Farm Labor

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September Labor Force 7 Percent Below Last Year

The Nation's farm labor force totaled 5,799,000 workers for the week of September 17-23. This represented a decline of 7 percent from the corresponding period in September 1966 and a drop of 1 percent from the August 1967 survey week. The sharpest decline occurred in Texas, as Hurricane Beulah dumped heavy rains on the southern part of the State.

Farm operators and other unpaid family members totaled 4,184,000 -- 4 percent less than last year's total for the same period. The number of family workers was 3 percent above the August 1967 survey week.

The number of hired workers totaled 1,615,000. This was 12 and 13 percent below August 1967 and September 1966 survey weeks, respectively.

Farm workers averaged 38.9 hours of farm work during the September survey week. This was unchanged from the August survey week. Farm operators averaged 45.2 hours, slightly below a month ago. Other family members worked an average of 31.9 hours, 7 percent below the August survey period. This decline was offset by the hours worked by hired workers. Hired workers averaged 35.0 hours, up 3 percent from August.

Beulah's Tongue Lashes Out Across Texas

Hurricane Beulah caused widespread flooding in South Texas. Generous showers fell from the Texas Panhandle to New England. Warm dry weather returned to the West while the East continued cool.

The corn crop developed rapidly in the absence of a widespread freeze in the Corn Belt. Scattered frosts were noted. Crop maturity is behind normal. Harvest is underway from Kansas to Maryland and Delaware. Harvest continued active in Southern and South Atlantic States.

Cotton harvest in the southern part of Texas was brought to a complete standstill as Hurricane Beulah moved inland. Harvest was slowed in north Texas by rainy weather. Picking of cotton made good progress in

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Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana. Cotton maturity and harvest continued slow in the Carolinas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas. The crop is making good progress in the Western States with harvest well underway in New Mexico and Arizona.

Harvest of most types of tobacco neared completion. Flue-cured harvest is complete in North Carolina; about 85 percent of the Virginia crop had been harvested. Kentucky's burley harvest was 90 percent complete with about three-fourths of the North Carolina and Virginia crops harvested.

Peanut prospects continued good. Harvest progressed rapidly in most areas. Rainy weather caused some delay in digging of the Texas and Oklahoma crops.

Weather conditions were generally favorable for development of soybeans. The crop is later than usual. Harvest in Illinois is about 10-15 percent complete. Harvest is just getting started in Arkansas and other States to the north. Harvest is active in the Delta States.

Small grain harvest continued on late maturing acreages in the Northwest. Harvest is virtually complete in all other areas of the country. Sorghum developed rapidly throughout the Central Plains. Harvest operations were slowed by rainy weather in Texas and Oklahoma. Harvest was active in other early areas. Harvest was just getting started in Kansas.

Rice harvest was underway in Arkansas, Mississippi, and California. Harvest neared completion in Texas and Louisiana. Dry bean harvest was about half over in Michigan and Colorado. Cutting and windrowing of beans neared completion in Idaho. Harvest of silage corn was nearly over in some Southern States and was active over the rest of the country. Mint harvest continued in Washington.

Harvest of the apple crop was active in most major producing areas. Hurricane Beulah inflicted heavy damage to the Texas citrus crop. There was limited citrus harvest in California and Florida. Harvest of other seasonal fruit crops progressed throughout the country. Almond harvest was active in California. Walnut orchards in California were prepared for harvest. Walnut and filbert harvest is later than normal in Oregon.

Late summer and fall potato digging was active throughout the country. Heavy rains, beginning on September 22, interrupted harvest in Aroostook County, Maine. Harvest of sweetpotatoes and seasonal vegetables continued in most producing areas. Planting of winter vegetables increased in major producing areas except Texas. Hurricane Beulah severely damaged late summer and fall vegetable crops in southeast Texas. Planting of the winter crop is not expected to resume until mid-October.

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Farm employment and indexes, September 1967, with comparisons, United States

	Annual average 1961-65 1/	Annual average 1966 1/	September average 1961-65 1/	September 18-24, 1966	September 17-23, 1967
FARM EMPLOYMENT					
(Thousands)					
Total	6,372	5,214	7,807	6,213	5,799
Family labor	4,655	3,854	5,370	4,352	4,184
Hired labor	1,717	1,360	2,437	1,861	1,615
INDEXES 2/					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	47	38	46	37	34
Family labor	46	38	45	36	35
Hired labor	51	40	49	37	32
(1957-59=100)					
Total	85	70	83	66	62
Family labor	84	70	82	67	64
Hired labor	88	69	85	65	56

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, 1967, United States

	Annual average 1966	October average 1961-65	October 1, 1966	October 1, 1967
FARM WAGE RATES				
Composite rate per hour 1/	$ 1.03	$ 0.902	$ 1.07	$ 1.16
Per month with house	243	204	242	261
Per month with board and room	185	159	187	203
Per week with board and room	43.50	38.00	44.75	48.00
Per week without board or room	55.75	47.00	55.25	60.50
Per day with house	6.70	5.90	7.00	7.70
Per day with board and room	8.00	6.70	7.80	8.50
Per day without board or room	8.20	7.50	8.80	9.50
Per hour with house	1.10	1.08	1.25	1.32
Per hour without board or room	1.23	.99	1.18	1.29
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	792	683	812	883
(1957-59=100)	136	117	140	152

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

Workers on Farms, September 1967
(Thousands of persons)

State and division	September Average 1961-65 1/			September 1966 Week of 18-24			September 1967 Week of 17-23		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
Maine	59	23	36	54	20	34	49	18	31
N.H.	13	8	5	11	7	4	10	6	4
Vt.	25	19	6	22	17	5	18	14	4
Mass.	37	20	17	31	16	15	28	14	14
R.I.	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
Conn.	24	15	9	19	11	8	16	9	7
N.Eng.	161	87	74	140	73	67	124	63	61
N.Y.	178	110	68	139	93	46	136	90	46
N.J.	46	23	23	32	11	21	30	10	20
Pa.	182	145	37	147	121	26	140	114	26
M.Atl.	406	278	128	318	225	93	306	214	92
Ohio	226	175	51	173	140	33	161	131	30
Ind.	198	161	37	163	138	25	140	121	19
Ill.	238	191	47	186	155	31	181	147	34
Mich.	206	160	46	174	140	34	170	136	34
Wis.	270	229	41	222	192	30	208	179	29
E.N.Cent.	1138	916	222	918	765	153	860	714	146
Minn.	260	221	39	227	202	25	218	196	22
Iowa	293	250	43	250	217	33	239	208	31
Mo.	324	261	63	242	192	50	241	189	52
N.Dak.	101	78	23	88	66	22	78	63	15
S.Dak.	94	81	13	80	70	10	78	68	10
Nebr.	151	127	24	125	103	22	120	103	17
Kans.	163	140	23	149	127	22	140	123	17
W.N.Cent.	1386	1158	228	1161	977	184	1114	950	164
Del.	13	7	6	10	6	4	10	6	4
Md.	58	41	17	40	28	12	40	29	11
Va.	196	134	62	149	106	43	143	105	38
W.Va.	68	58	10	47	41	6	47	41	6
N.C.	493	380	113	406	296	110	368	280	88
S.C.	216	148	68	126	84	42	111	80	31
Ga.	242	172	70	156	120	36	154	116	38
Fla.	108	53	55	91	38	53	102	50	52
S.Atl.	1394	993	401	1025	719	306	975	707	268
Ky.	283	214	69	282	195	87	262	193	69
Tenn.	311	228	83	246	189	57	216	174	42
Ala.	216	155	61	131	100	31	153	121	32
Miss.	354	211	143	246	163	83	197	139	58
E.S.Cent.	1164	808	356	905	647	258	828	627	201
Ark.	258	130	128	141	94	47	156	102	54
La.	235	123	112	176	98	78	155	84	71
Okla.	156	118	38	132	106	26	134	111	23
Texas	487	249	238	420	226	194	332	217	115
W.S.Cent.	1136	620	516	869	524	345	777	514	263
Mont.	55	41	14	50	36	14	50	35	15
Idaho	83	56	27	77	52	25	74	51	23
Wyo.	22	15	7	21	14	7	20	13	7
Colo.	79	49	30	72	41	31	69	39	30
N.Mex.	40	22	18	30	18	12	28	17	11
Ariz.	40	10	30	35	8	27	33	6	27
Utah	43	29	14	36	24	12	33	23	10
Nev.	7	4	3	6	3	3	6	3	3
Mount.	369	226	143	327	196	131	313	187	126
Wash.	114	73	41	103	61	42	87	55	32
Oreg.	94	64	30	73	52	21	64	48	16
Calif.	445	147	298	374	113	261	351	105	246
Pac.	653	284	369	550	226	324	502	208	294
U.S.	7807	5370	2437	6213	4352	1861	5799	4184	1615

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month. Alaska not included above: Family, 600 persons; Hired, 800.

Workers on farms: Average January through September 1967 1/
(Thousands of persons)

State and division	January through Sept. Av. 1961-65			January through Sept. 1966			January through Sept. 1967		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
Maine	33	20	13	30	19	11	27	17	10
N.H.	11	8	3	10	7	3	9	6	3
Vt.	24	19	5	20	16	4	18	14	4
Mass.	31	19	12	25	15	10	22	13	9
R.I.	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
Conn.	24	15	9	20	11	9	17	9	8
N.Eng.	126	83	43	108	70	38	96	61	35
N.Y.	146	96	50	113	81	32	110	79	31
N.J.	41	21	20	30	12	18	26	11	15
Pa.	168	139	29	135	114	21	132	112	20
M.Atl.	355	256	99	278	207	71	268	202	66
Ohio	217	183	34	172	150	22	165	145	20
Ind.	199	175	24	157	140	17	140	126	14
Ill.	230	183	47	183	151	32	175	144	31
Mich.	208	166	42	170	140	30	157	129	28
Wis.	263	235	28	219	197	22	203	182	21
E.N.Cent.	1117	942	175	901	778	123	840	726	114
Minn.	265	224	41	222	196	26	209	185	24
Iowa	282	241	41	243	205	38	226	195	31
Mo.	258	221	37	210	180	30	213	175	38
N.Dak.	89	70	19	76	61	15	71	57	14
S.Dak.	87	76	11	75	66	9	73	64	9
Nebr.	149	125	24	124	103	21	117	98	19
Kans.	154	128	26	135	113	22	131	111	20
W.N.Cent.	1284	1085	199	1085	924	161	1040	885	155
Del.	12	7	5	10	6	4	8	5	3
Md.	54	37	17	41	29	12	38	27	11
Va.	174	121	53	136	97	39	127	93	34
W.Va.	60	49	11	43	36	7	42	35	7
N.C.	410	290	120	325	224	101	308	217	91
S.C.	168	108	60	100	68	32	92	65	27
Ga.	161	115	46	114	87	27	113	85	28
Fla.	120	44	76	113	35	78	115	36	79
S.Atl.	1159	771	388	882	582	300	843	563	280
Ky.	226	174	52	193	145	48	195	147	48
Tenn.	215	164	51	188	142	46	165	129	36
Ala.	127	97	30	104	77	27	103	79	24
Miss.	209	146	63	160	113	47	140	106	34
E.S.Cent.	777	581	196	645	477	168	603	461	142
Ark.	178	103	75	130	79	51	135	84	51
La.	141	82	59	107	67	40	99	62	37
Okla.	142	116	26	122	104	18	123	104	19
Texas	384	234	150	309	200	109	301	202	99
W.S.Cent.	845	535	310	668	450	218	658	452	206
Mont.	49	36	13	48	34	14	47	32	15
Idaho	70	48	22	64	44	20	61	43	18
Wyo.	20	13	7	17	11	6	17	11	6
Colo.	62	45	17	55	37	18	55	36	19
N.Mex.	31	19	12	24	15	9	24	15	9
Ariz.	38	9	29	35	7	28	35	7	28
Utah	33	23	10	26	18	8	27	19	8
Nev.	5	3	2	5	3	2	5	3	2
Mount.	308	196	112	274	169	105	271	166	105
Wash.	117	75	42	98	61	37	87	56	31
Oreg.	100	65	35	79	52	27	73	49	24
Calif.	339	130	209	299	108	191	271	97	174
Pac.	556	270	286	476	221	255	431	202	229
U.S.	6527	4719	1808	5317	3878	1439	5050	3718	1332

1/ Average number during survey week of each month.

Farm Work: Weekly Hours Worked Per Worker

State and division	Average for reporting farms - week of September 17-23, 1967				
	Farm Operators	Other Family Members 1/	All Family 1/	Hired Workers	All Workers 1/
	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours
Maine	55.7	36.0	49.1	31.8	42.1
N.H.	59.0	30.2	51.1	39.8	46.5
Vt.	64.5	43.5	57.3	46.6	53.5
Mass.	62.0	36.4	53.4	39.2	47.6
R.I.	51.5	32.4	45.9	38.4	43.3
Conn.	54.0	33.9	47.4	47.7	47.5
N.Eng.	58.9	36.8	51.7	36.9	46.1
N.Y.	59.4	35.2	51.2	42.8	48.3
N.J.	45.2	31.1	41.4	39.8	40.9
Pa.	53.9	31.8	46.5	30.6	42.7
M.Atl.	55.7	33.2	48.2	38.7	45.0
Ohio	45.9	34.2	42.8	31.6	39.5
Ind.	39.4	30.5	37.5	29.0	35.9
Ill.	46.3	36.7	44.5	34.3	42.2
Mich.	52.9	33.4	46.8	36.8	44.6
Wis.	58.6	33.2	49.0	35.3	46.5
E.N.Cent.	48.5	33.7	44.1	33.8	42.2
Minn.	57.7	32.9	48.8	37.3	46.8
Iowa	53.4	32.6	47.5	30.6	44.3
Mo.	41.6	26.4	38.1	32.2	36.8
N.Dak.	55.3	42.2	51.4	38.1	49.0
S.Dak.	54.8	35.5	49.3	36.1	47.3
Nebr.	52.7	32.6	46.8	27.8	43.9
Kans.	50.3	31.8	45.7	31.7	43.0
W.N.Cent.	51.4	32.0	45.8	32.9	43.5
Del.	42.1	39.4	41.4	27.2	36.5
Md.	47.2	34.9	43.0	33.9	40.3
Va.	43.4	32.5	40.2	32.3	37.2
W.Va.	38.3	28.3	35.9	25.8	33.8
N.C.	45.4	30.1	39.1	27.0	33.4
S.C.	36.5	26.7	34.0	27.4	30.7
Ga.	36.6	30.9	35.3	28.4	32.2
Fla.	42.7	33.2	40.2	47.0	43.9
S.Atl.	41.9	30.6	38.1	32.1	34.9
Ky.	40.2	25.8	35.7	20.5	28.8
Tenn.	34.0	28.7	32.9	22.4	29.7
Ala.	33.9	30.0	32.9	25.2	30.2
Miss.	37.2	29.6	35.8	33.6	34.5
E.S.Cent.	36.5	28.3	34.3	25.4	30.6
Ark.	32.8	30.4	32.3	35.3	33.4
La.	34.2	30.3	33.2	34.9	33.9
Okla.	45.7	29.7	41.4	32.0	39.5
Texas	36.0	32.7	35.3	36.2	35.6
W.S.Cent.	37.1	31.3	35.7	35.3	35.5
Mont.	52.7	45.1	50.7	46.2	49.4
Idaho	53.1	33.7	46.5	36.5	44.1
Wyo.	53.7	26.1	45.1	34.0	41.2
Colo.	51.4	34.6	46.0	42.8	45.1
N.Mex.	42.5	31.5	39.8	40.3	40.0
Ariz.	39.4	35.2	38.7	43.9	41.6
Utah	43.0	27.8	37.2	25.8	33.7
Nev.	50.3	32.6	45.6	45.6	45.6
Mount.	49.9	34.9	45.1	40.3	43.3
Wash.	45.3	34.2	42.6	33.6	38.2
Oreg.	40.3	32.3	38.1	32.1	36.5
Calif.	46.4	39.2	44.6	43.4	43.6
Pac.	44.6	36.1	42.5	41.7	41.8
U.S.	45.2	31.9	41.2	35.0	38.9

1/ Includes as "other family" only those farm household members working 15 hours or more per week without receiving cash wages.

Farm Wage Rates, October 1, 1966 1/

State and division	Per month		Per Week		Per day			Per hour		Com- posite 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	242	187	48.00	67.00	—	—	11.60	—	1.30	1.20	704
N.H.	263	197	52.00	68.00	—	—	11.20	—	1.35	1.23	809
Vt.	253	195	50.00	67.00	—	—	11.30	—	1.40	1.24	802
Mass.	290	200	55.00	76.00	—	—	11.80	—	1.48	1.34	875
R.I.	290	200	55.00	76.00	—	—	12.00	—	1.53	1.36	946
Conn.	290	200	55.00	76.00	—	—	12.00	—	1.57	1.38	941
N.Eng.	262	193	51.00	70.50	—	—	11.70	—	1.39	1.26	818
N.Y.	258	184	48.50	66.25	—	—	11.10	—	1.34	1.10	683
N.J.	290	205	53.00	70.00	—	—	11.50	—	1.41	1.17	836
Pa.	241	178	48.00	61.25	—	—	9.90	—	1.24	1.02	809
M.Atl.	260	187	49.25	65.75	—	—	10.90	—	1.33	1.09	756
Ohio	216	166	—	—	—	7.80	10.00	—	1.24	1.02	709
Ind.	220	152	—	—	—	8.00	10.50	—	1.27	1.03	744
Ill.	270	195	—	—	—	9.40	11.30	—	1.35	1.14	790
Mich.	289	204	—	—	—	9.00	11.80	—	1.35	1.16	778
Wis.	260	189	—	—	—	8.60	10.90	—	1.28	1.09	690
E.N.Cent.	252	182	—	—	—	8.60	10.90	—	1.30	1.09	741
Minn.	247	192	—	—	—	9.80	11.90	—	1.30	1.06	673
Iowa	274	216	—	—	—	10.20	12.20	—	1.36	1.13	696
Mo.	202	146	—	—	—	7.80	9.60	—	1.21	.916	826
N.Dak.	252	208	—	—	—	9.70	11.70	—	1.28	1.07	596
S.Dak.	230	185	—	—	—	8.70	10.80	—	1.20	.985	597
Nebr.	282	205	—	—	—	9.70	12.00	—	1.26	1.08	724
Kans.	261	198	—	—	—	9.40	11.60	—	1.33	1.08	865
W.N.Cent.	244	187	—	—	—	9.20	11.20	—	1.28	1.03	721
Del.	230	—	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	1.20	1.12	1027
Md.	230	175	45.00	60.00	—	—	10.00	—	1.22	1.12	1135
Va.	—	—	—	—	6.50	—	8.10	—	1.00	.874	934
W.Va.	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00	—	.95	.809	629
N.C.	—	—	—	—	6.80	—	7.70	—	.97	.849	966
S.C.	—	—	—	—	5.10	—	5.70	—	.74	.639	864
Ga.	—	—	—	—	5.60	—	6.30	—	.88	.735	811
Fla.	—	—	—	—	6.80	—	7.50	—	1.07	.888	906
S.Atl.	—	—	—	—	6.40	—	7.30	—	.95	.821	913
Ky.	—	—	—	—	6.00	—	8.40	—	1.21	1.10	844
Tenn.	—	—	—	—	5.40	—	6.80	—	.93	.862	764
Ala.	—	—	—	—	5.20	—	5.90	—	.82	.765	751
Miss.	—	—	—	—	5.60	—	5.70	—	.71	.688	673
E.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	5.60	—	6.50	—	.88	.822	750
Ark.	—	—	—	—	7.70	—	8.40	—	1.00	.977	830
La.	—	—	—	—	6.50	—	7.20	—	.93	.892	869
Okla.	—	—	—	—	9.00	—	10.30	—	1.18	1.16	819
Texas	—	—	—	—	8.10	—	9.30	—	1.05	1.04	803
W.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	7.70	—	8.60	—	1.02	.996	816
Mont.	266	210	—	—	—	—	11.40	—	1.30	1.14	562
Idaho	310	236	—	—	—	—	12.20	—	1.40	1.24	693
Wyo.	275	195	—	—	—	—	11.00	—	1.30	1.12	567
Colo.	275	200	—	—	—	—	11.70	—	1.30	1.14	741
N.Mex.	220	163	—	—	—	—	9.20	—	1.00	.896	737
Ariz.	335	220	—	—	—	—	11.10	—	1.20	1.13	759
Utah	290	240	—	—	—	—	11.10	—	1.39	1.21	777
Nev.	290	230	—	—	—	—	11.20	—	1.44	1.22	[illegible]
Mount.	288	211	—	—	—	—	11.20	—	1.27	1.13	[illegible]
Wash.	347	254	—	—	—	—	—	1.48	1.54	1.51	
Oreg.	329	244	—	—	—	—	—	1.41	1.44	1.42	
Calif.	370	270	—	—	—	—	—	1.48	1.58	1.55	[illegible]
Pac.	364	266	—	—	—	—	—	1.48	1.57	1.53	7[illegible]
U.S.	242	187	44.75	55.25	7.00	7.80	8.80	1.25	1.18	1.07	81[illegible]

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Farm Wage Rates, October 1, 1967

State and division	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	Without board and room	With board or room	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	270	197	49.00	75.00	—	—	13.00	—	1.49	1.35	789
N.H.	288	205	56.00	73.00	—	—	11.90	—	1.49	1.33	877
Vt.	272	205	52.00	71.00	—	—	12.00	—	1.55	1.34	867
Mass.	320	210	58.00	83.00	—	—	12.90	—	1.60	1.45	947
R.I.	320	210	58.00	83.00	—	—	12.90	—	1.60	1.45	1006
Conn.	320	210	58.00	83.00	—	—	12.90	—	1.62	1.46	995
N.Eng.	289	203	52.75	77.50	—	—	12.80	—	1.53	1.38	896
N.Y.	291	197	53.50	73.00	—	—	11.80	—	1.46	1.20	744
N.J.	310	230	55.00	68.00	—	—	12.70	—	1.50	1.24	886
Pa.	250	179	47.75	63.00	—	—	10.10	—	1.33	1.07	848
M.Atl.	284	200	52.25	69.00	—	—	11.50	—	1.43	1.17	812
Ohio	256	189	—	—	—	8.00	10.40	—	1.32	1.10	766
Ind.	247	180	—	—	—	9.00	11.40	—	1.39	1.14	825
Ill.	284	214	—	—	—	9.90	12.20	—	1.44	1.22	846
Mich.	307	216	—	—	—	10.20	12.50	—	1.43	1.23	825
Wis.	272	201	—	—	—	9.30	11.60	—	1.44	1.20	760
E.N.Cent.	275	201	—	—	—	9.30	11.60	—	1.40	1.18	803
Minn.	255	198	—	—	—	10.30	12.40	—	1.39	1.12	709
Iowa	295	230	—	—	—	10.50	12.70	—	1.45	1.20	739
Mo.	224	167	—	—	—	8.50	10.20	—	1.26	.980	884
N.Dak.	261	215	—	—	—	9.80	12.10	—	1.34	1.11	620
S.Dak.	251	203	—	—	—	9.40	11.20	—	1.30	1.06	644
Nebr.	305	224	—	—	—	10.00	12.20	—	1.38	1.16	780
Kans.	278	212	—	—	—	9.90	12.10	—	1.39	1.14	910
W.N.Cent.	263	202	—	—	—	9.70	11.70	—	1.35	1.10	766
Del.	245	—	—	—	—	—	10.50	—	1.32	1.21	1107
Md.	235	170	46.00	65.00	—	—	10.70	—	1.33	1.21	1224
Va.	—	—	—	—	7.10	—	8.60	—	1.15	.973	1039
W.Va.	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.50	—	1.01	.861	670
N.C.	—	—	—	—	7.40	—	8.40	—	1.07	.932	1060
S.C.	—	—	—	—	6.20	—	6.90	—	.91	.781	1055
Ga.	—	—	—	—	6.30	—	7.20	—	1.03	.851	939
Fla.	—	—	—	—	7.70	—	8.50	—	1.10	.954	973
S.Atl.	—	—	—	—	7.20	—	8.20	—	1.07	.923	1027
Ky.	—	—	—	—	6.60	—	8.40	—	1.23	1.12	861
Tenn.	—	—	—	—	6.20	—	7.50	—	1.02	.950	842
Ala.	—	—	—	—	6.10	—	6.70	—	.93	.871	854
Miss.	—	—	—	—	6.40	—	6.80	—	.94	.884	865
E.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	6.40	—	7.50	—	1.06	.978	892
Ark.	—	—	—	—	8.50	—	9.50	—	1.10	1.08	917
La.	—	—	—	—	7.40	—	7.90	—	1.02	.980	956
Okla.	—	—	—	—	9.40	—	10.80	—	1.25	1.23	866
Texas	—	—	—	—	8.50	—	9.30	—	1.12	1.10	848
W.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	8.30	—	9.10	—	1.10	1.08	883
Mont.	284	229	—	—	—	—	12.10	—	1.43	1.24	611
Idaho	331	258	—	—	—	—	13.30	—	1.50	1.34	748
Wyo.	295	205	—	—	—	—	11.00	—	1.31	1.15	578
Colo.	287	208	—	—	—	—	12.10	—	1.40	1.21	784
N.Mex.	255	190	—	—	—	—	9.90	—	1.10	.994	817
Ariz.	355	240	—	—	—	—	11.60	—	1.27	1.20	815
Utah	280	240	—	—	—	—	11.20	—	1.46	1.24	764
Nev.	250	200	—	—	—	—	11.60	—	1.50	1.22	627
Mount.	305	227	—	—	—	—	11.90	—	1.37	1.22	740
Wash.	365	280	—	—	—	—	—	1.54	1.60	1.56	759
Oreg.	329	245	—	—	—	—	—	1.49	1.47	1.45	713
Calif.	385	275	—	—	—	—	—	1.52	1.65	1.61	754
Pac.	379	274	—	—	—	—	—	1.52	1.63	1.60	757
U.S.	261	203	48.00	60.50	7.70	8.50	9.50	1.32	1.29	1.16	883

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Farm Wage Rates Continue Upward Trend

The level of farm wage rates reported by farm operators on October 1, 1967, was 8 percent higher than a year earlier. This is a new high for the month and is 52 percent above the 1957-59 average. The average cash rate per hour, without board or room, increased 9 percent over October 1, 1966, to $1.29 per hour. Monthly, weekly, and daily rates showed similar gains. In index terms, the national average reached 883 (1910-14=100), up from the 1966 average of 812.

Wage rates reported for farm workers in Alaska were as follows: per month with house, $400; per month with board and room, $310; per day without board or room, $18.00; and per hour without board or room, $2.20.

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