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SLOW SEPTEMBER REDUCES FARM WORKER NUMBERS
WAGE RATE RISE SLOWED BUT CONTINUES

The total of 7,211,000 persons working on the Nation's farms during the survey week of September 20-26 was 12 percent below a year earlier and at a record low for this period in late September. The number of hired workers fell sharply below a year earlier, totaling 2,134,000 persons, a reduction of 20 percent below the comparable period in 1963. Farm family members working on farms during the survey week totaled 5,077,000 persons--8 percent less than in the September 1963 comparable period.

The sharp reductions in worker numbers in the September 1964 survey week doubtless were caused by a combination of factors which varied in relative importance by geographic areas. Continued cool or damp weather in September was one leading factor throughout the South and parts of some North-Central areas. This held back the pace of cotton harvest in many principal growing areas with consequent reductions in hired workers from last year, amounting to 29 percent in both East South Central and West South Central Regions. The slower maturity and lagging harvest of cotton in September this year as compared with 1963 is shown by the cotton ginning report of the Bureau of the Census which shows nearly one-fourth less cotton ginned to October 1 than last year from a total crop almost as large as in 1963. Reports a year ago told of a flood of cotton backed up in gin yards. During the survey week weather in some areas was distinctly unfavorable; growers were confident that the increased number of cotton harvesting machines available would easily move the crop from fields to gins in coming weeks.

Cool, damp weather in September over large areas of Northern States held back the harvest of soybeans and corn and other late crops and materially reduced the needs for seasonal hired workers from levels of recent years. Much of the Northeastern part of the Nation had been in the grip of persistent drought for much of the summer, which curtailed growth of forage and reduced fruit sizes and potential income, all with bearish effect on farm employment in these areas. This new low for the September hired force thus appears to be in large part caused by a combination of seasonal factors which have hit in the designated survey week this year.

Family farm worker numbers during the September survey week also were generally lower State by State than a year earlier. Although the number of family workers was less affected than the hired working force by the delaying influence of the weather, the number reached a new low for late September both nationally and in most geographic regions. School activities possibly dominated the time of farm youngsters who in more rushing work conditions might have been pressed by Dad for a Saturday afternoon of farm work instead of being able to watch a football game. Farm family members other than operators who work less than 15 hours at farm work, without receiving cash wages, are not counted in

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the family work force even though they make a considerable contribution to chores and many other aspects of farm work.

Farm Wage Rates up slightly in most areas

The Nation's farmers were paying for hired farm work at wage rates about 2 percent higher than last year. The average on October 1, 1964 computed from rates for all reported hiring arrangements was 694 percent of the 1910-14 average. The composite hourly rate averaged $0.915, compared with $0.898 a year ago. Composite averages include only the reported cash portions of total farm wages. The U.S. average for persons hired per hour without board or room furnished was $1.01, up 2 percent from last year. Regional increases were sharpest in the East South Central and South Atlantic regions and lowest in the Northeast, possibly reflecting the influence of persistent drought. Persons hired per month with house furnished averaged $206 per month compared with $204 in October 1963. As usual, rates averaged highest in the Pacific region, followed in order by the Northeast and Mountain regions. The highest wage rates were reported for farm workers in Alaska, as follows: Per month with house, $410; per month with board and room, $300; per day and per hour without board and room, $17.00 and $2.10, respectively. Alaska farm workers during the survey week September 13-19 totaled 1700 persons, including 900 hired workers.

September Increases Harvest and Fall Seeding Activity

Late September in New England found the Aroostook Maine potato harvest going strong and over one-third completed, with quality and yields good. More machines than ever were being utilized in the harvest. The Massachusetts cranberry crop harvest was about one-fourth completed. In New York State dry weather and frost damage to corn had pushed silo filling ahead of usual timing and more than two-thirds of silage corn had been cut. Potato digging was active both on Long Island and upstate. Apple harvest increased throughout the Northeast in all producing areas. Grape harvest approached full volume in the Chautauqua-Erie and Finger Lakes sections of New York but lagged in Erie county Pennsylvania because of poor weather for ripening.

Ohio farms had a very dry September, but reports showed about 35 percent of winter wheat seeded and less than half the soybeans combined. In Illinois, soybean combining was only about two-fifths finished and wheat seeding only one-third completed. Michigan dry bean harvest was progressing more slowly than last year. Harvest of late variety apples was increasing; peach and pear harvests were finished and grape harvest starting. Westward into Wisconsin September rains were heavier and wet fields slowed work of filling silos and digging potatoes. Cranberry harvest was active.

The important Red River Valley acreages of potatoes and sugar beets in North Dakota and Minnesota had cool wet weather in late September, and, although potato digging and sugar beet lifting were active, it took two tractors to drag one machine in some fields. The ripening of Iowa corn and soybeans was slowed by the cool wet month, but most silo filling was completed and much seed corn harvested. Heavy September rainfall in Missouri also retarded harvest of fall crop, but many farmers could see their cattle thriving on the best fall pastures in many years. Eastern parts of South Dakota and Nebraska also were blanketed by the cool damp weather. In many sections where fall grains are important the work of seeding was running at least 10 days late but by the end of the month was 70 percent completed in Kansas. Soybean harvest in Nebraska and Kansas was just starting.

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Farm employment and indexes, September 1964, with comparisons, United States

	Annual average 1958-62 1/	Annual average 1962	Annual average 1963	Sept. average 1958-62 1/	Sept. 23-29, 1963	Sept. 20-26, 1964
FARM EMPLOYMENT						
(Thousands)						
Total	7,104	6,700	6,518	8,876	8,187	7,211
Family	5,197	4,873	4,738	6,097	5,528	5,077
Hired labor	1,907	1,827	1,780	2,779	2,659	2,134
INDEXES 2/						
(1910-14=100)						
Total	52	49	48	52	48	42
Family labor	51	48	47	51	46	42
Hired labor	56	54	52	56	53	43
(1957-59=100)						
Total	94	90	86	95	87	76
Family labor	94	88	86	94	85	78
Hired labor	97	93	91	97	92	73

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

2/ Monthly indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

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Farm Wage Rates and Indexes, October 1, 1964, United States

	Annual average 1963	October average 1958-62	October 1, 1963	October 1, 1964
FARM WAGE RATES				
Composite rate per hour 1/	$ 0.880	$ 0.826	$ 0.898	$ 0.915
Per month with house	206	186	204	206
Per month with board and room	159	146	159	161
Per week with board and room	37.50	35.50	38.25	38.00
Per week without board and room	48.50	43.50	47.75	47.25
Per day with house	5.70	5.40	5.80	6.00
Per day with board and room	6.90	6.20	6.80	6.90
Per day without board or room	7.10	6.90	7.50	7.60
Per hour with house	.94	1.00	1.07	1.09
Per hour without board or room	1.05	.91	.99	1.01
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	677	620	681	694
(1957-59=100)	116	107	117	119

1/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis.
2/ Indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

Workers on Farms, September 1964 1/

(Thousands of persons)

Region and State	September average 1958-62			September 1963 Week of 22-28			September 1964 Week of 20-26		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
Maine	62	25	37	63	23	40	60	22	38
N. H.	16	11	5	13	8	5	11	7	4
Vt.	30	21	9	25	19	6	25	19	6
Mass.	44	24	20	36	20	16	33	18	15
R. I.	5	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	1
Conn.	29	17	12	23	15	8	23	16	7
N. Eng.	186	101	85	163	87	76	155	84	71
N. Y.	204	125	79	183	109	74	164	101	63
N. J.	56	28	28	48	25	23	43	21	22
Pa.	222	170	52	188	149	39	169	138	31
M. Atl.	482	323	159	419	283	136	376	260	116
Ohio	258	199	59	230	175	55	208	166	42
Ind.	228	182	46	206	166	40	183	157	26
Ill.	264	210	54	258	203	55	223	180	43
Mich.	232	180	52	218	167	51	191	150	41
Wisc.	304	254	50	275	236	39	261	224	37
E. N. Cent.	1286	1025	261	1187	947	240	1066	877	189
Minn.	291	242	49	264	224	40	257	222	35
Iowa	315	270	45	306	258	48	274	238	36
Mo.	367	288	79	345	274	71	306	252	54
N. Dak.	117	87	30	101	77	24	93	76	17
S. Dak.	107	91	16	97	84	13	89	78	11
Nebr.	170	143	27	150	123	27	136	116	20
Kans.	181	153	28	171	145	26	164	140	24
W. N. Cent.	1548	1274	274	1434	1185	249	1319	1122	197
Del.	16	8	8	13	7	6	13	7	6
Md.	65	43	22	60	43	17	55	39	16
Va.	221	149	72	208	136	72	186	127	59
W. Va.	84	71	13	71	59	12	59	49	10
N. C.	546	437	109	555	409	146	458	343	115
S. C.	256	186	70	219	145	74	182	123	59
Ga.	276	196	80	294	210	84	228	163	65
Fla.	113	57	56	115	57	58	107	55	52
S. Atl.	1577	1147	430	1535	1066	469	1288	906	382
Ky.	292	221	71	316	222	94	262	209	53
Tenn.	347	245	102	346	241	105	300	231	69
Ala.	255	181	74	227	162	65	205	152	53
Miss.	450	287	163	342	193	149	317	197	120
E. S. Cent.	1344	934	410	1231	818	413	1084	789	295
Ark.	317	164	153	287	143	144	206	112	94
La.	258	141	117	231	115	116	225	120	105
Okla.	191	137	54	170	127	43	126	102	24
Texas	558	289	269	512	254	258	391	215	176
W. S. Cent.	1324	731	593	1200	639	561	948	549	399
Mont.	60	44	16	56	41	15	52	39	13
Idaho	84	57	27	83	56	27	82	56	26
Wyo.	24	17	7	22	15	7	23	14	9
Colo.	90	57	33	80	49	31	70	46	24
N. Mex.	52	26	26	42	22	20	36	21	15
Ariz.	53	11	42	39	9	30	37	9	28
Utah	49	33	16	43	29	14	41	28	13
Nev.	7	4	3	7	4	3	7	3	4
Mount.	419	249	170	372	225	147	348	216	132
Wash.	125	80	45	121	74	47	111	72	39
Oreg.	101	67	34	92	61	31	98	66	32
Calif.	484	166	318	433	143	290	418	136	282
Pac.	710	313	397	646	278	368	627	274	353
U. S.	8876	6097	2779	8187	5528	2659	7211	5077	2134

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

Workers on farms: Comparative estimates, annual averages 1963
July and August 1964 1/

(Thousands of persons)

State and Region	Annual Average 1963			July 1964 Week of 19-25			August 1964 Week of 23-29		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
Maine	32	20	12	36	22	14	37	22	15
N. H.	10	7	3	12	8	4	11	7	4
Vt.	24	18	6	25	19	6	26	21	5
Mass.	30	18	12	39	19	20	37	19	18
R. I.	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
Conn.	22	14	8	35	16	19	33	17	16
N. Eng.	121	79	42	150	86	64	147	88	59
N. Y.	143	96	47	162	101	61	156	98	58
N. J.	39	21	18	59	24	35	50	20	30
Pa.	162	134	28	190	154	36	183	149	34
M. Atl.	344	251	93	411	279	132	389	267	122
Ohio	217	183	34	237	191	46	213	171	42
Ind.	199	173	26	217	182	35	185	160	25
Ill.	235	187	48	261	194	67	230	185	45
Mich.	206	165	41	266	186	80	218	164	54
Wis.	258	230	28	273	241	32	271	239	32
E. N. Cent.	1115	938	177	1254	994	260	1117	919	198
Minn.	256	220	36	366	279	87	285	237	48
Iowa	283	243	40	364	275	89	299	248	51
Mo.	256	220	36	301	241	60	288	243	45
N. Dak.	83	67	16	122	83	39	114	83	31
S. Dak.	87	76	11	104	83	21	95	80	15
Nebr.	144	122	22	185	142	43	155	128	27
Kans.	149	126	23	191	137	54	166	131	35
W. N. Cent.	1258	1074	184	1633	1240	393	1402	1150	252
Del.	12	7	5	15	8	7	14	8	6
Md.	54	37	17	66	42	24	66	42	24
Va.	170	119	51	186	109	77	198	126	72
W. Va.	57	47	10	59	49	10	61	52	9
N. C.	407	291	116	608	335	273	620	362	258
S. C.	162	108	54	230	134	96	187	128	59
Ga.	170	124	46	167	110	57	192	134	58
Fla.	121	44	77	92	37	55	83	38	45
S. Atl.	1153	777	376	1423	824	599	1421	890	531
Ky.	238	185	53	243	174	69	276	190	86
Tenn.	235	178	57	223	154	69	232	176	56
Ala.	136	103	33	102	85	17	104	83	21
Miss.	211	146	65	192	132	60	211	155	56
E. S. Cent.	820	612	208	760	545	215	823	604	219
Ark.	190	106	84	195	87	108	184	90	94
La.	141	82	59	130	68	62	171	81	90
Okla.	144	118	26	131	104	27	116	92	24
Texas	389	241	148	415	240	175	426	236	190
W. S. Cent.	864	547	317	871	499	372	897	499	398
Mont.	48	36	12	63	38	25	56	39	17
Idaho	67	47	20	96	56	40	90	55	35
Wyo.	19	13	6	24	13	11	23	14	9
Colo.	62	45	17	73	49	24	72	53	19
N.Mex.	34	20	14	35	20	15	33	17	16
Ariz.	39	9	30	33	8	25	32	8	24
Utah	31	22	9	40	25	15	40	26	14
Nev.	5	3	2	8	5	3	7	3	4
Mount.	305	195	110	372	214	158	353	215	138
Wash.	111	72	39	167	94	73	134	77	57
Oreg.	93	64	29	135	71	64	126	66	60
Calif.	334	129	205	340	123	217	350	125	225
Pac.	538	265	273	642	288	354	610	268	342
U. S.	6518	4738	1780	7516	4969	2547	7159	4900	2259

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

Workers on farms: Average January through September 1964 1/

(Thousands of persons)

State and Region	January through Sept. Ave. 1958-62			January through Sept. 1963			January through Sept. 1964		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
Maine	37	22	15	34	20	14	34	21	13
N.H.	13	9	4	11	8	3	11	8	3
Vt.	29	22	7	24	18	6	22	17	5
Mass.	39	24	15	32	19	13	30	18	12
R.I.	4	3	1	3	2	1	2	1	1
Conn.	27	17	10	24	15	9	23	14	9
N.Eng.	149	97	52	128	82	46	122	79	43
N.Y.	171	109	62	147	96	51	135	90	45
N.J.	47	26	21	43	22	21	40	20	20
Pa.	200	163	37	169	139	30	159	133	26
M.Atl.	418	298	120	359	257	102	334	243	91
Ohio	244	205	39	220	183	37	208	177	31
Ind.	225	197	28	204	178	26	191	170	21
Ill.	252	199	53	239	187	52	223	179	44
Mich.	231	186	45	216	171	45	204	163	41
Wisc.	294	263	31	266	236	30	253	227	26
E.N.Cent.	1246	1050	196	1145	955	190	1079	916	163
Minn.	287	242	45	269	227	42	263	225	38
Iowa	299	256	43	291	247	44	275	237	38
Mo.	281	238	43	262	223	39	255	220	35
N.Dak.	99	77	22	89	70	19	84	68	16
S.Dak.	96	83	13	90	78	12	85	75	10
Nebr.	162	136	26	148	124	24	141	120	21
Kans.	168	139	29	156	129	27	153	127	26
W.N.Cent.	1392	1171	221	1305	1098	207	1256	1072	184
Del.	14	8	6	12	7	5	10	6	4
Md.	60	39	21	56	38	18	52	36	16
Va.	198	138	60	176	120	56	166	118	48
W.Va.	73	59	14	59	48	11	55	45	10
N.C.	444	325	119	434	302	132	395	276	119
S.C.	202	130	72	171	111	60	153	102	51
Ga.	183	133	50	176	127	49	154	108	46
Fla.	124	49	75	121	45	76	117	43	74
S.Atl.	1298	881	417	1205	798	407	1102	734	368
Ky.	235	184	51	234	176	58	228	176	52
Tenn.	235	178	57	226	167	59	215	166	49
Ala.	143	109	34	128	97	31	121	95	26
Miss.	244	180	64	213	147	66	204	144	60
E.S.Cent.	857	651	206	801	587	214	768	581	187
Ark.	213	122	91	197	106	91	171	97	74
La.	155	93	62	144	82	62	136	78	58
Okla.	161	128	33	146	119	27	132	112	20
Texas	427	262	165	402	250	152	363	229	134
W.S.Cent.	956	605	351	889	557	332	802	516	286
Mont.	54	39	15	50	36	14	49	36	13
Idaho	71	49	22	69	47	22	70	48	22
Wyoming	21	14	7	21	14	7	20	13	7
Colorado	69	50	19	64	46	18	58	44	14
N.Mex.	38	22	16	32	20	12	30	18	12
Ariz.	43	10	33	38	9	29	37	8	29
Utah	36	25	11	33	23	10	32	22	10
Nev.	5	3	2	5	3	2	5	3	2
Mount.	337	212	125	312	198	114	301	192	109
Wash.	126	81	45	120	76	44	115	74	41
Oreg.	103	68	35	101	65	36	101	66	35
Calif.	371	145	226	336	131	205	319	124	195
Pac.	600	294	306	557	272	285	535	264	271
U.S.	7253	5259	1994	6701	4804	1897	6299	4597	1702

1/ Average number during survey week of each month.

Farm Wage Rates, October 1, 1963 1/

State and Region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
Maine	212	155	40.00	57.00	—	—	10.50	—	1.20	1.07	628
N.H.	235	169	46.00	63.00	—	—	10.40	—	1.26	1.14	748
Vt.	207	160	42.00	57.00	—	—	9.70	—	1.19	1.06	681
Mass.	255	170	49.00	68.00	—	—	11.00	—	1.32	1.20	786
R.I.	250	171	49.00	68.00	—	—	11.30	—	1.40	1.24	863
Conn.	250	173	49.00	68.00	—	—	11.50	—	1.42	1.26	857
N.Eng.	229	163	44.25	61.75	—	—	10.70	—	1.27	1.14	735
N.Y.	222	160	41.25	57.25	—	—	9.60	—	1.19	.963	598
N.J.	240	180	44.50	62.00	—	—	10.20	—	1.23	1.02	728
Pa.	204	147	38.50	51.00	—	—	8.70	—	1.11	.889	703
M.Atl.	219	159	41.00	56.25	—	—	9.40	—	1.17	.950	657
Ohio	188	134	—	—	—	6.80	8.70	—	1.11	.895	622
Ind.	189	144	—	—	—	7.50	9.10	—	1.15	.932	673
Ill.	216	162	—	—	—	8.00	10.00	—	1.17	.978	677
Mich.	231	161	—	—	—	7.40	9.40	—	1.12	.945	636
Wis.	214	154	—	—	—	7.50	9.40	—	1.16	.958	607
E.N.Cent.	208	151	—	—	—	7.40	9.30	—	1.14	.941	641
Minn.	203	161	—	—	—	8.60	10.40	—	1.18	.935	592
Iowa	221	177	—	—	—	8.80	10.80	—	1.23	.987	608
Mo.	177	128	—	—	—	6.60	8.30	—	1.09	.812	732
N.Dak.	211	176	—	—	—	8.10	9.80	—	1.12	.918	513
S.Dak.	203	159	—	—	—	7.70	9.70	—	1.10	.885	536
Nebr.	234	178	—	—	—	8.50	10.70	—	1.20	.978	659
Kans.	221	170	—	—	—	8.30	10.30	—	1.20	.957	766
W.N.Cent.	205	159	—	—	—	7.90	9.80	—	1.16	.912	635
Del.	183	—	—	—	—	—	8.80	—	1.04	.947	869
Md.	194	135	37.00	50.00	—	—	8.80	—	1.07	.971	981
Va.	—	—	—	—	5.70	—	6.90	—	.87	.756	808
W.Va.	—	—	—	—	5.40	—	6.30	—	.84	.714	556
N.C.	—	—	—	—	5.50	—	6.50	—	.79	.700	797
S.C.	—	—	—	—	4.05	—	4.70	—	.57	.507	685
Ga.	—	—	—	—	4.60	—	5.20	—	.74	.613	677
Fla.	—	—	—	—	5.70	—	6.40	—	.82	.713	728
S.Atl.	—	—	—	—	5.30	—	6.20	—	.78	.680	756
Ky.	—	—	—	—	5.20	—	6.90	—	.96	.883	677
Tenn.	—	—	—	—	4.55	—	5.50	—	.74	.691	612
Ala.	—	—	—	—	4.40	—	5.00	—	.66	.623	612
Miss.	—	—	—	—	4.45	—	4.70	—	.59	.568	555
E.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	4.60	—	5.30	—	.70	.657	599
Ark.	—	—	—	—	6.20	—	6.80	—	.84	.813	691
La.	—	—	—	—	5.20	—	5.80	—	.74	.711	693
Okla.	—	—	—	—	7.70	—	8.90	—	1.07	1.04	736
Tex.	—	—	—	—	6.70	—	7.50	—	.88	.864	667
W.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	6.40	—	7.10	—	.86	.837	686
Mont.	245	193	—	—	—	—	10.20	—	1.24	1.06	524
Idaho	272	214	—	—	—	—	11.60	—	1.31	1.15	643
Wyo.	240	173	—	—	—	—	9.50	—	1.18	1.00	505
Colo.	242	170	—	—	—	—	10.20	—	1.19	1.02	661
N.Mex.	209	148	—	—	—	—	8.50	—	.90	.818	672
Ariz.	270	175	—	—	—	—	9.70	—	1.01	.947	644
Utah	255	215	—	—	—	—	10.20	—	1.32	1.12	691
Nev.	270	180	—	—	—	—	10.10	—	1.30	1.09	560
Mount.	251	184	—	—	—	—	10.10	—	1.16	1.02	621
Wash.	293	220	—	—	—	—	—	1.32	1.37	1.34	653
Oreg.	265	189	—	—	—	—	—	1.25	1.32	1.28	632
Calif.	322	240	—	—	—	—	—	1.25	1.33	1.31	611
Pac.	314	233	—	—	—	—	—	1.26	1.33	1.31	620
U.S.	204	159	38.25	47.75	5.80	6.80	7.50	1.07	.99	.898	681

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2/ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

Farm Wage Rates October 1, 1964 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	215	162	42.00	60.00	—	—	11.20	—	1.21	1.11	650
N.H.	240	172	44.00	64.00	—	—	10.50	—	1.26	1.14	750
Vt.	218	167	44.00	59.00	—	—	10.30	—	1.27	1.12	721
Mass.	255	177	48.00	69.00	—	—	11.00	—	1.32	1.21	788
R.I.	255	177	48.00	69.00	—	—	11.30	—	1.38	1.24	860
Conn.	255	177	48.00	70.00	—	—	11.50	—	1.39	1.25	853
N.Eng.	230	168	44.25	63.25	—	—	11.10	—	1.26	1.15	745
N.Y.	229	160	41.25	59.50	—	—	9.70	—	1.24	.994	617
N.J.	235	175	45.00	57.00	—	—	10.00	—	1.25	1.01	723
Pa.	206	144	37.25	51.50	—	—	8.80	—	1.14	.901	713
M.Atl.	223	158	40.75	56.75	—	—	9.50	—	1.21	.970	671
Ohio	194	137	—	—	—	6.80	9.00	—	1.13	.914	635
Ind.	204	147	—	—	—	7.40	9.40	—	1.17	.953	688
Ill.	219	165	—	—	—	8.20	10.10	—	1.21	1.01	695
Mich.	238	167	—	—	—	7.70	9.60	—	1.15	.971	653
Wis.	224	160	—	—	—	8.00	9.60	—	1.19	.986	625
E.N.Cent.	215	155	—	—	—	7.60	9.50	—	1.17	.965	657
Minn.	209	164	—	—	—	8.80	10.40	—	1.20	.950	601
Iowa	227	179	—	—	—	9.40	10.90	—	1.25	1.00	618
Mo.	180	135	—	—	—	6.90	8.70	—	1.10	.832	751
N.Dak.	212	177	—	—	—	8.10	10.00	—	1.16	.939	524
S.Dak.	208	163	—	—	—	7.80	9.70	—	1.13	.904	548
Nebr.	234	178	—	—	—	8.70	10.80	—	1.22	.988	666
Kans.	228	174	—	—	—	8.60	10.50	—	1.23	.981	785
W.N.Cent.	209	162	—	—	—	8.20	10.00	—	1.18	.930	647
Del.	190	—	—	—	—	—	8.80	—	1.10	.988	906
Md.	198	145	37.00	50.00	—	—	8.90	—	1.09	.987	997
Va.	—	—	—	—	6.00	—	7.30	—	.92	.799	854
W.Va.	—	—	—	—	5.40	—	6.20	—	.83	.707	550
N.C.	—	—	—	—	5.70	—	6.80	—	.82	.729	830
S.C.	—	—	—	—	4.20	—	5.00	—	.60	.535	723
Ga.	—	—	—	—	4.75	—	5.50	—	.76	.636	702
Fla.	—	—	—	—	6.20	—	6.90	—	.93	.791	807
S.Atl.	—	—	—	—	5.50	—	6.50	—	.82	.711	791
Ky.	—	—	—	—	5.10	—	6.50	—	.95	.868	666
Tenn.	—	—	—	—	4.70	—	5.75	—	.78	.726	643
Ala.	—	—	—	—	4.65	—	5.30	—	.69	.653	641
Miss.	—	—	—	—	4.55	—	4.90	—	.64	.609	595
E.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	4.75	—	5.50	—	.75	.705	643
Ark.	—	—	—	—	6.60	—	6.90	—	.85	.826	702
La.	—	—	—	—	5.20	—	5.90	—	.74	.713	695
Okla.	—	—	—	—	7.70	—	9.00	—	1.08	1.05	742
Tex.	—	—	—	—	7.00	—	7.80	—	.92	.902	696
W.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	6.60	—	7.30	—	.88	.854	700
Mont.	248	192	—	—	—	—	10.40	—	1.23	1.06	525
Idaho	289	226	—	—	—	—	11.80	—	1.31	1.18	655
Wyo.	244	175	—	—	—	—	9.50	—	1.20	1.01	511
Colo.	257	175	—	—	—	—	10.90	—	1.24	1.07	693
N.Mex.	209	150	—	—	—	—	8.20	—	.91	.817	671
Ariz.	281	190	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	1.08	1.00	681
Utah	250	220	—	—	—	—	11.00	—	1.35	1.15	712
Nev.	270	190	—	—	—	—	10.70	—	1.36	1.14	585
Mount.	259	190	—	—	—	—	10.40	—	1.18	1.05	637
Wash.	311	236	—	—	—	—	—	1.32	1.38	1.35	660
Oreg.	285	205	—	—	—	—	—	1.27	1.33	1.30	640
Calif.	333	247	—	—	—	—	—	1.32	1.36	1.34	627
Pac.	326	242	—	—	—	—	—	1.32	1.36	1.34	635
U.S.	206	161	38.00	47.25	6.00	6.90	7.60	1.09	1.01	.915	694

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Note: For Alaska rates see comments, Page 2.

The delayed progress of cotton harvest throughout the South was only one part of the farm scene. Peanut harvest was getting under way in the Virginia-North Carolina area and was nearing completion in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. After hurricane Dora blew through north central Florida and southern Georgia there were fewer pecans to pick. However, the valuable citrus crop was missed, and grove condition remained excellent. Vegetable land preparation and planting were active. Alabama cotton harvest was almost half finished in September. Mississippi had some good weather, and, although cotton maturity was behind last year, about a fifth of the State's crop was picked.

Arkansas fall crops made slow progress in September with cotton harvest only 15 percent finished; rice harvest was one-fourth finished and ready to move ahead fast. Louisiana cotton was about one-third harvested while planting of sugarcane reached 80 percent of completion. About one-third of Oklahoma's winter wheat had been seeded and much had emerged. Mung beans and broomcorn were being harvested. Texas cotton harvest was almost at a standstill during the survey week with about one-third picked for the State. Nine-tenths of the State's corn and six-tenths of the grain sorghum had been harvested. Wheat seeding passed the one-fourth mark but was much less advanced than last year.

Many sections in Mountain and Pacific States had plenty of clear weather for the large variety of harvest jobs, seeding fall grains, and caring for livestock. Fruit harvests were especially important in the Yakima and Wenatchee Valleys in Washington, the Hood River and Rogue River Valley of Oregon, and in the many extensive plantings in California which supply important quantities of nearly the entire range of fruit and nut specialties. The widely publicized fires which ravaged homesites in the Napa-Sonoma area of the State caused no serious damage to the prized wine grapes of the area.

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