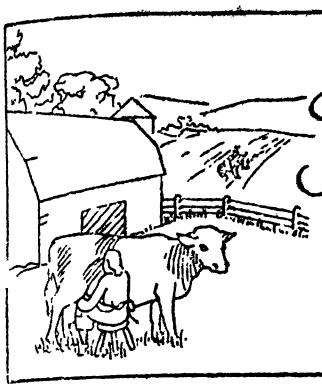

Farm Labor

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FARM EMPLOYMENT HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1944

Good weather enabled farmers to speed up fall harvest operations around the first of this month, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today. As a result, about 60,000 more persons were working on farms on November 1 than a year earlier. This is the first month since September 1943 than a significant increase over a year earlier has occured in farm employment. November employment, 10,747,000, was the largest for the month since 1942. The total number of persons working on farms decreased less than 3 percent during October, compared with an average decline of about 10 percent from October 1 to November 1.

Wage rates paid for picking 100 pounds of seed cotton averaged $1.93, about the same as a year ago, but more than three times the prewar average. Slight increases in rates in the eastern part of the Cotton Belt were offset by decreases in the Delta area.

Contrary to a usual seasonal decrease during October the number of hired workers employed on farms on the first of this month was above the number on October 1. There were 2,569,000 hired farm workers on November 1 this year, 2,494,000 on October 1, and 2,522,000 a year ago. A somewhat later season, completion of work delayed by rain early in October, and favorable weather around the first of this month were primarily responsible for this upturn. It is also possible that there has been some increase in the supply of farm labor, with the increasing numbers of discharges from the armed forces and industrial layoffs. In the North Central States where corn picking is late, and in the Southeast where a very small cotton crop is being harvested, employment of hired labor on November 1 was less than a year ago.

The number of farm operators and members of their families working on farms November 1 added up to 8,178,000 persons, down less than usual from the preceding month, but about the same as on November 1, 1944. Family workers totaled about the same or higher than a year ago in all parts of the country except in the West North Central and in the South Atlantic States.

Farm employment in New England States dropped 16 percent during October, with 1945 harvest operations practically completed by the first of this month. However, the number of persons working, at 236,000 was 10,000 larger than on November 1 last year. Employment of both family and hired workers declined during October, but the smaller-than-usual downturn in the number of hired workers held total employment above last year.

Unfavorable weather during most of the early part of October delayed farm work in the Middle Atlantic States. Fortunately, the warm sunny weather around November 1 enabled farmers to push harvest toward completion. Employment, at 661,000, was above the pre-war (1935-39) average for November 1. Both family and hired workers increased during October to significantly higher levels than on November 1, 1944. The number of family workers was up 4 percent from a year ago and 2 percent from October 1. The number of hired workers increased 7 percent during October to 235,000 on the first of November, 15 percent above a year earlier. Corn husking was an important job in all states in this region on November 1. Grape harvest was being completed in the Erie-Chatauqua area of Pennsylvania and New York.

Farm employment in the East North Central States rose about 4 percent during October to a November 1 total about the same as a year earlier. Combining soybeans was the major job in most parts of the region. Corn picking was just beginning and was not expected to reach a peak until the middle of November. Some sugar beets were also being harvested. In Michigan, a considerable acreage of winter wheat was still to be seeded. Farm employment usually shows little change in this group of States from October 1 to November 1, but increased this year because of a later season and delays owing to wet weather around the first of October. Family workers totaled 1,187,000 persons, up slightly from last month and about the same as a year ago. The number of hired workers increased during October to 247,000, although this was still under a year earlier.

Corn picking was only starting on November 1 in many of the West North Central States, as corn was not yet dry enough to crib. Employment on farms, at 1,573,000 persons on November 1, was a little more than 1 percent less than a month earlier and down a like amount from a year ago. Family workers totaled 1,324,000 persons; practically unchanged from November 1 last year, but 2 percent less than on October 1, 1945. The number of hired workers increased 6 percent during October to 249,000 on the first of this month, but was still below November 1 last year. Farmers were generally completing their potato harvest and wheat seeding in most of the region. In North Dakota, the sugar beet harvest was nearly completed. The Missouri cotton crop was late, and picking had made little headway.

Field work in most of the South Atlantic States was drawing to a close by November 1, although there was still considerable cotton to be picked in the Carolinas, Virginia and northern Georgia. Cotton picking wage rates were higher than a year ago. Corn and sweetpotatoes were being harvested and winter grains seeded. The short apple crop was about picked in the Shenadoah Valley area of Virginia and West Virginia. In Florida, oranges and grapefruit were starting to move in volume, and the fall vegetable harvest was beginning. Since the peak of fall harvest was passed, employment in the region declined during October, but 2,041,000 persons were still working on farms around November 1. This was slightly under a year ago. The number of family and hired workers both declined less than usual from October 1 to November 1, and were only a little lower on the first of this month than on November 1 a year ago.

The number of persons employed on farms in the East South Central States totaled 1,748,000 on November 1, or 13 percent under a month earlier. A year earlier, about 1,774,000 persons were working on farms in this region. Family workers showed little change from a year ago, but the 1,473,000 employed on November 1 was 14 percent less than on the first of October. The number of hired workers, at 276,000, was off 5 percent from October 1, and 8 percent under employment on

November 1, 1944. The cotton crop was nearly all picked in central and southern Alabama and Mississippi, but much remained to be picked farther north. Cotton picking rates were higher than a year ago in Alabama, where they have averaged $1.70 per 100 pounds of seed cotton so far this year, but were the same or lower than in 1944 in the other States of this region. Corn and sweetpotato harvest occupied a considerable number of workers in all States. But in the tobacco-growing areas, especially Kentucky, very little of the 1945 crop had been stripped by the first of November.

In the West South Central States, a heavy load of delayed fall work furnished employment on November 1 for the largest number of persons at that time of the year since 1942. The number of hired workers employed increased 21 percent from the first of October to 537,000 on November 1, slightly more than a year earlier. Family workers were not as fully employed on November 1 as a month earlier, as the number working decreased during October, but was about the same as on November 1 a year ago. Cotton picking was nearly completed in Louisiana, but was still a major operation in the other States of the region. Cotton picking rates were slightly lower than a year earlier in Arkansas and Oklahoma but unchanged from last season in Texas and Louisiana. Aside from cotton picking, most field work in Texas was nearing completion by November 1, except in the High Plains area where sorghum harvest was reaching its peak. Peanuts and corn were being harvested in this region and the rice harvest was nearing completion in Arkansas. Sugar cane was being cut in Louisiana.

Most of the northern States of the Mountain Region had about completed 1945 potato and sugar beet harvest by November 1. In Arizona and New Mexico, cotton picking was underway. The total number of persons employed was the large for November 1 in several years. The number of family workers dropped off slightly during October, but there was an increase in hired hands. The number of both family and hired workers on November 1 exceeded the number employed a year earlier, hired workers by 16 percent. There were still a few harvest operations to be completed in the Mountain States; some threshing in Montana and Wyoming, harvest of grain sorghum in Arizona, and broom corn in New Mexico.

The Pacific Coast States have been increasing in importance in farm employment for several years. Wartime demands for the many high labor requirement crops of the West Coast have contributed to this upward trend. Total employment estimates for the peak months of August and September and now for November 1 are the highest of record for each of the months. Despite the difficulties of securing hired labor in the last few years, the number of hired workers has reached new record highs in these 3 months. Total employment on November 1 was 655,000 persons, 314,000 family workers and 341,000 hired workers. Both groups of farm workers were larger on November 1 than on October 1 or a year ago. In Washington and Oregon, fall harvest operations were being completed. In California, grape and tomato harvests were being pushed to completion; cotton and fall vegetable harvests were also of considerable importance.

Cotton-picking rates - Up to November 1 wage rates for picking 100 pounds of seed cotton of the 1945 crop showed very little change from a year ago. The average for all cotton States was $1.93, compared with $1.92 last year. In Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, picking rates were

up 10 to 30 cents from a year ago. Rates were lower in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, and New Mexico. The decrease in rates in Missouri was rather large, but there was very little demand for cotton pickers up to November 1, as the late crop was not ready for picking. Specific wage ceilings were in effect for picking cotton in designated counties of Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Arizona, and California.

Custom harvest rates - Rates paid by farmers for combine harvesting of wheat, oats and soybeans have shown a sharp rise in recent years. Combining rates for the 1945 crop averaged $3.65 per acre for wheat and $3.60 per acre for oats, compared with $1.90 for wheat and $2.30 for oats for the 1938 crop, the last for which data are available. Rates for combining the 1945 soybean crop have averaged $3.80 per acre so far this season. Rates differed considerably by States, because of variation in the concentration of acreage of the particular crop to be harvested, the number of combines available, the size of combines, and average wage rates. In Kansas, for instance, rates for combining wheat were relatively low, in view of the dense concentration of acreage for harvesting and the large number of combines. Rates were high in the State of Washington where wage rates are high. There is also quite a bit of variation between rates paid for harvesting different grains, because of differences in yields and per-acre crop values. There are no uniform differentials between areas in the per-acre combining costs for different crops. In general, however, in States in which all of these crops are fairly important, rates for combining soybeans are highest, for oats lowest, and for wheat a little higher than for oats.

Annual average wage rates, per month with board, from 1909 to 1944 are presented on pages 8 - 11 of this issue. In some States, revisions in the series from 1909 to 1922 are shown. From 1909 to 1922, annual wage rate data were collected in December, while from 1923 to date annual rates are weighted averages of rates reported quarterly. Revisions were necessary in some cases to maintain the entire series on a basis comparable with the computed averages for the more recent period.

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Farm employment: Persons employed, indexes and related data, United States, November 1, 1945 with comparisons

	Annual average 1910-14	Oct. 1, 1944	Nov. 1, 1944	Oct. 1, 1945	Nov. 1, 1945
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES:					
Total -					
Unadjusted	100	98	89	92	89
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	84	83	79	84
Family labor -					
Unadjusted	100	97	89	93	89
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	87	86	84	86
Hired labor					
Unadjusted	100	101	87	86	89
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	75	74	64	76
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	11,839	10,690	11,052	10,747
Family labor	9,160	8,928	8,168	8,558	8,178
Hired labor	2,892	2,911	2,522	2,494	2,569
RELATED INDEXES:					
Prices received by farmers 1/	100	193	195	198	199 2/
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	59	---	55	---
Average weekly factory earnings 3/	100	425	429	---	---

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

Farm employment based on reports from 17,594 farmers.

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

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

Geographic division	November average 1935-39	October 1, 1944	November 1, 1944	October 1, 1945	November 1, 1945
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	11,399	11,839	10,690	11,052	10,747
New England	252	268	216	270	226
Middle Atlantic	633	677	614	636	661
East North Central	1,533	1,439	1,449	1,386	1,434
West North Central	1,693	1,671	1,593	1,592	1,573
South Atlantic	2,239	2,341	2,066	2,098	2,041
East South Central	1,907	2,207	1,774	2,004	1,748
West South Central	2,135	2,107	1,926	1,973	1,950
Mountain	453	462	431	448	459
Pacific	554	667	621	645	655
FAMILY WORKERS 1/					
United States	8,543	8,928	8,168	8,558	8,178
New England	160	173	155	168	156
Middle Atlantic	406	423	410	417	426
East North Central	1,145	1,165	1,189	1,158	1,187
West North Central	1,327	1,348	1,331	1,357	1,324
South Atlantic	1,684	1,790	1,597	1,601	1,581
East South Central	1,603	1,816	1,475	1,713	1,472
West South Central	1,621	1,591	1,410	1,531	1,417
Mountain	286	304	295	304	301
Pacific	311	318	306	309	314
HIRED WORKERS					
United States	2,856	2,911	2,522	2,494	2,569
New England	92	95	61	102	70
Middle Atlantic	227	254	204	219	235
East North Central	388	274	260	228	247
West North Central	366	323	262	235	249
South Atlantic	555	551	469	497	460
East South Central	304	391	299	291	276
West South Central	514	516	516	442	533
Mountain	167	158	136	144	158
Pacific	243	349	315	336	341

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

Based on reports from 17,594 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, January 1944 to November 1945 1/

Year and month	Total farm employment	Family workers 2/	Hired workers
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
1910-14 average	12,052	9,160	2,892
1935-39 average	10,920	8,353	2,567
1939 average	10,740	8,145	2,595
1940 average	10,585	8,019	2,566
1941 average	10,361	7,829	2,532
1942 average	10,397	7,855	2,542
1943 average	10,263	7,857	2,406
1944 average	10,037	7,810	2,227
January 1	8,202	6,622	1,580
February 1	8,383	6,702	1,681
March 1	8,562	6,935	1,627
April 1	9,080	7,401	1,679
May 1	10,068	8,079	1,989
June 1	11,285	8,845	2,440
July 1	11,355	8,623	2,732
August 1	10,608	7,914	2,694
September 1	11,040	8,223	2,817
October 1	11,839	8,928	2,911
November 1	10,690	8,169	2,522
December 1	9,337	7,289	2,048
1945 average	--	--	--
January 1	8,005	6,571	1,434
February 1	8,051	6,557	1,494
March 1	8,414	6,894	1,520
April 1	8,982	7,322	1,660
May 1	10,017	8,153	1,864
June 1	10,994	8,637	2,357
July 1	11,100	8,556	2,544
August 1	10,612	7,970	2,642
September 1	10,907	8,094	2,813
October 1	11,052	8,558	2,494
November 1	10,747	8,178	2,569

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 wage r tes: Annual average wage rate per month with board, by States, 1909 - 44

State	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine 1/	27.90	24.50	24.90	25.70	26.60	27.50	27.70	30.30	37.60
N.H.	25.20	23.50	23.70	24.90	24.70	24.70	25.10	29.00	35.00
Vt.	25.90	25.00	25.00	25.50	26.30	26.30	26.80	30.00	35.00
Mass.	26.50	22.80	23.80	24.60	25.50	25.00	25.20	30.00	38,00
R.I. 1/	23.60	20.10	20.80	21.70	24.00	23.50	24.00	28.30	39.70
Conn.	24.60	21.00	22.00	23.20	23.90	22.90	25.10	29.80	35.00
N.Y.	24.80	23.50	24.00	24.40	25.50	25.40	25.40	29.40	35.00
N.J. 1/	21.70	20.60	21.80	22.20	22.40	22.20	23.10	27.30	33.90
Pa.	19.70	18.80	19.20	19.80	20.60	20.40	21.00	24.00	30.00
Ohio	21.40	21.00	20.70	21.60	22.70	22.50	22.80	25.50	31.00
Ind.	21.40	20.50	21.00	21.60	22.30	22.10	22.20	24.30	29.00
Ill.	24.50	24.50	23.40	25.00	25.30	24.80	25.90	27.50	33.00
Mich.	24.40	23.00	24.40	24.50	24.90	24.70	25.10	28.40	34.00
Wis. 1/	26.80	25.30	25.50	26.70	27.40	27.30	27.70	30.20	35.00
Minn. 1/	30.10	27.70	27.80	29.70	30.80	30.60	30.70	35.10	41.50
Iowa	28.10	28.00	28.30	29.60	30.70	30.10	31.10	34.10	41.00
Mo.	20.60	21.50	20.30	21.10	21.60	21.10	22.10	23.00	29.00
N. Dak.	32.30	29.00	28.90	30.30	31.00	31.20	32.00	33.20	41.00
S. Dak.	30.40	27.00	27.00	28.60	30.00	30.10	31.20	33.70	42.00
Nebr. 1/	26.70	25.70	25.80	26.40	26.10	27.30	27.60	30.40	37.80
Kans. 1/	23.70	22.50	22.20	22.70	22.50	23.30	24.10	25.60	31.00
Del.	17.10	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.20	17.80	18.00	20.00	29.00
Md. 1/	14.90	12.60	13.20	14.90	16.20	15.90	15.90	17.90	22.40
Va.	15.00	14.00	14.50	15.10	16.10	16.20	15.90	17.80	22.00
W. Va.	20.30	19.40	19.20	20.70	21.20	21.00	21.30	23.30	31.00
N. C. 1/	13.30	12.90	13.40	14.00	15.10	14.70	14.50	15.60	23.80
S. C. 1/	11.00	11.00	10.90	11.30	12.30	11.00	10.50	11.80	16.60
Ga.	13.20	13.00	13.40	13.70	14.30	12.80	12.90	14.30	19.00
Fla. 1/	15.20	12.80	15.40	14.80	15.30	14.10	14.10	14.40	18.80
Ky.	17.10	16.00	16.40	17.10	17.40	17.20	16.90	18.50	24.00
Tenn.	15.00	14.00	14.80	15.30	15.80	15.20	15.10	16.70	21.00
Ala.	13.20	13.00	13.70	13.70	14.40	13.00	12.50	12.50	16.00
Miss.	14.20	13.30	13.50	13.50	13.60	12.70	12.90	13.70	17.00
Ark.	16.30	16.20	16.50	16.60	17.00	16.40	16.00	17.80	23.00
La.	13.90	13.50	14.50	14.10	14.00	14.30	14.70	15.30	19.00
Okla. 1/	20.00	18.30	18.40	19.30	19.20	19.40	20.10	21.90	26.90
Tex. 1/	17.20	16.80	17.20	17.70	17.90	17.80	17.40	19.00	23.30
Mont.	38.00	38.00	35.50	37.10	37.20	36.10	37.00	39.00	46.00
Idaho 1/	37.30	33.20	33.20	34.30	34.10	33.80	34.00	36.70	48.30
Wyo.	34.50	35.00	36.00	36.00	34.70	34.20	34.90	37.00	45.00
Colo. 1/	29.10	27.20	26.80	26.70	26.80	27.70	28.20	30.00	37.80
N. Mex.	25.60	24.50	24.50	24.70	24.80	25.00	25.20	27.30	32.90
Ariz. 1/	29.90	25.40	27.10	30.10	29.70	28.80	28.80	31.40	40.70
Utah 1/	33.70	28.90	30.10	31.00	31.80	29.70	31.00	33.00	41.30
Nev. 1/	35.10	32.20	34.40	35.00	34.60	34.00	34.80	36.60	43.50
Wash. 1/	33.50	31.20	31.00	31.00	31.40	31.10	30.80	34.10	44.50
Oreg. 1/	32.30	31.20	30.20	30.20	30.20	31.20	30.50	33.60	42.90
Calif. 1/	37.30	36.10	36.60	36.50	38.40	38.00	38.20	40.10	47.00

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rate per month with board, by States, 1909 - 44, continued

State	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine 1/	48.50	51.60	59.10	41.80	39.70	42.80	43.50	41.50	44.10
N.H.	42.50	44.90	55.00	39.00	38.60	46.60	46.30	46.00	46.90
Vt.	43.00	45.00	52.10	39.00	35.00	41.40	44.40	45.00	45.40
Mass.	43.00	45.00	55.00	41.00	41.00	50.40	48.80	47.20	52.30
R.I. 1/	38.30	46.00	52.70	41.20	38.30	47.90	50.10	48.80	54.70
Conn.	44.00	45.00	56.00	40.00	40.00	51.10	51.80	50.90	53.00
N.Y.	40.00	43.30	54.40	40.00	39.70	45.90	47.10	47.80	49.30
N.J. 1/	42.90	46.60	56.10	38.20	42.30	47.10	46.90	47.70	51.30
Pa.	34.00	37.80	47.00	35.00	33.00	38.80	39.20	39.30	40.40
Ohio	35.50	39.40	48.00	33.40	33.60	36.70	36.80	37.10	38.90
Ind.	34.00	38.15	47.60	31.50	30.20	35.10	35.50	34.90	36.30
Ill.	38.20	43.50	52.90	36.80	34.90	39.30	40.70	41.90	42.90
Mich.	37.50	42.00	53.00	34.30	33.60	40.30	40.10	39.90	42.00
Wis. 1/	42.30	47.40	60.70	38.20	36.00	43.80	43.50	43.50	46.20
Minn. 1/	50.20	57.20	71.30	39.40	37.30	40.20	39.20	41.50	43.00
Iowa	50.00	55.00	66.40	39.60	36.80	42.80	43.80	44.40	45.30
Mo.	35.00	37.00	42.00	30.70	28.70	30.90	32.10	32.00	33.30
N. Dak.	52.00	56.00	70.00	40.00	33.70	40.80	41.70	45.20	43.60
S. Dak.	55.70	65.00	76.00	36.50	36.40	43.40	41.80	43.80	43.90
Nebr. 1/	47.50	55.10	64.00	34.00	33.50	38.80	39.00	40.20	40.50
Kans. 1/	36.30	46.50	53.50	32.90	30.50	33.70	34.60	35.30	35.90
Del.	31.00	34.00	40.00	30.00	27.10	32.80	33.40	32.80	34.60
Md. 1/	27.60	29.90	35.50	27.10	26.60	29.90	35.40	33.90	35.80
Va.	27.70	31.00	36.10	26.00	24.80	27.80	29.80	30.30	29.20
W. Va.	36.90	40.00	48.50	33.50	33.20	36.50	37.70	36.00	34.60
N. C. 1/	25.20	30.00	36.50	20.90	22.80	26.60	28.60	28.40	29.20
S. C. 1/	19.30	24.80	28.10	10.10	14.90	18.40	20.30	20.60	21.20
Ga.	23.00	26.70	30.50	16.50	15.60	17.00	19.10	20.20	20.90
Fla. 1/	21.30	23.90	29.50	20.50	20.00	22.20	23.50	25.70	28.80
Ky.	29.00	33.00	36.40	25.70	25.90	27.90	28.00	27.10	27.20
Tenn.	25.10	29.00	33.00	23.60	22.30	24.40	24.80	24.90	24.50
Ala.	21.20	25.50	29.30	17.00	17.60	19.60	21.50	23.40	22.00
Miss.	21.50	26.50	28.50	18.00	18.20	20.00	21.60	21.90	23.00
Ark.	28.50	31.70	37.50	21.70	21.40	23.20	23.30	24.60	26.30
La.	23.70	30.20	35.00	19.90	22.40	20.60	22.70	22.60	23.40
Okla. 1/	33.60	38.90	46.10	26.20	25.00	26.30	27.50	28.70	29.70
Tex. 1/	28.90	36.20	39.20	24.30	22.60	26.40	29.00	27.70	28.40
Mont.	59.50	62.20	75.40	42.10	42.20	48.20	48.60	50.00	51.50
Idaho 1/	60.60	65.40	73.90	44.50	43.60	50.20	50.20	52.00	54.20
Wyo.	60.00	60.50	69.00	41.00	39.50	45.40	44.70	43.40	47.10
Colo. 1/	47.00	51.20	60.00	35.30	32.30	37.50	39.20	38.80	40.20
N. Mex.	40.00	40.50	54.00	37.00	31.00	33.30	33.90	32.80	34.10
Ariz. 1/	47.50	50.90	56.80	33.00	33.90	45.80	46.80	48.30	47.90
Utah 1/	52.90	57.80	63.00	42.50	38.80	44.00	51.30	54.50	55.60
Nev. 1/	56.60	59.20	67.00	45.50	41.80	50.50	53.50	51.50	59.70
Wash. 1/	59.60	63.80	72.90	45.40	42.60	51.40	47.60	49.50	51.30
Oreg. 1/	56.60	62.20	66.30	43.40	42.40	51.20	46.50	46.00	48.90
Calif. 1/	59.20	72.50	86.30	60.10	60.10	61.20	57.10	59.40	61.30

1/ Revised 1909 through 1922

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rate per month with board, by States, 1909 - 44 (Continued)

State	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	44.60	45.60	47.00	45.00	37.40	25.40	23.90	25.90	26.30
N.H.	47.40	46.90	49.40	44.60	35.90	27.60	25.00	26.90	27.70
Vt.	47.20	48.40	48.90	44.70	33.40	25.80	21.70	23.70	25.30
Mass.	50.70	49.60	51.30	49.50	42.90	33.40	28.40	28.00	28.50
R.I.	51.80	53.20	54.30	54.40	42.50	35.30	32.40	34.20	38.20
Conn.	53.60	53.10	54.50	48.30	38.90	39.40	25.40	26.30	28.30
N.Y.	49.30	48.20	49.00	45.20	35.90	25.50	21.50	23.00	24.30
N.J.	49.60	47.70	49.80	46.90	37.50	30.00	24.60	26.70	26.40
Pa.	40.30	38.70	39.80	37.70	30.00	22.70	19.40	20.50	21.90
Ohio	38.80	38.50	38.00	34.30	26.70	20.00	16.70	17.90	20.20
Ind.	36.80	36.40	37.10	33.80	27.00	19.90	17.20	19.10	21.50
Ill.	43.00	42.30	42.60	38.90	30.90	22.30	18.10	20.60	24.20
Mich.	42.20	42.00	42.70	34.80	25.10	17.50	14.80	17.80	20.90
Wis.	46.90	46.20	47.30	40.60	28.90	19.50	16.00	17.80	22.40
Minn.	43.40	43.50	44.00	39.30	28.60	20.00	16.30	17.90	23.00
Iowa	46.60	47.00	47.50	44.70	34.00	22.30	17.10	20.30	24.90
Mo.	33.30	33.30	33.90	32.00	26.20	19.60	16.20	17.00	18.30
N.Dak.	44.60	44.80	44.40	36.70	25.60	19.50	16.60	18.80	22.90
S.Dak.	45.00	45.60	45.40	43.50	29.80	20.40	15.50	16.80	22.80
Nebr.	41.90	42.80	43.70	41.30	31.60	22.00	17.20	18.90	21.60
Kans.	36.70	37.40	38.20	35.50	27.40	20.10	17.10	18.70	21.00
Del.	33.40	32.50	35.80	32.00	26.40	20.40	18.20	17.90	20.20
Md.	36.60	35.70	35.30	34.00	28.50	23.50	19.30	21.20	23.10
Va.	30.20	29.50	30.10	27.80	22.70	17.80	16.20	17.50	18.70
W.Va.	33.90	33.40	32.10	29.50	24.40	18.70	17.50	18.00	19.40
N.C.	27.40	27.50	27.10	27.00	17.00	12.00	11.70	14.70	15.80
S.C.	20.30	20.40	19.20	17.60	13.00	8.70	8.80	10.70	10.70
Ga.	19.90	19.80	18.90	17.30	12.00	8.50	8.00	10.00	10.70
Fla.	25.10	23.00	23.40	21.70	17.50	12.70	12.00	14.40	14.00
Ky.	27.10	26.90	26.70	25.10	20.90	15.10	13.80	15.40	16.60
Tenn.	24.60	23.90	24.00	22.20	18.10	13.50	12.10	14.40	15.40
Ala.	21.10	21.30	21.30	19.40	12.30	8.80	8.60	10.90	11.70
Miss.	22.30	22.30	22.50	20.10	13.40	9.90	9.60	11.10	11.80
Ark.	24.80	24.90	24.90	22.60	16.10	12.50	11.80	13.30	13.70
La.	23.60	23.90	24.20	21.90	16.20	12.00	11.40	12.80	13.40
Okla.	29.80	29.80	29.10	26.40	19.90	15.50	15.30	17.00	17.80
Tex.	26.70	29.30	29.00	26.50	19.60	14.90	15.00	17.40	18.70
Mont.	54.40	56.30	54.90	45.80	34.10	25.20	24.00	30.00	31.70
Idaho	56.00	54.50	56.90	53.20	38.90	28.70	25.10	31.70	34.40
Wyo.	48.10	50.70	51.10	47.50	38.00	26.90	24.30	27.60	30.40
Colo.	40.70	40.20	42.40	39.80	31.50	22.30	19.90	21.30	24.70
N.Mex.	34.80	35.30	35.70	36.70	28.80	21.50	19.70	21.20	23.50
Ariz.	45.80	48.00	51.50	49.00	39.00	31.10	28.50	32.30	35.20
Utah	57.80	55.90	60.70	58.20	45.00	37.10	29.50	32.70	37.00
Nev.	61.70	62.00	61.70	59.20	45.80	38.10	30.00	33.10	35.70
Wash.	50.80	50.40	51.80	45.80	32.50	24.30	21.50	24.90	26.80
Oreg.	49.80	47.80	51.00	47.20	34.10	25.20	22.60	25.20	28.70
Calif.	63.10	61.70	62.50	60.90	47.20	34.30	30.30	34.10	37.90

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rate per month with board, by States, 1909-44 (Continued)

State:	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	27.60	30.60	29.20	31.50	31.30	41.00	54.60	71.20	84.30
N.H.	28.50	31.20	31.60	31.80	31.60	37.50	52.00	65.50	74.10
Vt.	27.30	30.10	29.80	30.50	31.90	40.40	51.70	64.30	75.80
Mass.	31.30	33.00	32.80	32.40	34.10	41.00	55.80	72.20	81.10
R.I.	41.20	41.40	39.00	38.00	37.10	48.60	57.80	74.00	86.40
Conn.	29.90	34.00	34.50	34.80	36.20	47.30	57.70	68.80	78.10
N.Y.	26.90	31.10	30.40	29.60	31.50	41.00	52.90	66.50	76.40
N.J.	28.60	32.00	32.20	32.30	33.80	41.40	52.90	69.10	81.70
Pa.	24.10	27.50	26.90	26.50	27.40	33.00	39.60	49.10	56.80
Ohio	23.40	27.30	26.40	26.30	26.70	33.10	40.80	50.40	55.60
Ind.	23.90	27.70	27.40	27.40	28.10	34.30	42.40	52.50	60.90
Ill.	27.40	31.70	31.50	32.10	32.70	40.00	50.00	63.70	73.70
Mich.	25.20	31.50	28.10	28.00	29.00	37.40	46.10	59.60	68.80
Wis.	26.90	31.40	30.20	28.40	29.50	38.00	50.90	62.00	70.90
Minn.	27.10	30.90	30.60	29.60	29.90	37.20	51.60	67.50	77.90
Iowa	28.10	31.80	31.80	33.20	33.80	40.40	54.90	72.50	84.90
Mo.	20.00	21.90	22.50	23.20	23.50	27.80	36.70	46.80	55.30
N.Dak.	23.80	27.30	28.00	27.00	29.30	40.00	58.70	83.20	98.60
S.Dak.	23.10	26.90	27.00	27.60	28.20	35.70	52.60	72.30	87.10
Nebr.	24.00	25.30	25.60	25.30	26.50	33.30	48.70	66.50	80.50
Kans.	22.90	24.70	24.90	24.20	25.10	31.10	43.10	59.60	73.10
Del.	23.50	25.80	25.00	24.80	26.70	33.00	40.80	52.40	64.70
Md.	23.30	26.20	26.80	26.70	27.60	32.70	39.70	49.00	55.90
Va.	19.30	21.00	21.00	21.40	22.00	25.70	31.50	37.70	43.50
W.Va.	20.70	22.60	22.00	21.80	22.20	25.60	31.50	38.50	44.40
N.C.	16.10	17.90	17.30	17.10	17.60	20.40	26.60	35.00	41.00
S.C.	11.30	12.60	11.90	11.50	13.00	14.90	19.70	24.80	29.60
Ga.	11.30	12.90	12.10	12.20	13.00	15.20	19.40	25.20	30.30
Fla.	14.20	15.20	15.30	15.40	16.10	18.30	23.00	34.70	48.30
Ky.	17.60	19.80	20.30	20.60	20.40	24.00	30.70	38.50	43.60
Tenn.	15.60	17.30	16.50	16.60	17.20	20.20	25.30	31.70	36.50
Ala.	12.30	13.90	13.10	13.60	13.70	16.30	22.60	27.80	33.60
Miss.	12.50	14.30	14.00	14.20	14.40	16.80	21.50	27.60	33.30
Ark.	14.70	16.70	15.80	16.00	16.60	20.30	27.00	35.10	41.60
La.	13.60	15.20	14.90	15.20	15.50	17.50	23.10	29.30	35.00
Okla.	19.00	21.00	20.70	20.40	21.10	25.40	34.40	46.30	57.90
Tex.	19.70	21.40	21.10	20.70	21.60	26.50	36.30	48.90	61.20
Mont.	35.00	37.10	39.00	38.10	39.70	48.10	68.60	94.80	110.00
Idaho	38.40	41.80	38.80	38.60	40.10	49.70	69.00	93.20	117.00
Wyo.	32.80	35.60	35.50	36.10	37.00	45.10	61.10	79.60	96.50
Colo.	27.60	31.10	30.30	30.00	31.00	38.10	51.70	70.40	84.80
N.Mex.	25.10	27.70	27.20	27.80	28.30	33.80	44.00	57.40	71.90
Ariz.	33.50	38.60	37.70	38.70	36.80	44.00	63.70	80.00	94.30
Utah	40.80	43.80	42.30	43.30	45.10	51.40	72.80	91.40	109.00
Nev.	37.90	44.00	42.80	41.00	43.00	48.00	61.60	84.50	105.00
Wash.	33.40	38.00	36.10	37.50	38.40	50.10	78.10	112.00	132.00
Oreg.	33.30	37.90	36.10	36.40	36.90	49.20	77.50	107.00	125.00
Calif.	41.60	47.30	46.70	46.00	46.30	59.10	82.30	114.00	133.00

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Average wage rates for picking 100 pounds of seed cotton, by States, up to November 1, 1926-45

State	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941 1/	1942 1/	1943 1/	1944 1/	1945 1/
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Mo.	1.12	1.14	1.14	1.12	.71	.49	.52	.67	.80	.75	.95	.80	.75	.75	.77	1.40	1.85	2.00	2.40	2.05
Va.	1.00	1.12	1.23	1.15	.75	.45	.34	.45	.65	.65	.70	.75	.65	.60	.70	1.00	1.50	1.80	1.95	2.20
N. C.	1.03	1.07	1.07	1.01	.58	.36	.38	.48	.65	.65	.65	.70	.60	.60	.67	.95	1.40	1.75	2.10	2.30
S. C.	.82	.78	.83	.81	.52	.36	.36	.45	.50	.50	.55	.60	.50	.50	.54	.75	1.00	1.25	1.45	1.75
Ga.	.90	.88	.85	.90	.57	.35	.33	.45	.50	.50	.55	.60	.50	.50	.53	.75	1.00	1.30	1.50	1.70
Fla.	1.12	.95	1.02	1.07	.76	.41	.39	.48	.55	.55	.60	.65	.60	.60	.67	.85	1.15	1.45	1.75	1.75
Tenn.	1.05	1.08	1.04	1.34	.63	.43	.47	.54	.65	.60	.80	.70	.60	.60	.65	1.20	1.50	1.80	1.95	1.95
Ala.	1.03	.96	.95	.92	.55	.34	.36	.45	.55	.50	.60	.60	.50	.50	.51	.85	1.10	1.40	1.60	1.70
Miss.	1.16	1.08	1.02	1.08	.56	.38	.40	.49	.55	.55	.75	.80	.55	.60	.57	1.10	1.40	1.70	2.10	1.95
Ark.	1.06	1.05	1.03	1.06	.56	.40	.44	.52	.60	.55	.75	.70	.60	.60	.65	1.20	1.50	1.70	2.05	2.00
La.	1.12	1.03	1.03	1.01	.61	.41	.39	.48	.55	.55	.65	.70	.55	.55	.55	.85	1.20	1.50	1.80	1.80
Okla.	1.28	1.40	1.28	1.22	.73	.45	.48	.65	.75	.70	.75	.75	.70	.65	.72	1.20	1.50	1.80	1.95	1.90
Tex.	1.20	1.24	1.21	1.11	.71	.44	.45	.55	.60	.60	.65	.65	.55	.55	.58	1.10	1.45	1.70	1.95	1.95
N. Mex.	1.15	1.30	1.22	1.25	.68	.43	.44	.55	.65	.65	.70	.70	.60	.65	.68	1.20	1.75	2.00	2.10	1.95
Ariz.	1.45	1.53	1.50	1.50	.89	.58	.50	.67	.90	.90	1.10	.85	.80	.90	.93	1.45	2.45	2.70	2.25	2.30
Calif.	1.55	1.47	1.46	1.45	.89	.50	.45	.65	.90	.90	1.00	.95	.75	.85	.95	1.30	1.90	2.10	2.25	2.25
Ill.	—	1.20	1.20	1.15	.71	.50	.40	.65	.75	.75	.90	.70	.70	.70	.70	1.35	1.70	2.00	2.20	2.20
Kans.	—	1.50	1.40	1.30	.75	.45	.48	.65	.75	.70	.75	.65	.65	.65	.65	1.10	1.50	1.95	1.80	1.80
Ky.	1.10	1.20	1.20	1.18	.70	.49	.50	.60	.80	.75	.95	.80	.80	.80	.80	1.25	1.80	2.00	2.10	2.00
U. S.	1.11	1.12	1.10	1.06	.63	.41	.42	.53	.60	.58	.69	.69	.57	.58	.62	1.09	1.41	1.66	1.92	1.93

1/ Includes rates paid for snapping bolls converted to seed cotton equivalent.

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Farm wage rates: Custom rates per acre for combining wheat, oats, and soybeans, by States, 1945 and 1938 1/

State	Wheat		Oats		Soybeans
	1945	1938	1945	1938	1945
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine 2/	---	---	---	---	---
N.H. 2/	---	---	---	---	---
Vt. 2/	---	---	---	---	---
Mass. 2/	---	---	---	---	---
R.I. 2/	---	---	---	---	---
Conn. 2/	---	---	---	---	---
N. Eng.	---	---	---	---	---
N.Y.	4.45	3.15	4.35	3.15	4.40
N.J.	5.40	3.95	4.95	3.85	5.95
Pa.	4.00	3.20	4.00	3.15	4.05
M. Atl.	4.19	3.30	4.18	3.20	4.64
Ohio	3.70	2.50	3.60	2.50	3.75
Ind.	3.60	2.20	3.60	2.15	3.85
Ill.	3.60	2.20	3.20	2.10	3.65
Mich.	3.55	2.65	3.55	2.65	3.70
Wis.	3.75	2.65	3.70	2.65	3.90
E. N. Cent.	3.63	2.30	3.49	2.25	3.72
Minn.	3.40	2.20	3.40	2.20	3.50
Iowa	3.85	2.35	3.70	2.35	3.80
Mo.	3.50	2.30	3.40	2.25	3.70
N. Dak.	3.65	1.80	3.55	1.90	3.70
S. Dak.	3.60	1.70	3.55	1.95	3.65
Nebr.	3.90	2.05	3.70	2.10	4.15
Kans.	3.40	1.85	3.20	2.05	3.30
W. N. Cent.	3.56	1.90	3.54	2.20	3.70
Del.	4.00	2.75	3.95	2.75	4.60
Md.	4.20	2.70	4.20	3.00	4.80
Va.	4.10	2.85	4.10	3.20	4.70
W. Va.	4.00	2.80	4.00	2.75	4.60
N. C.	3.90	2.90	4.00	2.60	4.65
S. C.	4.00	2.80	4.00	2.75	4.65
Ga.	4.00	2.65	4.00	2.50	4.65
Fla. 2/	---	---	---	---	---
S. Atl.	4.04	2.80	4.01	2.65	4.67
Ky.	4.15	2.55	4.05	2.35	4.50
Tenn.	4.00	2.55	4.15	2.65	4.60
Ala.	4.00	2.30	4.00	2.25	4.65
Miss.	4.10	2/	4.05	2.45	4.65
E. S. Cent.	4.07	2.55	4.06	2.40	4.60
Ark.	4.20	1.90	4.15	1.75	4.50
La.	2/	2/	5.00	3.90	4.50
Okla.	3.00	1.70	3.05	1.85	4.50
Tex.	2.70	1.40	3.10	2.10	4.50
W. S. Cent.	2.88	1.55	3.27	2.10	4.50
Mont.	3.30	1.80	3.25	1.85	2/
Idaho	5.60	2.60	5.60	2.75	2/
Wyo.	3.75	2.00	3.65	2.35	2/
Colo.	4.35	1.95	4.15	2.75	2/
N. Mex.	2.75	1.40	3.50	2.60	2/
Ariz.	5.50	3.15	5.50	2.85	2/
Utah	4.30	2.40	4.50	2.80	2/
Nev.	5.50	4.10	5.30	3.75	2/
Mount.	3.90	1.95	4.02	2.45	---
Wash.	5.90	2.40	6.80	2.75	2/
Oreg.	4.90	2.25	4.80	3.40	2/
Calif.	4.55	2.35	4.75	2/	2/
Pacific	5.50	2.35	5.30	3.15	---
U.S.	3.66	1.90	3.59	2.30	3.79

1/ Rates for combining soybeans not available for 1938. 2/ No information available. Based on reports by farmers (7,914 for wheat, 7,196 for oats and 3,608 for soybeans) who reported for their localities the average rate for combine harvest of 1945 wheat, oats and soybean crops.

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

New Jersey cranberries: In Ocean County, cranberry harvesters were paid an avera rate of $1.01 a bushel for picking cranberries by the scoop method, while in Burlington County "scoopers" were paid an average rate of $1.17 a bushel. These data were obtained from an enumerative sample survey made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of 830 workers employed in harvesting cranberries in the t counties during the week ended September 29, 1945. Harvest work included picking cranberries by the scoop method or by hand, hauling, and grading. Eighty percent of all the workers in the survey were white and eighty-six percent were men.

In Burlington County, 704 workers were surveyed, 54 percent of whom were working in crews. These crew workers averaged cash wages of $1.17 an hour and $36.60 a week on the reporting farm. They worked an average of 6.4 hours a day and 5.0 days a week. Eighty-six percent of the crew workers were "scooping." Workers not employed in crews earned an average of 88 cents an hour and $29.30 a week on the reporting farm. However, only 65 percent of these workers were picking by the scoop method, at which workers earned higher cash wages than those picking by hand or doing other cranberry harvest work. The non-crew workers in this county averaged 6.2 hours per day and 5.3 days per week.

In Ocean County, 126 cranberry harvesters were surveyed, nearly all of whom were non-crew workers. These workers earned average cash wages of 77 cents an hour and $22.50 a week on the reporting farm. Their time worked averaged 6.9 hours a day and 4.7 days per week. Fifty-six percent of these workers were "scoopers".

Michigan onions: Cash wages earned by workers harvesting onions in the Grant area of Newago County, Michigan averaged 66 cents an hour and $5.25 a day during the week ended September 15, 1945. These preliminary results are from an enumerative sample survey of 613 workers harvesting onions, made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics during an active week of onion harvesting. Seventy percent of the workers were paid hour rates and 30 percent piece rates by the crate. Eighty-seven percent of all workers were men and a fourth of these were prisoners of war. Hourly rate workers were paid an average of 63 cents for men and 61 cents for women. Both men and women topping onions by the crate were paid an average rate of 10 cents a crate.

The onion harvesters worked an average of 8.0 hours a day and 5.8 days a week on the reporting farm. There was little difference between males and females, in either the hours worked per day or days per week.

Michigan peaches: Peach harvesters in Berrien County, Michigan, earned average cash wages of 73 cents an hour and $30.20 a week during the week ended September 15, 1945. These preliminary results are from an enumerative sample survey made of 55 peach harvesters in Berrien County, Michigan, made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics during an active week of the 1945 peach harvest. Eighty-four percent of the workers surveyed were paid at hourly rates at an average wage rate of 61 cents. Workers paid hourly rates worked an average of 8.8 hours a day and 42 hours a week. Their cash wages averaged $5.30 a day and $25.60 a week on the reporting farm. The other 16 percent of the harvesters were paid at an average piece rate of 18 cents a bushel and their earnings were much higher than those of workers paid hourly rates. Piece-rate workers averaged hourly cash wages of $1.55 an hour. They worked an average of 6.8 hours a day, 36 hours a week, and earned an average of $10.60 a day and $55.10 a week on the reporting farm.

Of the 556 workers surveyed, 78 percent were men, a fourth of them prisoners of war. A fifth of the workers paid an hourly wage rate were women. These women averaged 45 hours of work during the week on the reporting farm, while the men paid hourly rates averaged 41 hours. Thirty percent of those workers paid for harvesting peaches by the bushel were women, who averaged only 29 hours work a week, while men paid by the bushel averaged 39 hours a week. Operations covered in the survey included picking and packing.

Oregon hops: Workers picking hops in the Marion-Polk County area, which is the largest hop producing section of Oregon, earned average cash wages of 95 cents an hour and $7.05 a day. These preliminary results are from an enumerative sample survey made of 1,087 hop pickers by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in early September 1945. Fifty-four percent of the workers surveyed earned between 70 cents and $1.10 an hour, and 74 percent averaged between $4 and $9 a day. All of the workers were paid on a piece rate basis at 3.5 cents per pound. The average length of work day was 7.4 hours and the average quantity of hops picked was 27.2 pounds per hour or 201 pounds per day.

All of the workers in the hop survey were white and 62 percent were women. Forty-eight percent of the women and 23 percent of the men were in the 18-44 age group. Thirty-two percent of the women and 42 percent of the men were 45 and over. The hours worked per day and the pounds of hops picked per hour were practically the same for women as for men in each of these age groups.

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

State	Mexicans 1/	Jamaicans 1/	Bahamians 1/	Newfoundlanders 1/	Prisoners of war 2/	Total
Maine		46		84	2,200	3/ 2,463
N.H.		10		63		73
Vt.				150		3/ 170
Mass.		399		67	532	998
R.I.				13		13
Conn.		941		90		1,031
N.Y.		1,225	84	286	2,512	4,107
N.J.		1,379	5	74	630	2,088
Pa.		225	29	79	2,064	2,397
Ohio		541			918	1,459
Ind.	2	132	2		591	727
Ill.	10	61	17		655	743
Mich.	2,464	547			3,356	6,367
Wis.	357	343	17		2,180	2,897
Minn.	1,006	1	4		1,562	2,573
Iowa	26	14			515	555
Mo.		46			630	676
N. Dak.	1,109					1,109
S. Dak.	424				475	899
Nebr.	1,416				3,514	4,930
Kans.	302	175			2,325	2,802
Del.		112	124	12	1,269	1,517
Md.		373	319	14	2,684	3,390
Va.			191		2,316	2,507
W. Va.					144	144
N. C.					1,285	1,285
S. C.					1,857	1,857
Ga.					2,741	2,741
Fla.		2,046	3,456		1,054	6,556
Ky.					420	420
Tenn.					1,240	1,240
Ala.					1,680	1,680
Miss.					231	231
Ark.					8,661	8,661
La.					8,237	8,237
Okla.					1,101	1,101
Tex.					6,406	6,406
Mont.	2,752				5,848	8,600
Idaho	3,882	320			6,750	11,452
Wyo.	557				2,735	3,292
Colo.	1,584	49			11,219	12,852
N. Mex.					3,615	3,615
Ariz.	1,277	4			3,508	4,789
Utah	738				1,700	2,438
Nev.	486					486
Wash.	2,764				1,193	3,957
Oreg.	1,886				708	2,594
Calif.	21,855	2,010			12,108	35,973
Total	44,897	11,499	4,248	932	115,369	3/ 177,098

1/ As of November 2. Data provided by Requirements and Certifications Division, Labor Branch, U.S.D.A. 2/ As of October 25. Data provided by Extension Service, U.S.D.A. 3/ Includes 133 Canadians in Maine and 20 Canadians in Vermont

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Farm Labor Program: Farm labor placements 1/

State	September		January 1 to September 30	
	1944	1945	1944	1945
Maine	5,133	11,701	19,774	22,191
N.H.	1,906	1,855	4,320	6,549
Vt.	2,627	368	5,428	3,306
Mass.	3,835	841	9,191	5,741
R.I.	222	158	550	462
Conn.	6,958	4,090	24,623	23,273
N.Y.	70,611	55,050	179,629	197,055
N.J.	14,941	15,829	42,705	110,904
Pa.	15,057	16,139	40,563	48,877
Ohio	15,453	3,298	62,723	24,204
Ind.	8,667	12,496	31,287	47,229
Ill.	7,349	6,451	70,719	67,319
Mich.	22,782	49,873	110,415	133,172
Wis.	3,963	7,597	36,274	21,440
Minn.	9,391	9,752	53,340	62,175
Iowa	1,671	5,248	54,474	90,997
Mo.	5,061	2,506	12,826	23,157
N. Dak.	13,768	28,699	74,230	99,198
S. Dak.	2,492	8,275	34,135	52,311
Nebr.	2,346	9,515	25,102	70,709
Kans.	4	1,356	28,610	16,001
Del.	6,450	3,411	23,979	16,429
Md.	29,432	31,401	106,138	122,607
Va.	16,534	11,861	59,075	81,334
W. Va.	572	140	3,376	2,011
N. C.	30,252	44,208	116,557	160,133
S. C.	36,436	13,124	65,537	75,845
Ga.	45,576	53,337	109,616	132,351
Fla.	725	4,743	66,782	32,125
Ky.	22,227	63,625	44,350	135,514
Tenn.	11,385	21,241	71,297	136,560
Ala.	22,970	26,839	36,611	119,616
Miss.	43,103	27,512	70,676	122,728
Ark.	34,519	22,444	134,138	269,406
La.	16,761	23,300	34,895	66,880
Okla.	40,011	10,279	114,161	132,947
Tex.	100,484	81,957	333,432	349,966
Mont.	3,289	11,476	15,360	78,506
Idaho	28,627	39,904	130,539	193,261
Wyo.	1,223	12,464	6,383	33,922
Colo.	15,385	30,653	57,023	79,984
N. Mex.	12,245	5,032	46,891	41,907
Ariz.	2,780	3,028	25,580	51,625
Utah	8,991	23,293	57,113	111,639
Nev.	744	816	5,664	5,663
Wash.	53,134	41,192	252,703	267,341
Oreg.	28,514	33,901	161,927	151,254
Calif.	93,381	102,999	477,892	537,567
Total	919,987	1,035,082	3,624,103	4,625,471

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

2/ As of October 25. Data provided by 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 - September 1945 1/

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

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 September 1945 and January-September 1945 1/

Area	As hired hands		As tenants or sharecroppers		All	
	During September	January-September	During September	January-September	During September	January-September
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
New England	39	201	8	8	47	209
Middle Atlantic	64	300	2	29	66	329
East North Central	92	564	12	72	104	636
West North Central	307	2,268	13	89	320	2,357
South Atlantic	116	929	37	134	153	1,063
East South Central	139	843	45	389	184	1,232
West South Central	462	2,669	68	267	530	2,936
Mountain	318	1,621	234	269	552	1,890
Pacific	2,336	7,542	2	54	2,338	7,596
United States	3,873	16,937	421	1,311	4,294	18,248

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

SPECIFIC WAGE CEILING REGULATIONS ISSUED OR AMENDED IN OCTOBER

MAINE

POTATOES. Harvesting potatoes in Aroostook County and in the townships of Mount Chase, Patten, Stacyville and Davidson in Penobscot County. No. 70, amended Oct. 17, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking up potatoes, 25 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.

MINNESOTA

POTATOES. Harvesting potatoes in the counties of Clay, Norman, Polk, Marshall and Kittson. No. 79, amended Oct. 9, 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 and lodging are furnished, workers charges for such board and lodging shall be not less than $1.50 per worker per working day prorated at 35 cents per meal and 45 cents per day for lodging.

NORTH DAKOTA

POTATOES. Harvesting potatoes in the counties of Pembina, Walsh, Steele, Grand Forks, Trail, Cass and Cavalier. No. 86, amended Oct. 17, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking potatoes in all of the area except Walsh County, 10 cents per 75-to 80-pound bag when board is not furnished, and 8 cents when board is furnished; in Walsh County, 12 cents per 75-to 80-pound bag when board is not furnished, and 10 cents when board is furnished. Loading potatoes, $1.25 per hour. Driving truck or potato digger, $1.00 per hour.

IDAHO

SUGAR BEETS. Topping and loading sugar beets in the counties of Bannock, Bingham, Bonneville, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison and Power. No. 33, reissued Oct. 1, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Topping and loading sugar beets, hourly rate, 66 cents; piece rate, $2.08 per ton of sugar beets if yield is 6 or less net tons per acre; $1.98 per ton if yield is 7 tons per acre; $1.89 per ton if yield is 8 tons per acre; $1.80 per ton if yield is 9 tons per acre; $1.74 per ton if yield is 10 tons per acre; $1.68 per ton if yield is 11 tons per acre; $1.64 per ton is yield is 12 tons per acre; $1.60 per ton if yield is 13 tons per acre; $1.55 per ton if yield is 14 tons per acre; $1.53 per ton if yield is 15 tons per acre; $1.51 per ton if yield is 16 tons per acre; $1.49 per ton if yield is 17 tons per acre; $1.47 per ton if yield is 18 tons acre; $1.46 per ton if yield is 19 tons per acre; $1.45 per ton if yield is 20 or more tons per acre. When topping and loading are performed by different persons, not more than 70 per cent of the rates shall be paid for topping and not more than 30 per cent for loading.

SUGAR BEETS. Topping and loading sugar beets in the counties of Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls. No. 34, reissued Oct. 1, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Topping and loading sugar beets, hourly rate 66 cents; piece rate, $2.08 per ton of sugar beets if yield is 6 or less net tons per acre; $1.98 per ton if yield is 7 tons per acre; $1.89 per ton if yield is 8 tons per acre; $1.80 per ton if yield is 9 tons per acre; $1.74 per ton if yield is 10 tons per acre; $1.68 per ton if yield is 11 tons per acre; $1.64 per ton if yield is 12 tons per acre; $1.60 per ton if yield is 13 tons per acre; $1.55 per ton if yield is 14 tons per acre; $1.53 per ton if yield is 15 tons per acre; $1.51 per ton if yield is 16 tons per acre; $1.49 per ton if yield is 17 tons per acre; $1.47 per ton if yield is 18 tons per acre; $1.46 per ton if yield is 19 tons per acre; $1.45 per ton if yield is 20 or more net tons per acre. When topping and loading are performed by different persons, not more than 70 per cent of the rates shall be paid for topping and not more than 30 per cent shall be paid for loading.

OREGON

POTATOES. Harvesting potatoes in Baker County. No. 85, issued Oct. 1, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking potatoes, 7 cents per half sack of 60 pounds. All other harvest labor, $1 per hour. No perquisites may be paid in addition to the maximum wage rates specified.

CALIFORNIA

APPLES. Production and harvest of apples in Santa Cruz County and that northern part of Monterey County which lies in the Pajaro Valley. No. 57, amended Oct. 8, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Hourly rates: for common, inexperienced farm labor, 85 cents; for skilled, experienced workers with one season or more of experience in pruning, thinning, irrigating, cultivating, spraying and picking, $1.00. Piecework rates; tree picking where all fruit is taken at a single picking, or where more than one picking is made, 15 cents per bushel box; pruning and thinning rates per tree may be determined on an individual basis but may not exceed an amount equal to the cost for those particular trees if work was done by experienced workers on an hourly basis at $1.00 per hour.

GRAPES. Picking grapes in Mendocino County. No. 87, issued Oct. 17, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking grapes, piece rate 20 cents per 50-pound box or $8 per ton; hourly rate, 85 cents.