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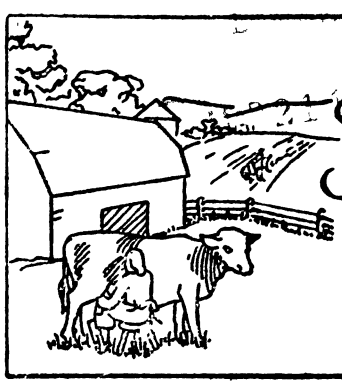

Farm Labor

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FARM WAGE RATES DOWN SLIGHTLY, EMPLOYMENT UP SEASONALLY

Wage rates paid hired farm workers about October 1 continued the downward trend which started early in the year, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. The index of farm wages dropped 1 percent from July and is now 4 percent below January 1. Wage rates on October 1 are also 2½ percent less than a year earlier.

The number of people at work on farms during the week of September 19-25, was up about a million and a half from a month earlier to 11,224,000 as cotton picking became general in the South. However, there were nearly 100,000 fewer people doing farm work than a year earlier. A small increase in the number of hired workers was not enough to offset a decrease in the number of family workers.

The drop in the seasonally adjusted wage rate indices was general except in the West North Central States and the East South Central States. In the West North Central States, the index was up 2 percent perhaps due to some shift in the seasonal employment pattern. In the East South Central States, the index remained about the same. The largest decreases occurred in the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, and West South Central States.

The decrease from a year ago in wage rates was fairly uniform for the entire country. There were decreases in all geographic regions with the smallest drop in the Pacific States and the largest in the East South Central States. The decline in the East South Central States stands out because wage rates reached their peak in this region in October a year ago.

Changes in individual types of rates from July 1 to October 1 varied. For the national averages, monthly and weekly rates, daily rates with board and room, and hourly rates without board or room were all down. In some cases, the change in national averages was due to actual changes in rates while in others it was due to shifts in the proportions of workers employed at the rate. In the case of monthly rates, averages for geographic regions were down from July with one exception. The national average hourly rate without board or room was down 12 cents but the averages for all regions except those in the South were 1 or 2 cents lower than the previous quarter. In the South Atlantic and West South Central States, this rate was up slightly and was unchanged in the East South Central States. In this case, a large increase in the South in the proportion of workers employed at this rate was responsible for the change in the national average. Regional averages for the hourly rate without board or room ranged from 52 to 66 cents in the South while in all other regions it was above 90 cents.

In comparison with a year earlier, individual types of wage rates were all lower than a year ago on the national level. This was also true for most regional averages. However, in the East and West North Central, Mountain and Pacific States monthly rates with house were up from last year. This probably indicates continued difficulty in finding qualified workers for year-round jobs. Hourly rates without board or room, the rate most commonly used for seasonal labor, were 2 cents less for the entire country and ranged from 1 to 3 cents less for geographic regions.

Weather during the survey week was mostly favorable for farm work. Some rain -from a half inch to 2 inches- fell in a belt from the lower Mississippi Valley northeastward through the Ohio Valley, Michigan and the Northeast. Temperatures were mostly above normal west of the Mississippi and in the southeastern States. The first killing frost of the year struck the North Central interior during the week. Fall seedings were being delayed in Oklahoma and Texas and parts of the South because of continued dry soils.

The biggest job on farms in the South during the survey week was picking cotton. Good progress was being made with 46 percent of the crop ginned by October 1, a greater than average percentage. Picking was completed in South Texas and nearing completion in the southern part of the Cotton Belt. Cotton was also being picked in Arizona and New Mexico and just starting in California.

Additional jobs in the South were harvesting corn, peanuts, hay, and tobacco. Seeding of fall grain and cover crops was also in progress. In the North Central and Northeast, farmers were seeding winter grains, combining soybeans, digging potatoes and getting ready for corn harvest. Late vegetables and fruit were also being harvested. In most of the Mountain and Pacific States, harvest operations covered a multitude of late fruits and vegetables, potatoes, sugar beets, and hay. Grain harvest was being completed

in the northern States of the area. In California, crops being harvested included tomatoes, potatoes, grapes, dates, figs, citrus, apples, olives, almonds, walnuts, alfalfa, sugar beets and rice.

The number of persons working on farms during the week of September 19-25 rose sharply from the previous month in the South. The increase in the East South Central States accounted for nearly a half of the national increase. The total number of persons at work here was a little over 50 percent greater than the month before but the increase was a little smaller than usual. The other increases in the South amounted to 39 percent in the West South Central States and 16 percent in the South Atlantic States. These increases were about average for the regions. In the New England, North Central and Mountain States there was, as usual, little change.

With the exception of the New England, South Atlantic and Pacific States there were fewer people working on farms this September than a year earlier in all regions. Decreases exceeded 1 percent in only the West South Central and Mountain States.

As with total employment, most of the seasonal rise in family workers was in the South. An increase of 45 percent in the East South Central States was the largest proportional change and accounted for about a half of the million increase for the entire country. This increase, however, was a little less than the average of recent years. Usual increases amounting to 41 percent for the West South Central States and 23 percent for the South Atlantic States accounted for most of the rest of the increase. Small increases in the number of family workers in the Middle Atlantic and Mountain States and a small decrease in the East North Central States were usual for the season. There was little or no change in family worker numbers in the New England, West North Central and Pacific States.

Compared with a year earlier, there were about the same or fewer family workers at work on farms in late September in all regions except two, the New England and Pacific States. The decrease of 5 percent in the Mountain States was the largest drop and the only one to exceed 2 percent.

The number of hired workers on farms in September was greater than a month earlier in most regions. There were decreases in only the New England, South Atlantic and Mountain States all of which were small. Small decreases are usual for the South Atlantic and Mountain States while in New England there is usually little change. The big increase of 84 percent, in the East South Central States was a little larger than usual. The actual increase amounted to a little more than 200,000 people. The increase of 37 percent in the West South Central States was a little less than usual while the 24 percent rise in the East North Central States was greater than usual. In the West North Central States, a rise of 5 percent compares with an average decrease of 13 percent for the month.

This year in September there were fewer hired workers than a year ago in the Middle Atlantic and West South Central States, about the same number in the East North Central, Mountain and Pacific States and more in the remaining regions. The decrease of 8 percent in the West South Central States accounted for about 50,000 workers while a 15-percent rise in the South Atlantic States meant an increase of 66,000 workers. Changes in all other regions amounted to less than 10,000 workers for any region.

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Farm employment: Persons employed during week of September 19-25, 1954, United States, with comparisons

	September average 1948-52 1/	September 20-26, 1953	August 22-28, 1954	September 19-25, 1954
FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons):				
Total	12,669	11,299	9,666	11,224
Family labor	9,213	8,231	7,043	8,127
Hired labor	3,456	3,068	2,623	3,097
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation, 1910-14 = 100)				
Total	69	62	62	62
Family labor	72	64	65	63
Hired labor	64	56	53	57

1/ Employment during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Farm wage rates: Wage rates, indexes and related data, October 1, 1954, United States, with comparisons 1/

	July 1, 1953	October 1, 1953	July 1, 1954	October 1, 1954
FARM WAGE RATES				
Per month with board and room	$124.00	$123.00	$122.00	$120.00
Per month with house	161.00	150.00	160.00	149.00
Per week with board and room	31.50	30.25	29.75	29.25
Per week without board or room	39.50	38.00	38.75	37.00
Per day with board and room	5.80	5.30	5.80	5.20
Per day with house	4.05	4.30	4.05	4.25
Per day without board or room	5.30	5.70	5.20	5.60
Per hour with house	.81	.87	.80	.86
Per hour without board or room	.89	.77	.87	.75
Composite rate per hour 2/	.675	.697	.663	.678
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Adjusted for seasonal variation	514	515	505	502
RELATED INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Prices received by farmers 3/	259	253	248	246*
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	50	49	49	49

1/ Wage rates on the average refer to a date two or three days before the first of the month.
2/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis.
3/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
* September 15, 1954.

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Farm employment: Persons employed during week of September 19-25, 1954, United States and geographic divisions, with comparisons

Geographic division	September average 1948-52 1/	August 23-29, 1953	September 20-26, 1953	August 22-28, 1954	September 19-25, 1954
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
		TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT			
United States	12,669	9,903	11,299	9,666	11,224
New England	216	212	205	219	215
Middle Atlantic	748	648	696	642	686
East North Central	1,562	1,462	1,438	1,434	1,417
West North Central	2,051	1,894	1,840	1,805	1,824
South Atlantic	2,450	1,914	2,088	1,859	2,160
East South Central	2,447	1,445	2,176	1,415	2,151
West South Central	1,815	1,108	1,584	1,085	1,513
Mountain	542	469	478	463	462
Pacific	838	751	794	744	796
		FAMILY WORKERS 2/			
United States	9,213	7,182	8,231	7,043	8,127
New England	130	126	119	126	125
Middle Atlantic	478	426	456	424	454
East North Central	1,240	1,214	1,162	1,209	1,137
West North Central	1,652	1,514	1,511	1,482	1,486
South Atlantic	1,925	1,410	1,655	1,354	1,661
East South Central	1,986	1,179	1,722	1,165	1,690
West South Central	1,158	728	1,003	694	979
Mountain	299	252	276	252	263
Pacific	345	333	327	337	332
		HIRED WORKERS 3/			
United States	3,456	2,721	3,068	2,623	3,097
New England	86	86	86	93	90
Middle Atlantic	270	222	240	218	232
East North Central	322	248	276	225	280
West North Central	399	380	329	323	338
South Atlantic	525	504	433	505	499
East South Central	461	266	454	250	461
West South Central	657	380	581	391	534
Mountain	243	217	202	211	199
Pacific	493	418	467	407	464

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

2/ Includes farm operators doing one or more hours of farm work and members of their families working 15 hours or more during the survey week without cash wages.

3/ Includes all persons doing one or more hours of farm work during the survey week for pay.

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Farm employment: Average number of persons employed per month, January through September 1954, United States and geographic divisions, with comparisons 1/

Geographic division	1948-52	1951	1952	1953	1954
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
		TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT			
United States	9,551	9,073	8,779	8,677	8,581
New England	186	178	173	175	178
Middle Atlantic	593	567	552	550	548
East North Central	1,452	1,395	1,363	1,348	1,343
West North Central	1,773	1,682	1,626	1,619	1,576
South Atlantic	1,769	1,669	1,610	1,559	1,562
East South Central	1,438	1,373	1,321	1,311	1,292
West South Central	1,273	1,191	1,122	1,112	1,086
Mountain	414	392	384	382	373
Pacific	653	626	628	621	623
		FAMILY WORKERS 2/			
United States	7,384	7,034	6,792	6,688	6,586
New England	126	117	116	116	117
Middle Atlantic	421	403	394	396	397
East North Central	1,233	1,186	1,163	1,151	1,140
West North Central	1,497	1,426	1,386	1,382	1,347
South Atlantic	1,363	1,278	1,234	1,186	1,175
East South Central	1,221	1,171	1,111	1,082	1,066
West South Central	922	877	820	812	787
Mountain	259	247	241	240	235
Pacific	342	329	327	323	322
		HIRED WORKERS 3/			
United States	2,167	2,039	1,987	1,989	1,995
New England	60	61	57	59	61
Middle Atlantic	172	164	158	154	151
East North Central	219	209	200	197	203
West North Central	276	256	240	237	229
South Atlantic	406	391	376	373	387
East South Central	217	202	210	229	226
West South Central	351	314	302	300	299
Mountain	155	145	143	142	138
Pacific	311	297	301	298	301

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

2/ Includes farm operators doing one or more hours of farm work and members of their families working 15 hours or more during the survey week without cash wages.

3/ Includes all persons doing one or more hours of farm work during the survey week for pay.

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates by geographic divisions, October 1, 1954, with comparisons

Geographic division	July 1, 1953	October 1, 1953	July 1, 1954	October 1, 1954
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	121.00	118.00	125.00	117.00
Middle Atlantic	119.00	120.00	118.00	115.00
East North Central	122.00	118.00	121.00	116.00
West North Central	126.00	123.00	128.00	124.00
Mountain	154.00	147.00	150.00	145.00
Pacific	186.00	181.00	182.00	179.00
PER MONTH WITH HOUSE				
New England	161.00	159.00	163.00	159.00
Middle Atlantic	161.00	166.00	166.00	165.00
East North Central	157.00	156.00	158.00	157.00
West North Central	156.00	152.00	160.00	153.00
Mountain	194.00	188.00	191.00	189.00
Pacific	233.00	236.00	231.00	237.00
PER WEEK WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	34.75	33.50	31.75	33.00
Middle Atlantic	32.00	32.00	31.75	30.75
PER WEEK WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	45.75	46.00	45.00	46.75
Middle Atlantic	43.25	45.00	44.50	42.75
PER DAY WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
East North Central	6.10	6.00	6.10	5.80
West North Central	6.70	6.50	6.70	6.40
PER DAY WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	4.00	4.05	4.00	4.05
East South Central	3.30	3.50	3.25	3.40
West South Central	4.75	4.90	4.80	4.85
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	7.60	8.20	7.90	8.20
Middle Atlantic	7.50	7.80	7.40	7.50
East North Central	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.20
West North Central	8.30	8.00	8.30	7.90
South Atlantic	4.80	4.75	4.65	4.75
East South Central	4.05	4.15	3.90	4.05
West South Central	5.30	5.50	5.40	5.50
Mountain	7.90	7.60	7.50	7.60
PER HOUR WITH HOUSE				
Pacific	1.01	.99	1.00	1.00
PER HOUR WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.00
Middle Atlantic	.95	.99	.97	.96
East North Central	1.00	1.00	1.00	.98
West North Central	1.02	1.01	1.00	.98
South Atlantic	.60	.61	.59	.60
East South Central	.54	.54	.52	.52
West South Central	.62	.68	.64	.66
Mountain	.97	.95	.93	.92
Pacific	1.09	1.08	1.08	1.07

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates by States and regions, October 1, 1953 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Hourly composite wage rate	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With board and room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With board and room	With house	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	110.00	145.00	33.50	45.00	-	-	8.20	-	.99	.834	474
N. H.	121.00	165.00	35.00	48.50	-	-	8.00	-	1.01	.859	543
Vt.	118.00	150.00	31.50	42.00	-	-	7.70	-	.98	.805	505
Mass.	126.00	178.00	34.50	50.00	-	-	8.90	-	1.10	.919	578
R. I.	129.00	178.00	34.00	50.00	-	-	8.50	-	1.10	.912	609
Conn.	129.00	180.00	34.00	48.00	-	-	8.40	-	1.08	.893	598
N. Eng.	118.00	159.00	33.50	46.00	-	-	8.20	-	1.02	.855	543
N. Y.	127.00	173.00	34.00	47.75	-	-	8.30	-	1.04	.817	488
N. J.	138.00	189.00	35.25	49.00	-	-	8.50	-	1.01	.820	563
Pa.	106.00	149.00	29.00	41.00	-	-	7.00	-	.93	.715	555
Mid. Atl.	120.00	166.00	32.00	45.00	-	-	7.80	-	.99	.773	520
Ohio	110.00	144.00	-	-	5.90	-	7.40	-	1.01	.792	531
Ind.	111.00	147.00	-	-	5.60	-	7.00	-	.98	.773	539
Ill.	133.00	170.00	-	-	6.50	-	7.90	-	1.01	.828	562
Mich.	118.00	166.00	-	-	6.20	-	7.70	-	1.01	.812	526
Wis.	127.00	164.00	-	-	6.20	-	7.60	-	.99	.806	502
E.N.Cent.	118.00	156.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.50	-	1.00	.799	535
Minn.	131.00	156.00	-	-	7.20	-	9.00	-	1.04	.802	484
Iowa	137.00	163.00	-	-	7.80	-	9.20	-	1.07	.830	501
Mo.	99.00	130.00	-	-	4.90	-	6.10	-	.95	.667	596
N. Dak.	148.00	169.00	-	-	7.10	-	9.10	-	1.04	.826	424
S. Dak.	135.00	160.00	-	-	6.90	-	8.70	-	1.03	.798	465
Nebr.	137.00	176.00	-	-	6.80	-	8.80	-	1.02	.803	535
Kans.	127.00	160.00	-	-	6.90	-	8.50	-	1.02	.783	614
W.N.Cent.	123.00	152.00	-	-	6.50	-	8.00	-	1.01	.763	531
Del.	-	-	-	-	-	5.60	7.00	-	.92	.834	736
Md.	-	-	-	-	-	5.20	6.90	-	.91	.784	762
Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.35	5.40	-	.68	.596	643
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.20	5.00	-	.65	.571	444
N. C.	-	-	-	-	-	4.30	5.00	-	.60	.541	616
S. C.	-	-	-	-	-	3.20	3.70	-	.45	.404	530
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	3.55	4.20	-	.55	.475	519
Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	4.60	4.90	-	.70	.588	588
S. Atl.	-	-	-	-	-	4.05	4.75	-	.61	.536	596
Ky.	-	-	-	-	-	3.80	5.00	-	.68	.629	482
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	4.00	-	.52	.489	433
Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	3.45	4.10	-	.53	.501	488
Miss.	-	-	-	-	-	3.50	4.00	-	.53	.500	476
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	3.50	4.15	-	.54	.512	471
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	4.35	4.65	-	.58	.562	491
La.	-	-	-	-	-	3.80	4.45	-	.58	.555	526
Okla.	-	-	-	-	-	5.50	6.60	-	.83	.799	555
Tex.	-	-	-	-	-	5.25	5.90	-	.71	.692	535
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	4.90	5.50	-	.68	.660	531
Mont.	165.00	194.00	-	-	-	-	8.20	-	1.11	.910	429
Idaho	171.00	217.00	-	-	-	-	9.30	-	1.09	.944	521
Wyo.	155.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	8.20	-	1.06	.884	438
Colo.	134.00	186.00	-	-	-	-	7.90	-	.94	.801	505
N. Mex.	108.00	154.00	-	-	-	-	5.80	-	.83	.667	533
Ariz.	160.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	7.40	-	.80	.753	502
Utah	180.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	1.10	.925	556
Nev.	170.00	190.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	1.10	.904	469
Mountain	147.00	188.00	-	-	-	-	7.60	-	.95	.810	484
Wash.	197.00	235.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.07	1.12	1.096	535
Oreg.	174.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.04	1.10	1.068	526
Calif.	180.00	240.00	-	-	-	-	-	.98	1.07	1.044	483
Pacific	181.00	236.00	-	-	-	-	-	.99	1.08	1.052	494
U. S.	123.00	150.00	30.25	38.00	5.30	4.30	5.70	.87	.77	.697	515

1/ Certain wage rates are not estimated for some States because they are relatively unimportant.
2/ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

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State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Hourly composite wage rate	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With board and room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With board and room	With house	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	109.00	145.00	32.50	45.00	-	-	8.10	-	.96	.818	465
N. H.	126.00	166.00	35.50	50.00	-	-	8.10	-	.99	.861	544
Vt.	118.00	154.00	31.50	42.00	-	-	7.60	-	.98	.804	504
Mass.	125.00	174.00	34.00	51.00	-	-	8.70	-	1.05	.898	564
R. I.	126.00	180.00	33.50	50.00	-	-	8.60	-	1.05	.892	596
Conn.	127.00	183.00	33.00	50.00	-	-	8.60	-	1.10	.911	610
New Eng.	117.00	159.00	33.00	46.75	-	-	8.20	-	1.00	.845	536
N. Y.	122.00	171.00	32.50	45.00	-	-	7.90	-	1.02	.795	474
N. J.	136.00	198.00	35.00	49.00	-	-	8.40	-	1.00	.816	561
Pa.	101.00	146.00	27.50	38.25	-	-	6.80	-	.90	.688	534
Mid. Atl.	115.00	166.00	30.75	42.75	-	-	7.50	-	.96	.752	506
Ohio	106.00	146.00	-	-	5.80	-	7.10	-	.98	.769	516
Ind.	112.00	150.00	-	-	5.40	-	6.80	-	.97	.767	535
Ill.	135.00	170.00	-	-	6.40	-	8.00	-	1.01	.831	586
Mich.	118.00	170.00	-	-	5.90	-	7.40	-	.99	.795	516
Wis.	120.00	160.00	-	-	5.80	-	7.30	-	.96	.778	485
E. N. Cent.	116.00	157.00	-	-	5.80	-	7.20	-	.98	.784	524
Minn.	125.00	162.00	-	-	6.90	-	8.30	-	1.03	.779	470
Iowa	140.00	162.00	-	-	7.60	-	8.90	-	1.07	.828	500
Mo.	100.00	131.00	-	-	5.00	-	6.20	-	.85	.629	562
N. Dak.	145.00	167.00	-	-	6.60	-	8.60	-	1.00	.796	408
S. Dak.	131.00	160.00	-	-	6.60	-	8.20	-	1.02	.782	456
Nebr.	134.00	171.00	-	-	6.40	-	8.60	-	1.02	.794	529
Kans.	125.00	162.00	-	-	6.90	-	8.20	-	1.00	.769	603
W. N. Cent.	124.00	153.00	-	-	6.40	-	7.90	-	.98	.748	521
Del.	-	-	-	-	-	5.40	6.60	-	.85	.752	683
Md.	-	-	-	-	-	5.40	6.80	-	.88	.768	746
Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.45	5.50	-	.67	.596	643
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.10	4.70	-	.64	.548	426
N. C.	-	-	-	-	-	4.40	5.10	-	.59	.542	617
S. C.	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	3.65	-	.44	.396	519
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	3.45	3.95	-	.53	.454	496
Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	4.70	5.20	-	.72	.610	610
S. Atl.	-	-	-	-	-	4.05	4.75	-	.60	.528	587
Ky.	-	-	-	-	-	3.95	5.50	-	.71	.661	507
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	-	3.20	3.90	-	.50	.472	418
Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	3.40	3.90	-	.50	.475	462
Miss.	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	3.70	-	.47	.448	427
E. S. Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	3.40	4.05	-	.52	.488	449
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	4.40	4.75	-	.57	.557	487
La.	-	-	-	-	-	3.85	4.30	-	.55	.529	502
Okla.	-	-	-	-	-	5.60	6.50	-	.81	.783	544
Tex.	-	-	-	-	-	5.10	5.80	-	.69	.674	521
W. S. Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	4.85	5.50	-	.66	.643	517
Mont.	165.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	1.05	.883	416
Idaho	175.00	217.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.06	.930	513
Wyo.	140.00	195.00	-	-	-	-	7.80	-	1.04	.852	422
Colo.	134.00	182.00	-	-	-	-	7.70	-	.92	.786	496
N. Mex.	106.00	152.00	-	-	-	-	5.80	-	.72	.615	492
Ariz.	150.00	210.00	-	-	-	-	7.50	-	.82	.762	508
Utah	180.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	1.05	.894	537
Nev.	160.00	185.00	-	-	-	-	7.60	-	1.05	.862	448
Mountain	145.00	189.00	-	-	-	-	7.60	-	.92	.792	473
Wash.	208.00	239.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	1.15	1.126	550
Oreg.	168.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.03	1.08	1.050	517
Calif.	177.00	230.00	-	-	-	-	-	.98	1.06	1.036	479
Pacific	179.00	237.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	1.07	1.046	491
U. S.	120.00	149.00	29.25	37.00	5.20	4.25	5.60	.86	.75	.678	502

1/ Certain wage rates are not estimated for some States because they are relatively unimportant.
2/ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

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EXPLANATIONS 1/

Farm employment estimates of the Agricultural Marketing Service cover persons doing farm work on all farms. Mailed questionnaires are received every month from 15,000 to 20,000 farmers who report the number of persons working on their farms during the last complete calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month. The Census of Agriculture and interview surveys of farmers are used to provide bench mark data on employment.

All farm operators who spend one hour or more during the survey week at farm work, chores, or in the transaction of farm business are counted as employed. Members of the operator's family or household doing unpaid farm work or chores are counted if they put in 15 hours or more during the week. Operators plus unpaid members of their families or households who meet these criteria are called family workers. All persons doing one or more hours of farm work or chores for pay during the week are counted as hired workers.

The data on farm employment published by the Agricultural Marketing Service differ from those on agricultural employment of the Census in the Monthly Report on the Labor Force because of the differences in the method of approach, in concepts of employment and in time of the month for which data are collected. The AMS collects information from the farmer on all persons working on his farm during the week regardless of age or other jobs held by these workers. The Census data are obtained by interview from about 22,000 farm and nonfarm households on the labor force status of the household members 14 years of age and over for the week including the 8th of the month. In addition, both series are subject to sampling variation and may differ from the results of a complete census.

Wage rates are reported quarterly by the same sample of farm operators that reports employment. The farmer is asked to report average wage rates being paid "at this time" in his locality.

1/ Additional information available in August issue of Farm Labor.