	354	165
N. C.	9,876	1,928	21,507	6,244
S. C.	1,121	1,687	3,754	5,166
Ga.	7,961	12,449	23,010	27,994
Fla.	1,114	2,002	17,945	26,592
Ky.	5,962	15,676	9,056	16,506
Tenn.	7,849	14,248	22,960	21,440
Ala.	3,624	968	7,937	3,294
Miss.	9,259	5,321	54,899	20,830
Ark.	15,544	79,112	80,258	88,901
La.	5,659	5,730	18,047	9,169
Okla.	10,864	2,589	32,582	7,377
Tex.	13,558	12,904	47,438	39,595
Mont.	5,451	3,835	7,289	6,054
Idaho	43,471	48,863	46,666	50,601
Wyo.	807	1,726	2,179	2,808
Colo.	16,975	5,301	21,519	10,032
N. Mex.	865	1,693	6,087	3,139
Ariz.	711	473	25,194	2,148
Utah	8,027	2,526	8,487	2,928
Nev.	402	338	1,391	1,366
Wash.	11,915	22,127	24,104	36,275
Oreg.	13,218	19,666	22,418	33,667
Calif.	69,429	82,560	171,972	174,117
Total	296,459	362,490	774,260	645,752

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

2/ Estimated May 1947 placements.

Farm labor program: Placements of World War II veterans on farms, United States, by months, January 1946 - May 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	11,642	591	12,233

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, May 1947 1/

Area	As hired hands	As tenants or sharecroppers	All placements
New England	58	2	60
Middle Atlantic	176	20	196
East North Central	309	44	353 2/
West North Central	512	17	529
South Atlantic	139	71	210
East South Central	324	130	454
West South Central	1,763	286	2,049
Mountain	1,086	20	1,106
Pacific	7,275	1	7,276

1/ Data from monthly reports of Extension Farm Labor Program, Extension Service, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.
2/ Michigan veteran placements are estimated.

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