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LABOR SUPPLY STEADY, WAGE RATES HIGHER

Monthly farm wage rates on April 1 were at the highest levels of record, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported today. The monthly rate with board was $56.84, an increase of 37 percent from April 1, 1942, while the monthly rate without board was 33 percent higher than a year ago. The April 1 daily rates were somewhat below the record set in 1920.

The index of farm labor supply was reported at the same level as in January. The demand index was up 4 points over January.

The general index of wage rates, which takes into account both daily and monthly rates, was 239 percent of the 1910-14 average. This is only 3 points below the all-time high index set by the annual average of 1920. (Quarterly data are not available prior to 1923.) The April index shows an increase of 16 points over January, which is considerably more than the seasonal increase that usually occurs at this time of year.

Highest rates were reported in the Pacific States where all classes of payment exceeded previous records. The relatively strong demand for experienced full-time help was reflected in the wage rates reported for labor hired by the month, for which the April rates exceeded the previous record year, 1920, for all geographic divisions except the South Atlantic, East South Central, and West South Central. In most southern States rates for all classes of payment were still well below their respective 1920 levels.

Employment Continues at Low Level

Farm employment showed nearly the usual relative seasonal increase from January to April 1, but even so the April 1 figure established a new low for that month, as has been true each month this year. It is estimated that on April 1, 9,308,000 persons were employed on farms, including 7,433,000 family workers and 1,875,000 hired hands. This represents a 7 percent decrease in hired workers from a year ago but very little change in the number of family workers.

The continuance of family workers employment at relatively high levels in 1943, despite record losses in farm population during 1942, indicates fuller utilization of the services of persons not ordinarily a part of the farm labor force. Persons are considered to be employed on farms if they were engaged in farm work 2 or more days during the week of inquiry. Thus the replacement of experienced full-time hands by the same number of women, children, or older people working 2 or 3 days a week does not change the employment figures, but the composition of the labor force may be materially affected. Farm employment March 1 totaled 8,730,000 including 7,003,000 family workers and 1,727,000 hired workers.

Employment of both family workers and hired workers advanced during the quarter in all geographic divisions. The increases were in line with usual seasonal trends with few exceptions. East North Central States showed considerably less than the usual seasonal advance for that area; hired workers there increased by about half

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Farm wage rates and related data, United States, April 1, 1943, with comparisons

	Annual average 1910-14	Jan.1, 1942	Apr.1, 1942	Jan.1, 1943	Apr.1, 1943
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES:					
Unadjusted	100	166	177	223	239
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	173	181	232	244
FARM WAGE RATES:					
Per month, with board	$22.09	$37.08	$41.47	$50.91	$56.84
Per month, without board	29.18	47.77	50.54	62.43	67.21
Per day, with board	1.16	1.77	1.83	2.39	2.47
Per day, without board	1.42	2.12	2.10	2.83	2.88
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES:					
Total -					
Unadjusted	100	69	79	68	77
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	86	86	85	84
Family labor -					
Unadjusted	100	72	82	72	81
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	84	85	85	84
Hired labor -					
Unadjusted	100	57	70	54	65
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	92	90	83	83
EMPLOYMENT: (thousands of persons)					
Farm	12,052	8,287	9,483	8,171	9,308
Family labor	9,160	6,632	7,473	6,615	7,433
Hired labor	2,892	1,655	2,010	1,556	1,875
Nonagricultural 1/	---	40,700	41,400	42,300	2/42,000
FARM LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDEXES 3/:					
Supply of farm labor	---	70	67	56	56
Demand for farm labor	---	114	119	122	126
RELATED INDEXES:					
Prices received by farmers 4/	100	146	148	180	2/182
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	88	84	81	76
Factory employment 5/	100	165	174	197	6/198
Average weekly factory earnings 7/	100	310	308	377	---

1/Estimates of the Bureau of the Census relating to the week preceding the middle of the month. Excludes institutional population and estimated number of persons in the armed forces.

2/March 1943 - latest data available.

3/Average of 20 quarters, Jan. 1935 - Oct. 1939 = 100.

4/Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the following month.

5/Adjusted for seasonal variation.

6/February 1943 - latest data available.

7/Factory payroll per employed worker adjusted for seasonal variation.

Farm wage rates and employment based on reports from 21,017 farmers.

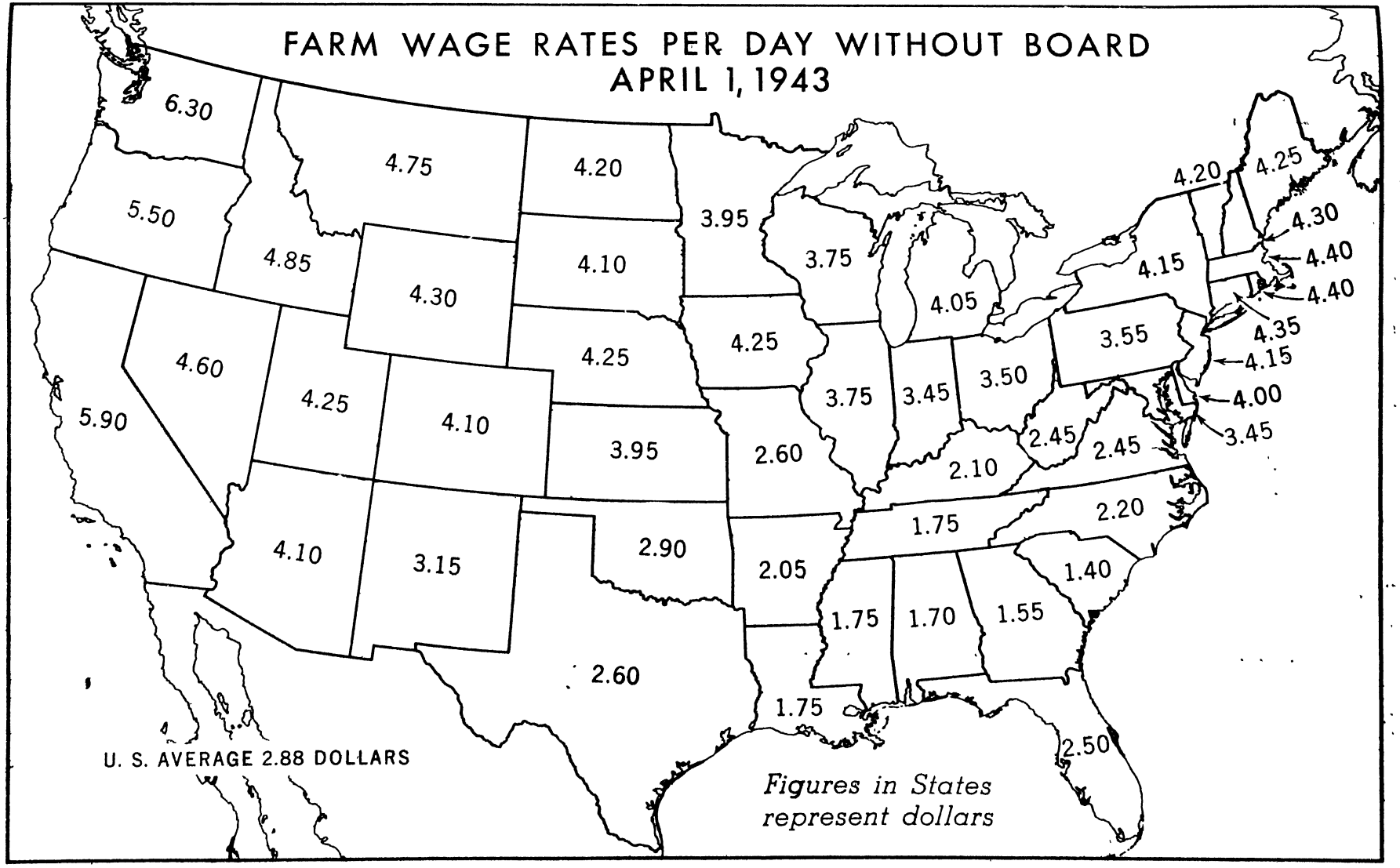
Farm wage rates, by geographic divisions, April 1, 1943, with comparisons

Geographic division	Annual average 1910-14	Jan.1, 1942	Apr.1, 1942	Jan.1, 1943	Apr.1, 1943
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	47.70	52.08	61.43	66.50
Middle Atlantic	22.25	40.17	44.56	51.53	57.25
East North Central	23.75	38.71	44.52	50.60	56.14
West North Central	26.32	33.72	45.16	49.81	61.93
South Atlantic	14.62	22.34	23.96	28.68	29.63
East South Central	14.71	21.69	22.48	28.09	29.14
West South Central	17.35	28.20	29.12	38.29	38.60
Mountain	32.48	45.13	51.60	65.51	72.38
Pacific	33.45	62.33	66.58	93.21	104.99
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	75.37	82.30	93.63	98.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	59.53	67.27	75.26	83.21
East North Central	32.80	53.16	59.84	68.34	76.18
West North Central	36.86	46.93	58.24	67.37	81.18
South Atlantic	20.97	32.90	34.07	42.36	42.62
East South Central	20.80	30.10	31.35	39.02	40.01
West South Central	24.93	38.50	39.13	52.39	54.80
Mountain	46.42	62.46	73.07	89.30	98.21
Pacific	48.16	87.89	94.83	125.70	139.50
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	2.57	2.67	3.18	3.22
Middle Atlantic	1.24	2.31	2.42	2.90	3.04
East North Central	1.31	2.16	2.32	2.80	2.96
West North Central	1.46	1.94	2.14	2.83	2.99
South Atlantic	.81	1.19	1.22	1.53	1.59
East South Central	.81	1.05	1.06	1.39	1.42
West South Central	.98	1.43	1.42	2.03	1.98
Mountain	1.50	2.16	2.39	3.20	3.27
Pacific	1.49	2.86	3.01	4.45	4.63
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	3.43	3.60	4.19	4.33
Middle Atlantic	1.63	3.02	3.19	3.75	3.89
East North Central	1.68	2.73	2.91	3.53	3.69
West North Central	1.88	2.53	2.81	3.65	3.76
South Atlantic	1.05	1.56	1.56	2.01	2.06
East South Central	1.05	1.36	1.37	1.79	1.80
West South Central	1.25	1.78	1.72	2.43	2.40
Mountain	2.05	2.79	3.04	1/3.91	4.13
Pacific	2.06	3.61	3.88	5.65	5.92

1/Correction.

Farm wage rates, by States, April 1, 1942, and April 1, 1943

State	Per month with board		Per month without board		Per day with board		Per day without board	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Maine	47.75	64.00	70.25	92.00	2.35	3.45	3.35	4.25
N.H.	47.50	61.75	76.00	94.00	2.60	3.40	3.40	4.30
Vt.	48.75	63.25	70.50	87.50	2.60	3.40	3.35	4.20
Mass.	53.50	70.25	89.25	104.00	2.60	3.35	3.65	4.40
R.I.	54.00	73.50	88.75	110.00	2.80	3.40	3.70	4.40
Conn.	56.00	68.50	89.75	102.00	2.80	3.10	3.90	4.35
N.Y.	48.75	64.50	70.25	91.50	2.50	3.25	3.35	4.15
N.J.	50.25	64.25	76.25	95.75	2.60	3.15	3.45	4.15
Pa.	57.00	46.75	60.00	70.75	2.25	2.75	2.90	3.55
Ohio	38.00	48.25	53.75	68.50	2.25	2.85	2.80	3.50
Ind.	40.75	51.50	53.50	68.75	2.10	2.35	2.65	3.45
Ill.	48.25	61.25	60.00	77.50	2.45	3.10	3.00	3.75
Mich.	42.75	56.00	62.00	80.50	2.40	3.05	3.05	4.05
Wis.	49.25	59.75	68.00	83.00	2.30	2.90	3.00	3.75
Minn.	49.25	63.75	64.00	84.75	2.25	2.95	3.05	3.95
Iowa	53.75	73.00	65.00	90.25	2.50	3.50	3.25	4.25
Mo.	33.50	44.00	45.75	59.00	1.55	2.10	2.00	2.60
N.Dak.	48.50	70.00	65.50	92.00	2.15	3.15	2.85	4.20
S.Dak.	47.50	69.50	65.25	91.00	2.15	3.15	2.90	4.10
Nebr.	44.25	63.00	57.50	82.75	2.25	3.40	2.80	4.25
Kans.	38.00	56.75	53.75	77.00	2.10	3.15	2.75	3.95
Del.	40.00	50.25	57.75	69.25	2.25	3.10	2.75	4.00
Md.	36.75	46.75	54.00	66.25	1.95	2.70	2.50	3.45
Va.	29.50	35.75	42.00	49.25	1.50	1.85	1.95	2.45
W.Va.	39.00	36.75	48.00	51.75	1.40	1.85	1.85	2.45
N.C.	25.00	32.25	34.00	44.25	1.30	1.80	1.60	2.20
S.C.	18.75	23.00	25.50	31.75	.85	1.10	1.10	1.40
Ga.	18.25	24.00	25.75	33.50	.95	1.25	1.20	1.55
Fla.	25.00	30.00	39.50	52.00	1.30	1.65	1.75	2.50
Ky.	27.25	34.75	38.00	48.50	1.25	1.65	1.60	2.10
Tenn.	23.50	29.50	32.50	40.50	1.10	1.40	1.40	1.75
Ala.	21.00	27.50	29.25	37.00	1.00	1.35	1.30	1.70
Miss.	19.50	26.75	26.75	36.75	.95	1.35	1.25	1.75
Ark.	24.00	32.75	33.50	45.50	1.25	1.60	1.55	2.05
La.	21.50	27.00	29.50	39.00	1.05	1.40	1.30	1.75
Okla.	30.50	43.00	42.75	60.00	1.55	2.30	1.95	2.90
Tex.	32.50	43.00	43.00	61.00	1.55	2.20	1.85	2.60
Mont.	59.25	86.75	80.00	111.00	2.80	4.00	3.60	4.75
Idaho	59.50	84.50	80.00	114.00	2.80	4.05	3.50	4.85
Wyo.	55.00	73.00	74.75	101.00	2.50	3.30	3.20	4.30
Colo.	44.50	65.25	65.25	92.50	2.20	3.30	2.90	4.10
N.Mex.	39.00	53.00	56.75	75.50	1.95	2.55	2.35	3.15
Ariz.	54.50	75.50	75.75	108.00	2.25	2.80	2.70	4.10
Utah	64.00	86.75	83.75	105.00	2.75	3.60	3.15	4.25
Nev.	56.00	82.75	83.75	103.00	2.25	3.65	3.00	4.60
Wash.	60.50	103.00	89.25	143.00	3.10	4.85	3.90	6.30
Oreg.	61.00	97.50	85.50	129.00	2.95	4.50	3.65	5.50
Calif.	68.25	106.00	97.00	140.00	3.00	4.60	3.90	5.90
U.S.	41.47	56.84	50.54	67.21	1.83	2.47	2.10	2.88



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The average wage rate paid to farm workers hired by the day without board on April 1, 1943 shows wide variations between States. Part of this is due to differences in methods of payment and in value of perquisites re-

Farm labor supply and demand: Index numbers by geographic divisions, April 1, 1943, with comparisons

(1935-39 = 100) 1/

	Jan.1, 1941	Apr.1, 1941	Jan.1, 1942	Apr.1, 1942	Jan.1, 1943 2/	April, 1943
SUPPLY OF FARM LABOR						
Index Numbers						
United States	93	82	70	67	56	56
New England	84	73	60	56	49	48
Middle Atlantic	92	77	65	60	52	53
East North Central	95	80	69	66	57	57
West North Central	96	84	70	66	53	54
South Atlantic	92	80	71	70	61	60
East South Central	94	87	76	71	66	63
West South Central	91	84	71	69	55	57
Mountain	93	85	69	64	50	53
Pacific	93	84	66	66	52	52
DEMAND FOR FARM LABOR						
Index Numbers						
United States	105	112	114	119	122	126
New England	103	112	109	117	116	123
Middle Atlantic	103	111	108	117	118	124
East North Central	105	111	112	118	122	127
West North Central	112	122	125	130	135	138
South Atlantic	105	108	110	116	117	120
East South Central	103	111	116	120	122	125
West South Central	107	114	120	123	128	131
Mountain	108	115	119	125	126	135
Pacific	104	111	113	114	122	122

1/Average of 20 quarters, Jan. 1935-Oct. 1939 = 100.

2/Geographic divisions revised.

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the usual seasonal change. Family workers showed slight increases over April 1942 in many areas but hired workers reached record low levels for the month in all except the South Central and Pacific areas. There were indications that some reversal of the migration from farms was beginning to occur as a result of recent Selective Service regulations regarding the deferment of agricultural workers, but these new rulings had not appreciably reversed trends in farm employment by the first of April.

At the beginning of April farmers in most sections of the country were busy preparing ground for planting, getting seed beds ready, and in other ways starting the job of producing this year's crops. In New Jersey the season is a little late, but despite this growers were preparing land for corn, soybeans, potatoes, and such vegetables as snap beans, peppers, tomatoes, and lima beans. In Nebraska, spring work has been delayed about a week longer than usual, but in most sections farmers were preparing ground for spring sown crops. In the South, rain and cold weather have retarded crops and delayed plantings in some areas.

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Farm employment, United States and geographic divisions, April 1, 1943 with comparisons

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Geographic Division	Jan.1, 1941	Apr.1, 1941	Jan.1, 1942	Apr.1, 1942	Jan.1, 1943	Apr.1, 1943
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	8,428	9,580	8,287	9,483	8,171	9,308
New England	204	223	210	229	207	223
Middle Atlantic	495	558	497	575	485	553
East North Central	1,224	1,376	1,226	1,382	1,233	1,335
West North Central	1,406	1,539	1,408	1,523	1,380	1,500
South Atlantic	1,514	1,791	1,459	1,805	1,463	1,758
East South Central	1,386	1,567	1,271	1,547	1,242	1,512
West South Central	1,460	1,661	1,424	1,548	1,400	1,542
Mountain	338	397	361	409	343	398
Pacific	401	468	431	465	418	487

FAMILY WORKERS 1/

United States	6,807	7,589	6,632	7,473	6,615	7,433
New England	147	157	151	161	155	161
Middle Atlantic	367	408	377	414	371	404
East North Central	1,020	1,122	1,027	1,135	1,047	1,123
West North Central	1,210	1,292	1,205	1,280	1,197	1,281
South Atlantic	1,174	1,365	1,131	1,386	1,139	1,361
East South Central	1,218	1,337	1,096	1,322	1,079	1,295
West South Central	1,141	1,315	1,102	1,189	1,099	1,209
Mountain	363	295	272	292	263	297
Pacific	267	298	271	294	265	302

HIRED WORKERS

United States	1,621	1,991	1,665	2,010	1,556	1,875
New England	57	66	59	68	52	62
Middle Atlantic	128	150	120	161	114	149
East North Central	204	254	199	247	186	212
West North Central	196	247	203	243	183	219
South Atlantic	340	426	328	419	324	397
East South Central	168	230	175	225	163	217
West South Central	319	346	322	359	301	333
Mountain...	75	102	89	117	80	101
Pacific	134	170	160	171	153	185

1/ Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

Based on reports from 21,017 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.

Farm employment: Number of persons employed on the first of each month, South Atlantic States, 1925-33 1/

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Month	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
Jan.	1,700	1,705	1 531	1,627	1,639	1,613	1,615	1,631	1,616
Feb.	1,727	1,604	1,628	1,669	1,681	1,643	1,694	1,749	1,737
Mar.	1,928	1,917	1,828	1,868	1,782	1,808	1,841	1,920	1,875
Apr.	2,146	2,086	2,121	2,134	2,007	2,057	2,048	2,095	2,093
May	2,489	2,476	2 434	2,372	2,391	2,405	2,287	2,353	2,293
June	2,633	2,640	2 580	2,522	2,505	2,592	2,531	2,517	2,523
July	2,541	2,551	2 534	2,558	2,462	2,496	2,403	2,410	2,418
Aug.	2,372	2,370	2,302	2,276	2,214	2,160	2,179	2,235	2,282
Sept.	2,374	2,353	2,331	2,310	2,264	2,204	2,223	2.293	2,246
Oct.	2,499	2,620	2,589	2,623	2,495	2,428	2,431	2,457	2,430
Nov.	2,267	2,356	2,209	2,311	2,171	2,133	2,286	2,221	2,192
Dec.	1,777	1,856	1,627	1,819	1,759	1,802	1,791	1,912	1,751
Average:	2,205	2,210	2,153	2,183	2,109	2,112	2,111	2,149	2,121

FAMILY WORKERS 2/

Jan.	1,330	1,303	1,221	1,248	1,241	1,230	1,252	1,285	1,274
Feb.	1,351	1,307	1,283	1,265	1,238	1,280	1,336	1,356	1,354
Mar.	1,404	1,410	1,406	1,404	1,309	1,359	1,383	1,439	1,442
Apr.	1,605	1,540	1,571	1,589	1,481	1,551	1,513	1,600	1,613
May	1,877	1,840	1,806	1,839	1,752	1,762	1,694	1,730	1,762
June	2,002	1,986	1,924	1,825	1,814	1,837	1,895	1,902	1,917
July	1,942	1,919	1,899	1,920	1,813	1,858	1,817	1,816	1,870
Aug.	1,816	1,768	1,764	1,740	1,676	1,612	1,657	1,740	1,792
Sept.	1,822	1,750	1,773	1,734	1,697	1,648	1,701	1,761	1,744
Oct.	1,929	1,948	1,887	1,927	1,775	1,791	1,799	1,842	1,855
Nov.	1,723	1,694	1,635	1,697	1,575	1,619	1,779	1,680	1,692
Dec.	1,367	1,380	1,365	1,348	1,299	1,389	1,415	1,517	1,372
Average:	1,684	1,654	1,628	1,636	1,556	1,586	1,604	1,645	1,640

HIRED WORKERS

Jan.	370	402	310	379	398	383	363	346	342
Feb.	376	377	340	404	393	363	358	393	383
Mar.	484	507	422	464	473	449	458	451	433
Apr.	541	546	550	545	526	506	555	495	480
May	612	636	618	633	639	643	593	573	531
June	636	654	656	667	691	655	636	615	606
July	599	632	635	638	649	638	586	594	548
Aug.	556	602	558	556	538	548	522	495	490
Sept.	552	603	558	576	567	556	532	532	502
Oct.	570	672	702	696	710	637	633	615	575
Nov.	544	562	574	614	596	519	507	541	500
Dec.	410	476	462	471	460	413	376	395	379
Average:	521	556	530	552	553	526	507	504	481

1/Based on data from "Trends in Employment in Agriculture, 1909-36," Shaw and Hopkins, 1938.

2/Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

Farm employment: Number of persons employed on the first of each month, East South Central States, 1925-33 1/

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Month	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
Jan.	1,413	1,475	1,464	1,422	1,397	1,427	1,381	1,373	1,432
Feb.	1,455	1,425	1,416	1,502	1,393	1,520	1,512	1,526	1,538
Mar.	1,561	1,567	1,600	1,609	1,567	1,597	1,566	1,623	1,571
Apr.	1,869	1,834	1,786	1,808	1,821	1,841	1,790	1,793	1,805
May	2,164	2,149	2,120	2,162	2,152	2,102	2,014	2,034	2,021
June	2,388	2,479	2,244	2,357	2,379	2,320	2,309	2,243	2,278
July	2,096	2,152	2,124	2,054	2,050	2,096	2,074	2,089	2,076
Aug.	1,665	1,954	1,691	1,703	1,774	1,646	1,625	1,646	1,666
Sept.	2,034	2,009	1,948	1,884	2,021	2,040	2,031	2,006	2,081
Oct.	2,291	2,297	2,248	2,302	2,306	2,223	2,279	2,261	2,244
Nov.	1,965	1,910	1,881	1,826	1,960	1,831	1,973	1,934	1,935
Dec.	1,563	1,511	1,484	1,469	1,555	1,487	1,601	1,551	1,531
Average	1,872	1,897	1,834	1,842	1,865	1,844	1,846	1,840	1,848

FAMILY WORKERS 2/

Jan.	1,227	1,257	1,263	1,213	1,184	1,238	1,220	1,217	1,265
Feb.	1,256	1,215	1,194	1,281	1,201	1,323	1,340	1,372	1,339
Mar.	1,350	1,311	1,351	1,383	1,342	1,367	1,322	1,424	1,383
Apr.	1,618	1,543	1,486	1,532	1,526	1,570	1,525	1,564	1,577
May	1,859	1,847	1,770	1,829	1,802	1,786	1,733	1,767	1,782
June	2,026	2,112	1,856	1,995	1,996	1,958	1,978	1,954	1,984
July	1,782	1,804	1,804	1,714	1,734	1,789	1,797	1,827	1,837
Aug.	1,439	1,651	1,439	1,467	1,526	1,420	1,427	1,478	1,472
Sept.	1,715	1,693	1,610	1,602	1,711	1,741	1,782	1,751	1,840
Oct.	1,931	1,903	1,862	1,914	1,926	1,879	1,934	1,969	1,960
Nov.	1,646	1,601	1,548	1,553	1,634	1,572	1.695	1,704	1,689
Dec.	1,335	1,275	1,238	1,259	1,321	1,289	1,401	1,366	1,343
Average	1,599	1,601	1,535	1,562	1,575	1,577	1,596	1,616	1,623

HIRED WORKERS

Jan.	186	218	201	209	213	189	161	156	166
Feb.	199	210	222	221	192	197	172	154	199
Mar.	211	256	249	226	225	230	244	199	188
Apr.	251	291	300	276	295	271	265	229	228
May	305	302	350	333	350	316	281	267	239
June	362	367	388	362	383	362	331	289	294
July	314	348	320	340	316	307	277	262	239
Aug.	226	303	252	236	248	226	198	168	194
Sept.	319	316	338	282	310	299	249	255	241
Oct.	360	394	386	388	380	343	345	292	284
Nov.	319	309	333	273	326	259	278	230	246
Dec.	228	236	246	210	234	198	200	185	188
Average	273	296	299	280	290	267	250	224	225

1/Based on data from "Trends in Employment in Agriculture, 1909-36," Shaw and Hopkins, 1938.

2/Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

Farm employment: Number of persons employed on the first of each month, West South Central States, 1925-33 1/

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Month	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
Jan.	1,418	1,464	1,481	1,480	1,515	1,487	1,491	1,453	1,476
Feb.	1,454	1,485	1,509	1,566	1,523	1,602	1,647	1,610	1,596
Mar.	1,661	1,737	1,713	1,738	1,771	1,728	1,815	1,654	1,648
Apr.	1,895	1,833	1,840	1,923	1,948	1,823	1,955	1,872	1,866
May	2,275	2,328	2,273	2,382	2,341	2,196	2,194	2,179	2,181
June	2,530	2,569	2,445	2,538	2,617	2,540	2,505	2,376	2,396
July	2,257	2,335	2,237	2,325	2,381	2,304	2,238	2,189	2,072
Aug.	1,797	1,945	1,771	1,822	1,919	1,825	1,771	1,780	1,750
Sept.	2,051	2,098	2,067	2,095	2,096	2,109	2,122	2,003	1,968
Oct.	2,506	2,639	2,526	2,554	2,689	2,543	2,545	2,436	2,391
Nov.	2,187	2,292	2,088	2,226	2,244	2,221	2,208	2,156	2,131
Dec.	1,725	1,801	1,768	1,312	1,678	1,752	1,796	1,760	1,590
Average:	1,982	2,039	1,968	2,032	2,077	2,011	2,029	1,956	1,930

FAMILY WORKERS 2/

Jan.	1,134	1,144	1,190	1,172	1,221	1,168	1,203	1,189	1,199
Feb.	1,156	1,175	1,211	1,224	1,224	1,268	1,353	1,349	1,280
Mar.	1,300	1,345	1,349	1,368	1,399	1,373	1,441	1,369	1,329
Apr.	1,484	1,468	1,442	1,432	1,499	1,440	1,532	1,511	1,510
May	1,797	1,753	1,680	1,790	1,765	1,724	1,744	1,764	1,757
June	2,018	1,956	1,897	1,951	1,946	1,981	1,974	1,918	1,890
July	1,738	1,783	1,743	1,768	1,814	1,794	1,755	1,757	1,711
Aug.	1,424	1,513	1,399	1,473	1,530	1,485	1,443	1,439	1,455
Sept.	1,572	1,606	1,575	1,635	1,626	1,648	1,694	1,610	1,575
Oct.	1,907	1,966	1,932	1,933	1,948	1,949	1,966	1,913	1,864
Nov.	1,645	1,726	1,585	1,748	1,689	1,769	1,750	1,683	1,725
Dec.	1,312	1,384	1,389	1,401	1,430	1,395	1,422	1,428	1,395
Average:	1,542	1,568	1,532	1,578	1,591	1,579	1,612	1,578	1,557

HIRED WORKERS

Jan.	294	320	291	308	294	319	288	264	277
Feb.	298	310	298	342	299	334	394	261	316
Mar.	361	392	364	360	372	355	374	285	319
Apr.	411	415	398	441	449	383	423	361	356
May	478	475	493	542	576	472	450	415	424
June	562	613	548	587	671	559	531	458	506
July	499	553	494	557	567	510	483	432	361
Aug.	373	432	372	349	389	390	328	341	295
Sept.	479	482	492	470	470	461	428	393	393
Oct.	599	673	594	601	741	594	579	523	527
Nov.	542	566	503	478	555	452	518	473	406
Dec.	383	417	379	411	448	357	304	333	295
Average:	440	471	436	454	486	432	417	378	373

1/Based on data from "Trends in Employment in Agriculture, 1909-36," Shaw and Hopkins, 1938.

2/Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

Farm employment: Number of persons employed on the first of each month, Mountain States, 1925-33 1/

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Month	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
Jan.	346	351	343	348	348	360	353	353	354
Feb.	352	340	343	358	345	346	360	354	384
Mar.	380	378	363	369	372	372	382	386	384
Apr.	421	421	410	412	432	421	419	420	420
May	447	457	442	454	475	473	448	449	447
June	475	482	475	484	503	529	504	472	468
July	511	511	502	524	549	565	547	519	519
Aug.	507	534	510	508	559	562	527	530	544
Sept.	493	507	510	494	526	514	509	509	535
Oct.	455	475	491	521	518	495	472	471	532
Nov.	415	414	429	447	462	440	446	426	452
Dec.	365	365	367	366	387	391	363	367	382
Average:	431	436	432	440	456	456	444	438	452

FAMILY WORKERS 2/

Jan.	241	243	245	244	244	251	254	261	272
Feb.	246	241	247	249	248	254	262	264	282
Mar.	258	251	246	251	255	253	261	272	281
Apr.	276	269	271	264	280	274	276	290	298
May	281	279	278	276	284	292	290	305	311
June	287	285	288	282	289	310	315	312	312
July	294	293	295	293	310	330	329	337	329
Aug.	297	301	300	288	317	333	333	332	337
Sept.	290	293	297	278	312	310	317	318	331
Oct.	272	278	280	287	304	288	295	304	317
Nov.	265	259	254	268	288	265	293	280	292
Dec.	245	241	239	247	255	260	258	265	273
Average:	271	269	270	269	282	285	290	295	303

HIRED WORKERS

Jan.	105	108	98	104	104	109	99	92	82
Feb.	106	99	96	109	97	92	98	90	102
Mar.	122	127	117	118	117	119	121	114	103
Apr.	145	152	139	148	152	147	143	130	122
May	166	178	164	178	191	181	158	144	136
June	188	197	187	202	214	219	189	160	156
July	217	218	207	231	239	235	218	182	190
Aug.	210	233	210	220	242	229	194	198	207
Sept.	203	214	213	216	214	204	192	191	204
Oct.	183	197	211	234	214	207	177	167	215
Nov.	150	155	175	179	174	175	153	146	160
Dec.	120	134	128	119	132	131	105	102	109
Average:	160	167	162	171	174	171	154	143	149

1/Based on data from "Trends in Employment in Agriculture, 1909-36," Shaw and Hopkins, 1938.

2/Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

Farm employment: Number of persons employed on the first of each month, Pacific States, 1925-33 1/

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Month	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
Jan.	483	476	479	479	479	484	487	468	459
Feb.	494	480	471	487	470	482	484	478	456
Mar.	503	495	487	496	500	500	507	495	468
Apr.	520	519	511	523	526	524	535	523	509
May	560	552	550	557	585	610	603	547	589
June	556	569	593	583	604	630	616	585	577
July	578	538	593	571	623	619	623	596	611
Aug.	620	605	615	598	643	645	625	617	631
Sept.	649	664	659	670	701	684	666	661	686
Oct.	652	638	632	625	640	656	638	639	641
Nov.	598	581	571	568	583	568	558	541	513
Dec.	489	483	456	519	495	508	477	470	468
Average	558	555	555	559	571	576	569	556	551

FAMILY WORKERS 2/

Jan.	269	276	274	274	276	280	284	294	297
Feb.	281	276	274	276	276	281	285	300	301
Mar.	295	298	286	276	279	280	285	304	303
Apr.	295	295	287	287	286	285	291	313	317
May	311	308	314	306	306	314	322	345	348
June	309	314	313	298	313	321	321	342	356
July	301	314	308	294	310	323	318	354	363
Aug.	317	314	317	311	327	333	348	367	375
Sept.	328	332	320	331	347	353	354	371	383
Oct.	334	347	324	327	335	346	348	366	381
Nov.	314	309	309	301	305	304	321	347	323
Dec.	293	281	274	274	277	293	289	300	298
Average	302	305	300	296	303	308	314	334	337

HIRED WORKERS

Jan.	214	200	205	205	203	204	203	174	162
Feb.	213	204	197	211	194	201	199	178	155
Mar.	217	207	201	220	221	220	222	191	165
Apr.	225	224	224	236	240	239	244	210	192
May	249	244	276	281	279	296	284	252	241
June	249	255	280	284	291	309	295	241	221
July	277	284	285	277	313	296	305	242	249
Aug.	303	291	298	287	316	312	277	250	256
Sept.	321	332	339	339	354	351	312	290	303
Oct.	318	291	308	298	305	310	293	273	260
Nov.	284	272	262	267	278	264	237	194	190
Dec.	206	202	182	245	218	215	193	170	170
Average	256	250	255	263	268	268	255	222	214

1/Based on data from "Trends in Employment in Agriculture, 1909-36," Shaw and Hopkins, 1938.

2/Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

Farm employment: Number of persons employed on the first of each month, United States, 1925-33 1/

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Month	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
Jan.	9,164	9,381	9,096	9,082	9,065	8,880	8,951	8,931	8,958
Feb.	9,281	9,191	9,042	9,298	8,965	9,268	9,397	9,408	9,415
Mar.	10,126	10,168	9,873	2/9,847	9,763	9,782	9,959	9,875	9,688
Apr.	11,220	11,033	10,836	10,907	10,845	10,759	10,841	10,744	10,676
May	12,519	12,376	12,161	12,389	12,292	12,137	11,810	11,885	11,787
June	13,389	13,454	12,950	13,074	13,151	13,103	12,865	12,611	12,672
July	12,981	13,071	12,820	12,725	12,895	12,861	12,512	2/12,442	12,379
Aug.	2/11,817	12,297	11,760	11,702	11,884	11,525	11,402	11,380	11,494
Sept.	12,182	12,171	12,017	11,894	11,965	11,877	11,892	11,734	11,832
Oct.	12,850	13,327	13,033	13,111	13,093	12,605	12,630	12,502	12,470
Nov.	2/11,324	11,852	11,486	11,672	11,607	11,462	11,757	11,449	11,347
Dec.	10,024	10,092	9,885	9,868	9,978	9,715	9,890	9,871	9,563
Average	11,448	11,534	11,246	2/11,296	11,289	11,173	11,159	11,069	11,023

FAMILY WORKERS 3/

Jan.	7,110	7,141	7,079	6,942	6,963	6,926	7,041	7,179	7,228
Feb.	7,217	7,083	7,016	7,091	6,954	7,254	7,511	7,579	7,504
Mar.	7,703	7,578	7,515	7,577	7,437	7,467	7,627	7,837	7,748
Apr.	8,476	8,203	8,050	8,139	8,053	8,094	8,186	8,379	8,436
May	9,436	9,215	8,970	9,132	9,013	8,992	8,875	9,145	9,193
June	10,041	9,952	9,492	9,610	9,546	9,671	9,663	9,696	9,761
July	9,545	9,512	9,359	9,240	9,253	9,348	9,274	9,410	9,488
Aug.	8,685	8,887	8,462	8,465	8,591	8,336	8,452	8,643	8,784
Sept.	8,969	8,845	8,660	8,634	8,694	8,687	8,975	8,982	9,050
Oct.	9,514	9,570	9,750	9,409	9,303	9,183	9,398	9,497	9,479
Nov.	8,694	8,638	8,309	8,530	8,457	8,488	8,860	8,755	8,800
Dec.	7,536	7,462	7,336	7,355	7,392	7,456	7,762	7,793	7,612
Average	8,577	8,507	8,296	8,340	8,305	8,323	8,469	8,571	8,590

HIRED WORKERS

Jan.	2,054	2,240	2,057	2,120	2,102	2,054	1,910	1,792	1,730
Feb.	2,068	2,108	2,026	2,217	2,011	2,014	1,886	1,829	1,911
Mar.	2,423	2,590	2,358	2,306	2,326	2,315	2,332	2,038	1,940
Apr.	2,744	2,830	2,786	2,768	2,792	2,665	2,655	2,365	2,240
May	2/3,083	3,161	3,191	3,257	3,279	3,175	2,935	2,740	2,594
June	3,348	3,502	3,458	3,464	3,605	3,432	3,202	2,915	2,911
July	3,436	3,559	3,461	3,485	3,642	3,513	3,238	3,032	2,891
Aug.	3,132	3,410	3,298	3,237	3,293	3,189	2,950	2,737	2,710
Sept.	3,213	3,326	3,353	3,260	3,271	3,190	2,917	2,752	2,782
Oct.	3,336	3,757	3,683	3,702	3,790	3,422	3,232	3,005	2,991
Nov.	3,130	3,214	3,177	3,142	3,150	2,974	2,897	2,694	2,547
Dec.	2,488	2,630	2,549	2,513	2,546	2,259	2,128	2,078	1,951
Average	2/2,871	3,027	2,950	2,956	2/2,984	2,850	2,690	2,498	2,433

1/Data from "Trends in Employment in Agriculture, 1909-36," Shaw and Hopkins, 1938.
2/Correction.
3/Includes farm operators and members of their families doing farm work without wages.

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In Texas, dry weather during January, February, and early March enabled farmers to prepare their land earlier than usual and they are now in a better position to go ahead with planting and other farm work with a minimum of extra help. Spring work was also delayed in Idaho, where there was still abundant snow coverage in some areas on April 1. This will necessitate doing more work in less time than usual if the spring work is all taken care of. The farmers in the lower valleys, however, are preparing seed beds and starting their seeding. In Washington, March weather was cold, freezing and dry the first three weeks and warmer with heavy rains the last week. The season is from 2 to 3 weeks behind normal in all areas of the State.

First-of the month employment data for the years 1925-33 are included in this issue for five geographic divisions and for the United States. Comparable data for the other divisions were published in the March 1943 Farm Labor Report. The corresponding employment estimates for 1934 to 1942 were included in the handbook, "Farm Wage Rates, Farm Employment, and Related Data," issued in January 1943 by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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