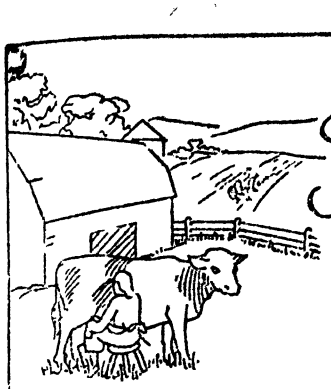

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Farm employment on October 1 was 7 percent lower than a year ago, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today. Rain brought field work to a standstill in many parts of the country -- from 6 to 8 inches fell in Arkansas, Oklahoma and adjoining areas of Texas, and 2 to 4 inches in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and all the East North Central States, during the week ended October 6. Farm employment in the South was down 9 percent from last year, with a decrease of about 2,500,000 bales in the quantity of cotton to be picked. Employment throughout the country totaled 11,052,000 persons on October 1 this year, compared with 11,8?9,000 a year earlier. Employment was up 1 percent, less than the usual season increase, from September 1.

The number of hired workers decreased more than 400,000 from the 2,911,000 in October 1944 to 2,494,000 on the first of this month. Decreases were generally large for all regions. The largest decrease, 27 percent, was in the West North Central Region where the spring grain harvest was about completed and heavy rains prevented field work in the southern half of the region. Reduced labor requirements for picking a smaller cotton crop were a factor in a 26 percent decrease from a year ago in hired employment in the East South Central States. In the East North Central States, the number of hired workers was down 17 percent from a year ago, and in West South Central States, the decline amounted to 14 percent. The number of hired workers was greater than a year ago only in New England, where harvest of the big potato crop in Maine and the generally later season maintained labor requirements at a high level.

Most regions had fewer family workers employed on farms on October 1 than a year earlier. The West North Central Region, with a slight increase, and the Mountain Region with the same number, were the exceptions. Family employment totaled 8,558,000 persons on October 1, compared with 8,928,000 a year ago.

Wage rates were 345 percent of the 1910-14 average on October 1 compared with the record 351 percent on July 1. Farm wage rates on October 1, 1945 for individual States, were generally the same or higher than on July 1 but the average for the entire country was lower. A larger proportion of hired workers are employed in the South in the fall than in the summer. Consequently, the greater weight given this relatively low wage area on October 1, reduced the United States average. Rates were slightly higher

than in the previous quarter in all regions except the Middle Atlantic and the South Atlantic. Farm wage rates this year on October 1 were about 10 percent above those a year earlier. The wage rate indexes by regions were, in general, up from 20 to 30 points, except for the East South Central Region, where only a 7 point rise occurred.

Fruit and other harvest operations in the entire New England Region, and potato digging in Maine, kept farm employment on October 1 at about the same level as a year ago, with 270,000 persons employed. The number of family workers was slightly under both September 1, 1945 and October 1, 1944. Hired workers totaled the same as on the first of September, but there were 7 percent more than a year earlier. Wage rates were slightly higher than on July 1, and were also higher than October 1 a year ago. The New England wage rate index rose from 330 on October 1, 1944 to 347 on July 1, 1945 and then to 353 on the first of this month.

Farm employment in the Middle Atlantic States decreased 9 percent during September 1945 to 636,000. This was 6 percent less than on October 1 a year ago. Field work in New York, except in the southern tip of the Hudson Valley and on Long Island was slowed by frequent and, at times, heavy rains. Fruit and vegetable harvest was proceeding rapidly in New Jersey. In Pennsylvania, farmers were seeding fall grains, cutting corn, filling silos, and picking apples. Both family employment and hired employment on October 1 not only were seasonally lower than a month earlier but also lower than on October 1, 1944. There were 14 percent fewer hired workers than at this time last year. Farm wage rates on October 1 were about the same in this region as on July 1, but higher than a year earlier. The current index, at 336 percent of the 1910-14 average, is 1 point less than on July 1, but 22 points above last year.

All of the East North Central States, except northern Wisconsin and Michigan, had heavy rains during the last week in September. In consequence, field work had been halted or slowed down on October 1. A considerable number of family workers were performing chores, and miscellaneous tasks put off during the summer rush. About 1,158,000 of them were employed on October 1, only slightly less than a year earlier. The number of family workers showed about the usual seasonal decrease from September 1 to October 1, but the 19 percent decrease in the number of hired workers was greater than usual. The hired worker total dropped to 228,000 compared with 274,000 a year earlier. The index of farm wage rates in the East North Central Region advanced from 310 percent of the 1910-14 average on July 1 to 317 percent on October 1. The index on October 1 a year ago was 291.

Rain hindered field work in the southern half of the West North Central Region on October 1. No cotton had been picked in Missouri and little out-door work was possible in Iowa, most of Kansas, and eastern Nebraska. In southwestern Kansas, broomcorn harvest was underway, and in northern and western sections of Nebraska, harvest of sugar beets, potatoes, and dry beans were in progress. In the northern half of the region potato digging was well underway in North Dakota and threshing had not yet been completed. Seeding of winter grains continued in Minnesota and South Dakota. Effects of unfavorable weather were shown by a 27 percent reduction from a year ago in the number of hired hands

working. The 235,000 hired workers employed on October 1 were about one-third fewer than a month earlier. The employment of family workers showed about the usual decline during September, and on October 1 was little different than a year ago.

Wage rates have increased substantially in the West North Central States during the third quarter of 1945. The October 1 index, at 327, was up 25 points from July 1, and 30 points from October 1944. Increases were largest in the per day category, where with board rates advanced from $4.60 on July 1 to $5.43 on October 1, and without board rates from $5.64 to $6.47.

Farm employment in the South Atlantic States on the first of October, at 2,098,000 persons, was almost the same as a month earlier, but 10 percent less than on October 1, 1944. The smaller cotton crop this year is requiring fewer pickers. Cotton picking was nearing completion in southern Georgia, but fairly active in the remainder of the State and in North and South Carolina. Harvest of peanuts and sweet potatoes was general over most of the region. Farmers in Virginia were very busily engaged in harvesting tobacco, corn, late potatoes and truck crops, and in seeding fall grains. Monthly wage rates in the South Atlantic Region declined during the third quarter of 1945. The October 1 index, at 291, was 3 points under July 1, although 24 points above a year earlier.

The number of persons working on farms in the East South Central States increased 21 percent during September. Despite this increase, the 2,004,000 persons employed on October 1 were 9 percent fewer than for the same date in 1944. The smaller cotton crop and less need to hurry completion of harvest made it possible to do more work with family labor and less with hired help. Family employment was only 6 percent less than a year earlier, while hired workers were down 26 percent. Cotton in Tennessee was late, with picking just starting on October 1. Tobacco in Kentucky ripened over a longer period and there was no rush to finish cutting before frost, as there was for last year's crop. Cotton picking in the southern parts of Alabama and Mississippi was about completed, and corn was being harvested. Farther north in these two States, cotton picking was in full progress. Wage rates in the East South Central Region were only slightly greater on October 1 than for either the previous quarter or the previous year. The index for the first of this month, at 268, was 5 points higher than on July 1, and 7 points above a year ago.

The area of heavy rainfall around October 1 centered in the West South Central States, with flood conditions in many parts of Oklahoma and Arkansas. Total farm employment, at 1,973,000 persons, was consequently 6 percent less than a year earlier, despite an increase of 22 percent during September. Harvest of cotton, corn and sorghums was well underway in Texas. This was responsible for a large part of the increase for the region during September. On October 1, both family and hired workers were up more than 20 percent from a month earlier. Compared with October 1944, only 4 percent fewer family workers were employed, while hired workers decreased 14 percent. All classes of wage rates were higher on October 1 than on July 1, as the wage rate index for the region rose 7 points to 328 percent of the 1910-14 average. On October 1 a year earlier the index was 297.

Farm employment on October 1 in the Mountain States was down more than seasonally to 448,000 persons, 3 percent under a year ago. The entire decrease was in hired workers as family workers totaled the same. Grain harvest and hay making

were being completed with sugar beet harvest expected to start shortly after the first of the month. Potato digging and apple and pear picking were underway in many areas. Monthly wage rates were very little different from those on July 1, but daily rates were up. The index of wage rates reached 336, a rise of 5 points from July 1 and 23 points from October 1, 1944.

In the Pacific States, farm employment decreased seasonally during September. The decrease of 23 percent was somewhat greater than a year ago. As a result, employment at 645,000, was down 3 percent from last October. The number of hired workers was about 33 percent lower than on September 1, while 9 percent fewer family workers were employed. In Washington State, apple picking was the largest job requiring hired labor. Hop harvest was about finished, while potato digging and sugar beet topping were just getting underway. In California many crops were being harvested, but the most important, from the standpoint of labor requirements were grapes, citrus fruit, tomatoes, and other commercial vegetables.

Wage rates were still the highest in the nation in the Pacific Coast States on October 1, and had increased more than in any other region since the base period, 1910-14. Monthly wage rates averaged $143 with board on the first of this month, and $182 per month without board. Daily rates averaged $6.51 with board and $8.00 without. The October 1 index was 410 percent of the 1910-14 average, compared with 405 on July 1, and 387 on October 1, 1944.

A pamphlet entitled "Specific Wage Ceiling Regulations Applied to Agriculture" has recently been prepared and is available upon request to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, 25, D.C. This pamphlet provides a concise summary of all regulations issued prior to September 1, 1945. Specific wage ceiling regulations issued during September and those amended or revoked during the month are summarized on pages 13 to 16 in this issue of the Farm Labor Report.

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Farm wage rates and related data, United States, October 1, 1945, with comparisons

	Annual average 1910-14	Annual average 1935-39	Oct. 1, 1944	July 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1945
FARM WAGE RATES					
Per month, with board	$22.09	$26.01	$76.40	$85.80	[illegible]
Per month, without board	29.18	34.17	86.80	99.00	[illegible]
Per day, with board	1.16	1.23	3.72	3.86	[illegible]
Per day, without board	1.42	1.50	4.08	4.48	[illegible]
Composite wage rate 1/	24.76	29.15	80.50	89.58	88.00
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES					
Unadjusted	100	118	325	362	355
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	118	316	351	345
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES BY REGIONS					
New England	100	143	330	347	353
Middle Atlantic	100	129	314	337	336
East North Central	100	115	291	310	313
West North Central	100	98	322	327	352
South Atlantic	100	111	267	294	291
East South Central	100	101	261	263	268
West South Central	100	102	297	321	328
Mountain	100	106	313	351	336
Pacific	100	129	387	405	410
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	10,920	11,839	11,100	11,052
Family labor	9,160	8,353	9,928	8,556	8,558
Hired labor	2,892	2,567	2,911	2,544	2,494
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation)					
Total	100	91	84	80	79
Family labor	100	91	87	83	84
Hired labor	100	89	75	69	64
RELATED INDEXES					
Prices received by farmers 2/	100	107	193	206	3/197
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	91	59	57	55
Average weekly factory earnings 4/	100	200	426	410	—

1/ Weighted average of monthly and daily rates with and without board.
2/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
3/ September 15, 1945 - latest data available.
4/ Factory payroll per employed workers; average of all weeks during the designated month.

Based on reports from 20,004 farmers.

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Farm employment, United States and geographic divisions, October 1, 1945, with comparisons

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

Geographic division	Oct. average 1935-39	Sept. 1, 1944	Oct. 1, 1944	Sept. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1945
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	12,389	11,040	11,839	10,907	11,052
New England	273	271	268	275	270
Middle Atlantic	672	694	677	702	636
East North Central	1,551	1,477	1,439	1,478	1,386
West North Central	1,725	1,766	1,671	1,727	1,592
South Atlantic	2,451	2,099	2,341	2,090	2,098
East South Central	2,275	1,689	2,207	1,657	2,004
West South Central	2,339	1,710	2,107	1,619	1,973
Mountain	488	519	462	519	448
Pacific	615	815	667	840	645
FAMILY WORKERS 1/					
United States	9,190	8,223	8,928	8,094	8,558
New England	168	171	173	173	168
Middle Atlantic	418	448	423	433	417
East North Central	1,156	1,191	1,165	1,197	1,158
West North Central	1,347	1,389	1,348	1,369	1,357
South Atlantic	1,825	1,585	1,790	1,588	1,601
East South Central	1,919	1,415	1,816	1,407	1,713
West South Central	1,737	1,311	1,591	1,268	1,531
Mountain	293	328	304	320	304
Pacific	327	355	318	339	309
HIRED WORKERS					
United States	3,199	2,817	2,911	2,813	2,494
New England	105	100	95	102	102
Middle Atlantic	254	246	254	269	219
East North Central	395	286	274	281	228
West North Central	378	377	323	358	235
South Atlantic	626	514	551	502	497
East South Central	356	244	391	250	291
West South Central	602	399	516	351	442
Mountain	195	191	158	199	144
Pacific	288	460	349	501	336

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

Based on reports from 20,004 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 wage rates, by geographic divisions, October 1, 1945,
with comparisons

Geographic division	Annual average 1910-14	July 1, 1944	October 1, 1944	July 1, 1945	October 1, 1945
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	80.73	82.00	86.40	89.00
Middle Atlantic	22.25	70.09	71.40	78.00	77.50
East North Central	23.75	67.98	68.90	74.20	75.10
West North Central	26.32	81.18	84.70	89.90	93.50
South Atlantic	14.62	38.55	39.30	43.90	42.50
East South Central	14.71	36.28	37.30	39.50	39.50
West South Central	17.35	53.27	54.00	60.30	61.60
Mountain	32.48	101.23	103.00	111.00	112.00
Pacific	33.45	134.88	135.00	143.00	143.00
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	118.56	119.00	126.00	128.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	100.66	102.00	110.00	110.00
East North Central	32.80	92.00	93.70	100.00	101.00
West North Central	36.86	101.76	106.00	115.00	118.00
South Atlantic	20.97	53.04	53.60	59.40	57.90
East South Central	20.80	49.76	51.40	53.50	54.30
West South Central	24.93	71.83	72.70	80.10	81.40
Mountain	46.42	129.90	135.00	143.00	143.00
Pacific	48.16	169.94	173.00	182.00	186.00
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	4.15	4.32	4.36	4.41
Middle Atlantic	1.24	3.80	4.04	4.14	4.17
East North Central	1.31	3.82	3.95	4.06	4.16
West North Central	1.46	4.30	5.07	4.60	5.43
South Atlantic	.81	2.16	2.27	2.44	2.49
East South Central	.81	1.92	2.17	2.15	2.20
West South Central	.98	3.03	3.08	3.16	3.24
Mountain	1.50	4.54	5.04	5.00	5.33
Pacific	1.49	6.10	6.19	6.37	6.51
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	5.13	5.34	5.50	5.59
Middle Atlantic	1.63	4.71	4.97	5.11	5.18
East North Central	1.68	4.67	4.83	4.95	5.00
West North Central	1.88	5.19	6.08	5.64	6.47
South Atlantic	1.05	2.64	2.77	3.01	3.05
East South Central	1.05	2.41	2.80	2.70	2.78
West South Central	1.25	3.39	3.54	3.74	3.83
Mountain	2.05	5.63	5.89	5.97	6.21
Pacific	2.06	7.39	7.65	7.89	8.00

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Farm wage rates, by states, October 1, 1944 and October 1, 1945

State	Per month with board		Per month without board		Per day with board		Per day without board	
	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	86.50	95.75	123.00	130.00	4.90	4.90	6.00	6.10
N.H.	76.00	90.00	115.00	124.00	4.30	4.40	5.40	5.40
Vt.	76.50	85.00	104.00	120.00	3.95	4.35	5.00	5.50
Mass.	83.00	86.25	123.00	132.00	4.10	4.25	5.10	5.40
R. I.	88.00	85.75	125.00	130.00	4.25	4.25	5.40	5.40
Conn.	79.75	85.75	121.00	124.00	4.35	4.15	5.10	5.20
N.Y.	78.75	85.75	110.00	118.00	4.40	4.35	5.40	5.50
N.J.	83.00	87.50	119.00	128.00	4.20	4.85	5.30	5.60
Pa.	58.50	64.00	86.25	93.25	3.55	3.75	4.35	4.60
Ohio	56.75	65.75	79.50	89.25	3.70	3.85	4.50	4.70
Ind.	63.25	67.25	85.50	92.00	3.75	3.85	4.45	4.75
Ill.	75.50	83.50	95.75	105.00	4.15	4.40	4.95	5.20
Mich.	70.75	77.75	100.00	108.00	4.20	4.45	5.20	5.30
Wis.	74.00	79.50	103.00	109.00	3.90	4.25	4.90	5.10
Minn.	84.00	90.75	106.00	120.00	4.95	5.40	6.10	6.40
Iowa	85.75	94.75	107.00	117.00	4.75	5.10	6.70	6.00
Mo.	57.00	64.75	74.00	82.50	3.10	3.35	3.80	4.00
N. Dak.	110.00	113.00	135.00	140.00	7.20	7.20	8.50	8.50
S. Dak.	93.50	97.75	117.00	127.00	5.50	5.70	6.50	7.10
Nebr.	87.50	98.50	105.00	118.00	4.80	5.40	5.80	6.30
Kans.	77.25	85.00	101.00	111.00	5.20	5.00	6.10	6.00
Del.	68.50	70.00	91.00	92.00	4.35	4.60	5.80	5.80
Md.	57.50	65.75	80.00	89.00	3.90	4.10	4.60	5.00
Va.	45.25	50.25	61.00	68.00	2.75	3.10	3.35	3.65
W. Va.	47.25	49.00	65.25	70.00	2.45	2.65	3.05	3.50
N. C.	42.00	47.75	57.00	65.00	2.50	2.85	3.00	3.40
S. C.	32.00	35.00	42.50	46.00	1.65	1.80	2.05	2.30
Ga.	31.25	36.25	44.75	48.00	1.95	2.25	2.35	2.60
Fla.	51.50	58.00	73.00	80.00	2.75	3.10	3.75	4.10
Ky.	45.00	49.00	61.00	67.00	3.00	2.60	3.80	3.30
Tenn.	37.25	41.50	51.50	57.00	2.00	2.10	2.50	2.60
Ala.	35.50	36.00	48.50	49.50	2.00	2.10	2.60	2.65
Miss.	35.25	36.50	49.25	50.50	2.05	2.15	2.65	2.75
Ark.	43.75	46.25	60.50	64.75	2.40	2.50	3.05	3.20
La.	35.50	40.00	50.25	56.00	2.10	2.30	2.80	2.85
Okla.	63.50	72.50	87.75	96.00	4.10	4.20	4.50	4.85
Tex.	68.00	75.00	89.25	97.25	3.60	3.85	4.15	4.40
Mont.	119.00	125.00	145.00	155.00	6.60	6.20	7.10	6.80
Idaho	129.00	145.00	158.00	177.00	6.00	6.30	6.70	7.40
Wyo.	103.00	112.00	136.00	143.00	4.60	5.10	5.70	6.50
Colo.	88.00	99.50	121.00	131.00	4.80	5.40	5.90	6.40
N. Mex.	75.00	76.00	99.00	102.00	3.90	4.20	4.60	4.70
Ariz.	100.00	105.00	135.00	142.00	4.00	4.55	5.10	5.30
Utah	114.00	115.00	145.00	145.00	4.50	5.00	5.40	5.80
Nev.	115.00	120.00	150.00	150.00	5.00	5.00	6.10	6.10
Wash.	135.00	145.00	176.00	195.00	6.80	6.60	8.20	8.80
Oreg.	128.00	141.00	163.00	174.00	6.20	6.40	7.50	7.60
Calif.	136.00	142.00	173.00	185.00	6.00	6.50	7.50	7.80
U.S.	73.40	84.00	86.80	95.70	3.72	3.98	4.08	4.39

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Preliminary Results from Enumerative Surveys of Farm Wages and Wage Rates in Special Crop Areas of New Jersey and Pennsylvania

Tomatoes, southern New Jersey:

Earnings of workers harvesting tomatoes in Burlington and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey averaged 58 cents an hour and $4.90 a day during the week ended September 1, 1945. These preliminary results are from an enumerative sample survey made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics during an active week of harvesting tomatoes. Wage information was obtained on 436 tomato harvesters, 75 percent of whom were paid piece rates, averaging 12½ cents per 5/8 bushel basket. Twenty-three percent of the workers were paid by the hour, at an average rate of 44 cents an hour.

The tomato harvesters worked an average of 8.4 hours a day, 4.1 days a week, or 34 hours a week on the reporting farm. The length of the work-week this season may have been affected by the very short crop. For the number of hours worked on this farm, their weekly earnings averaged $20.40. Some workers probably worked on more than one farm during the week, and had higher weekly earnings. Fifty-five percent of the workers enumerated were Negroes, and 68 percent of the workers enumerated were men. Of these workers for whom age data were available, a little over half were between 18 and 44 and nearly a fifth were under 18.

Peaches, Pennsylvania:

An enumerative sample survey of 255 workers employed in harvesting peaches in Franklin County, Pennsylvania was made during the week ended September 1, 1945 by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. These workers averaged earnings of $4.50 a day. Some of the workers were picking peaches, some were packing, and some were doing general peach harvest work. Nearly all of them were paid at an hourly rate. Sixty-seven percent of the workers were paid 50 cents an hour. The peach workers averaged 9.7 hours a day and 6.5 days a week, or 63 hours a week on the farms enumerated. They earned, on the average, 47 cents an hour and $29.30 a week.

Seventy-five percent of the workers surveyed were men. Seventy-nine percent of the workers were white and 21 percent were Negro. Of the workers reporting age, 38 percent were between 18 and 44, and 12 percent were under 18.

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Foreign workers and prisoners of war employed in agriculture, October 1, 1945

State	Mexicans 1/	Jamaicans 1/	Bahamians 1/	Newfoundlanders 1/	Prisoners of war 2/	Total
Maine		195		89	2,100	3/5,504
N.H.		116		65	135	31[illegible]
Vt.				152		3/ 21[illegible]
Mass.		448		72	842	1,362
R.I.				14		14
Conn.		2,562		97		2,659
N.Y.		3,376	483	301	2,398	6,558
N.J.		1,717	5	75	327	2,124
Pa.		599	30	81	935	1,645
Ohio	177	1,871			583	2,631
Ind.	492	491	2		603	1,588
Ill.	588	560	17		1,270	2,435
Mich.	2,691	696			3,872	7,259
Wis.	613	1,286	21		3,000	4,920
Minn.	1,506	467	5		201	2,179
Iowa	155	70			861	1,086
Mo.		151			722	873
N.Dak.	2,036	23				2,059
S.Dak.	522				425	947
Nebr.	619				1,302	1,921
Kans.	114	199			2,225	2,538
Del.		123	389	11	929	1,452
Md.		654	504	17	3,729	4,904
Va.			431		2,281	2,712
W.Va.					161	161
N.C.			975		2,784	3,759
S.C.					2,060	2,060
Ga.					4,385	4,385
Fla.		1,827	1,628		740	4,195
Ky.					1,507	1,507
Tenn.					1,253	1,253
Ala.					4,145	4,145
Miss.					3,578	3,578
Ark.					7,503	7,503
La.					6,370	6,370
Okla.					626	626
Tex.					5,009	5,009
Mont.	3,176				3,146	6,322
Idaho	3,728				2,385	6,113
Wyo.	246				1,888	2,134
Colo.	1,691	97			4,436	6,224
N.Mex.					2,455	2,455
Ariz.	1,340	5			1,685	3,030
Utah	838				1,200	2,038
Nev.	580					580
Wash.	5,050				618	5,668
Oreg.	3,652				993	4,645
Calif.	25,720	2,534			9,019	37,273
Total	55,534	20,067	4,490	974	96,686	3/180,952

1/ As of September 29. Data provided by Requirements and Certification Division, Program Branch, Office of Labor, U.S.D.A. 2/ As of September 27. Data provided by Extension Service, Washington, D.C. 3/ Includes 3,130 Canadians in Maine and 61 Canadians in Vermont.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Farm labor placements 1/

State	August		January 1 to August 31	
	1944	1945	1944	1945
Maine	10,750	8,311	14,641	10,480
N.H.	1,265	2,504	2,414	4,694
Vt.	1,133	1,405	2,801	2,938
Mass.	1,022	1,328	5,356	4,300
R.I.	55	49	328	304
Conn.	7,639	6,631	17,665	19,183
N.Y.	38,558	56,029	109,018	141,985
N.J.	9,458	9,595	27,764	33,378
Pa.	8,190	16,445	25,506	32,738
Ohio	9,559	5,897	47,270	20,906
Ind.	5,397	13,422	22,620	34,733
Ill.	19,230	29,693	63,370	80,868
Mich.	28,486	27,384	87,633	83,299
Wis.	7,683	6,037	32,311	13,843
Minn.	18,766	37,984	49,449	52,423
Iowa	13,050	47,892	52,803	85,749
Mo.	681	1,807	7,765	5,582
N. Dak.	22,929	43,844	60,462	70,499
S. Dak.	11,591	25,133	31,633	44,036
Nebr.	9,929	13,710	22,756	61,194
Kans.	1,137	540	28,306	14,645
Del.	9,833	4,630	17,529	13,018
Md.	28,786	32,225	76,706	101,206
Va.	20,114	19,096	42,541	69,473
W. Va.	633	336	2,804	1,871
N. C.	26,246	45,874	86,705	115,985
S. C.	6,491	9,464	29,101	62,721
Ga.	17,862	19,590	64,040	89,014
Fla.	838	2,975	66,057	27,582
Ky.	2,246	37,790	22,123	71,889
Tenn.	3,603	19,352	59,912	115,319
Ala.	1,798	4,269	13,641	22,777
Miss.	4,512	16,017	27,573	95,216
Ark.	14,018	47,612	149,619	246,962
La.	8,526	4,925	38,134	43,680
Okla.	12,230	16,045	74,150	122,868
Tex.	70,413	64,583	232,948	268,009
Mont.	3,038	10,675	12,071	67,030
Idaho	27,149	36,788	101,912	153,757
Wyo.	719	11,680	5,160	21,558
Colo.	13,231	14,044	41,678	49,336
N. Mex.	7,358	5,998	34,646	36,875
Ariz.	1,671	3,073	22,800	48,597
Utah	9,282	32,416	46,133	88,546
Nev.	819	1,113	4,920	4,847
Wash.	75,556	73,569	199,569	326,249
Oreg.	44,064	47,739	133,413	117,353
Calif.	93,112	91,678	384,511	434,568
Total	730,706	1,019,506	2,704,119	3,514,123

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 - August 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

1/ Revised--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 regions August 1945 and January-August 1945 1/

Area	As hired hands		As tenants or sharecroppers		Total	
	During August	January-August	During August	January-August	During August	January-August
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
New England	47	162	0	0	47	162
Middle Atlantic	84	236	2	27	86	263
East North Central	96	472	8	60	104	532
West North Central	954	1,961	35	76	989	2,037
South Atlantic	108	813	21	97	129	910
East South Central	112	704	15	344	127	1,048
West South Central	302	2,207	49	199	851	2,406
Mountain	303	1,303	9	35	312	1,338
Pacific	1,285	5,206	1	52	1,286	5,258
United States	3,791	13,064	140	890	3,931	13,954

1/ Revised--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 SEPTEMBER

MAINE

POTATOES. Harvesting potatoes in Aroostook County and in the townships of Mount Chase, Patten, Staceyville and Davidson in Penobscot County. No. 70, amended Sept. 19, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking up potatoes, 18 cents per barrel. Harvest labor other than picking potatoes, $12 per day. Rates specified are exclusive of board and room. Where an employer furnishes board, or board and room, a deduction of 3 cents per barrel or $10 per week must be made therefor, except that these deductions shall not operate to reduce the earnings of pickers below 13 cents per barrel for the period charged.

OHIO

GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES. Production of greenhouse vegetables in the counties of Cuyahoga, Erie, Lorain and Medina. No. 76, issued Sept. 8, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Beginners or unskilled workers, 75 cents per hour; semi-skilled workers, $1 per hour; skilled workers, $1.25 per hour; foremen, $1.50 per hour. See regulations for definitions of workers.

MINNESOTA

POTATOES. Harvesting potatoes in the counties of Clay, Norman, Polk, Marshall and Kittson. No. 79, issued Sept. 8, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking potatoes, 10 cents per 75 to 80-pound bag; loading potatoes, $1.25 per hour; driving truck or potato digger, $1.00 per hour. When board is furnished workers, charges for such board shall not be less than $2 per day per worker.

SOUTH DAKOTA

POTATOES. Harvesting potatoes in Area I, all that area in 12 townships in Coddington County, Townships 116 N, 117 N and 118 N in Ranges W 51, 52, 53, and 54 and all that area in 4 townships in Hamlin County, Townships 115 N in Ranges W 51, 52, 53 and 54 and in Area II, all of Coddington and Hamlin Counties not included in Area I and all of the counties of Day, Clark, Grant, Deuel, Brookings and Kingsbury. No. 78, amended Sept. 25, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Harvesting potatoes, Area I: picking potatoes, 5 cents per 35-pound basket; loading and unloading potatoes, 3 cents per bushel of 60 pounds, all other potato harvest labor, $1 per hour; Area II, picking potatoes, 6 cents per 35-pound basket; loading and unloading potatoes, 3 cents per bushel of 60 pounds, all other potato harvest labor, $1.25 per hour.

KANSAS

BROOM CORN. Harvesting broom corn in the counties of Norton, Stevens, Seward, Grant, Stanton, Hamilton and Kearney. No. 73, issued Sept. 6, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Experienced workers: cutting and pulling, and seeding, green basis, 60 cents per hour with board and lodging, 80 cents per hour without board and lodging; seeding, cured basis, and baling, 70 cents per hour with board and lodging, 90 cents per hour without board and lodging. Inexperienced workers: cutting and pulling, and seeding,

green basis, 50 cents per hour with board and lodging, 70 cents per hour without board and lodging; seeding, cured basis, and baling, 60 cents per hour with board and lodging, 80 cents per hour without board and lodging. Piece rates: cutting and pulling, 2 3/4 cents per pound; seeding and baling, cured basis, 1 cent per pound. See regulations for definitions of experienced and inexperienced workers.

MISSISSIPPI

COTTON: Picking and pulling cotton in the Delta Area, the counties of Bolivar, Coahoma, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tunica, Washington and the counties of Carroll, DeSoto, Grenada, Holmes, Panola, Tallahatchie, Tate, Warren and Yazoo except that wherever streams enter from the hills of the counties last named above, the "Delta Area" shall terminate at a line drawn from the base of the first such hill (counting from the Mississippi River) on the south to the base of the same hill on the north of such stream. No. 82, issued Sept. 17, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking cotton, $2.10 per hundred pounds of seed cotton. Pulling or snapping cotton, $1.15 per hundred pounds of seed cotton.

ARKANSAS

COTTON. Harvesting American Upland cotton in the counties of Clay, Greene, Craighead, Mississippi, Poinsett, Cross, Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, Monroe, Prairie, Lonoke, Pulaski, Jefferson, Arkansas, Lincoln, Desha, Drew, Ashley and Chicot. No. 83, issued Sept. 26, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking American Upland Cotton, $2.05 per 100 pounds of well picked clean seed cotton. Pulling or snapping, $1.15 per 100 pounds of seed cotton.

OKLAHOMA

BROOM CORN. Harvesting broom corn in the counties of Harper, Beaver, Texas and Cimarron. No. 74, issued Sept. 6, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Experienced workers: cutting and pulling, and seeding green basis, 60 cents per hour with board and lodging, 80 cents per hour without board and lodging; seeding, cured basis, and baling, 70 cents per hour with board and lodging, 90 cents per hour without board and lodging. Inexperienced workers: cutting and pulling, and seeding green basis; 50 cents per hour with board and lodging, 70 cents per hour without board and lodging; seeding, cured basis, and baling, 60 cents per hour with board and lodging, 80 cents per hour without board and lodging. Piece rates: cutting and pulling, 2 3/4 cents per pound; seeding and baling, cured basis, 1 cent per pound. See regulations for definitions of experienced and inexperienced workers.

TEXAS

COTTON. Picking, pulling or snapping American upland cotton in the counties of Wharton, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Jackson, Colorado, Calhoun, Matagorda, Victoria and Refugio. No. 65, revoked Sept. 6, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking American Upland Cotton, $1.75 per 100 pounds of well-picked, clean seed cotton; pulling or snapping American Upland cotton, $1 per 100 pounds of seed cotton.

COTTON. Harvesting American Upland cotton in the counties of Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Childress, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Foard, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Howard, Jones, King, Knox, Kent, Martin, Mitchell, Motley, Midland, McCullough, Nolan, Runnels, Shackleford, Scurry, Stonewall, Taylor, Tom Green, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wheeler, and Young. No. 81, issued Sept. 14, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking American Upland cotton, $2.25 per 100 pounds of well-picked clear seed cotton. Pulling or snapping American Upland cotton, $1.35 per 100 pounds of seed cotton.

IDAHO

GRAIN. Harvesting wheat and other grains in the counties of Bonneville, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison and Teton. No. 71, issued September 4, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Harvesting wheat and other grains, farm mechanics, $15 per day plus board; all other workers, $10 per day plus board.

APPLES AND PRUNES. Harvesting apples and prunes in the counties of Ada, Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette and Washington. No. 75, issued Sept. 6, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking apples, 10 cents per standard field box. Picking prunes, 1/2 cent per pound.

COLORADO

BROOM CORN. Harvesting broom corn in the counties of Baca, Bent, Prowers and Las Animas. No. 72, issued Sept. 6, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Experienced workers: cutting and pulling, and seeding, green basis, 60 cents per hour with board and lodging, 80 cents per hour without board and lodging; seeding cured basis, and baling, 70 cents per hour with board and lodging, 90 cents per hour without board and lodging. Inexperienced workers: cutting and pulling, and seeding, green basis, 50 cents per hour with board and lodging, 70 cents per hour without board and lodging; seeding, cured basis, and baling, 60 cents per hour with board and lodging, 80 cents per hour without board and lodging. Piece rates: cutting and pulling, 2 3/4 cents per pound; seeding and baling, cured basis, 1 cent per pound. See regulations for definitions of experienced and inexperienced workers.

WASHINGTON

APPLES AND WINTER PEARS. Harvesting apples and winter pears in the White Salmon area of Klickitat and Skamania Counties. No. 30, amended Sept. 20, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking apples and winter pears: all apples except Newtown, 11 cents per apple box or Libby lug, 12 1/2 cents per A.G.A. lug; Newtown apples, 12 cents per apple box or Libby lug, 13 1/2 cents per A.G.A. lug; winter pears, 12 cents per apple box or Libby lug, 13 1/2 cents per A.G.A. lug. Driving truck hauling apples and winter pears, $1 per hour.

PLUMS AND PRUNES. Harvesting plums and prunes in Walla Walla County. No. 58, issued Sept. 4, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking plums or prunes or both, 30 cents per lug box of 45 pounds. Other harvest labor, $1, per hour. See regulation for definitions.

APPLES. Harvesting apples in Yakima County. No.84, issued Sept. 25, 1945
Maximum wage rates: Picking apples: Delicious variety or other varieties ripening in the same season, 10 cents per apple box; Winesap variety or other varieties ripening in the same season, 12 cents per apple box.

OREGON

APPLES AND PRUNES. Harvesting apples and prunes in Malheur County. No. 77, issued Sept. 6, 1945.
Maximum wage rates: Picking apples, 10 cents per standard bushel box; picking prunes, 1/2 cent per pound.

HOPS. Harvesting hops in the counties of Marion and Polk. No. 80, issued Sept. 11, 1945.
Maximum wage rates: Picking hops, 3 1/2 cents per pound. No perquisites shall be paid in addition except the furnishing of cabins, tents, fuel, lights and water.

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