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FARM EMPLOYMENT SEASONALLY LOWER
WAGE RATES UNDER YEAR AGO

The number of persons at work on farms during the week of December 19-25, dropped to 6,277,000, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. The decrease from a month earlier amounted to about 21 percent, the usual decline. The number of family workers dropped about a million while the number of hired workers was down nearly 650,000 or about 38 percent.

In comparison with a year ago, there were 2 percent fewer workers employed on farms in late December. There was a small increase in the number of hired workers which was more than offset by the decrease in the number of family workers.

The number of persons employed on farms continued its downward trend in 1954. The average for the year shows a decrease of 1.5 percent. The decline was mainly in family workers as the number of hired workers averaged about the same as for 1953.

Farm wage rates on about January 1 averaged a little lower than a year earlier for the country as a whole. The seasonally adjusted index at 521 was about 1 percent under the 525 of January 1, 1954. Individual types of wage rates were all less than a year earlier except the rates per day with board and room and per day with house which were unchanged. By regions, January 1 farm wage rates averaged less than a year earlier in the East and West North Central and the East and West South Central States and were about the same in the South Atlantic States. There were increases in the remaining regions.

Per month rates with house averaged $152 for the country as a whole with a high of $232 in the Pacific States. Per day rates without board or room averaged $5.30. These rates were highest in the New England States at $8.00 and lowest in the East South Central States at $3.90, and the South Atlantic States at $4.85. Hourly rates without board or room ranged from $1.07 in the Pacific States to $0.53 in the East South Central States and averaged $0.88 for the entire country.

The seasonally adjusted index of farm wage rates on about January 1 was nearly 4 percent higher than the index for the previous quarter. During the past year farm wage rates dropped about 3 percent from January 1, 1954 to

April 1 and continued to decline at a rate of about a half percent per quarter for July 1 and October 1. The rise in the index from October to January 1 is probably due to the establishment of new rates for workers employed the year round. Workers of this type are generally more highly skilled and have been reported more difficult to obtain and retain.

Farm work during the survey week was near its seasonal low. Temperatures in the East and particularly the Southeast were below normal. In the area from the Mississippi River to the Rockies, temperatures were much above normal. There was very little rain or snow in any part of the country. Farmers in most parts of the country were doing little more than necessary chores. Some outdoor work was being done in the central part of the country where it was warmer than usual Field work was mostly confined to the southern edge of the country. Harvest of citrus and various vegetable crop operations were in progress. Cotton picking was still in progress in California and Arizona.

The number of persons at work on farms during the survey week dropped sharply from the previous month in all regions. Decreases were about as usual for the season except for a smaller than usual drop in the South Atlantic States and a larger than usual decline in the East South Central States. The decrease in the South Atlantic States was less than average for both family and hired workers. In addition, there were more farm workers, both family and hired, employed in this region than a year earlier. It is possible that fair weather, despite lower than usual temperatures, permitted more than the usual amount of outdoor work. In the East South Central States, the greater than usual drop in employment was mostly in hired workers. Earlier than usual completion of preparing tobacco for market may account for the decline.

There were fewer persons at work on farms in late December this year than a year earlier in all regions except the South Atlantic, previously mentioned. There were fewer family workers in all regions except the South Atlantic. However, for hired workers there were more persons at work than a year earlier in the West North Central, the West South Central and the Pacific States in addition to the South Atlantic States. These increases were more than enough to offset decreases in other regions and give a national total slightly above a year earlier.

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DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Employment

Farm employment estimates of the Agricultural Marketing Service cover persons doing farm work on all farms. Mailed questionnaires are received every month from 15,000 to 20,000 farmers who report the number of persons working on their farms. The Census of Population and the Census of Agriculture provide bench mark data on employment. The survey week for the mailed questionnaire each month is the last complete calendar week in the month except when that week includes the last day of the month; in that case, the survey week is the next to the last full calendar week.

Employment concepts

All farm operators are counted as employed if they spend one hour or more during the survey week at farm work, chores, or in the transaction of farm business. Members of the operator's family or household doing unpaid farm work or chores, are counted if they put in 15 hours or more during the survey week. Operators plus unpaid members of their families or households who meet these criteria of employment are called family workers. All persons doing one or more hours of farm work or chores for pay during the survey week are counted as hired workers. Members of the operator's family doing farm work for cash wages are counted as hired workers. Croppers are considered family workers when working on their own crops, but hired workers when doing farm work for pay off their own tracts. If a person is employed both as a family worker and a hired worker during the week on the same farm, he is counted as a hired worker.

Comparability with other data

The data on farm employment published by the Agricultural Marketing Service differ from those on agricultural employment published by the Bureau of the Census in the Monthly Report On The Labor Force. The Agricultural Marketing Service collects information from the employer (the farmer) who reports the number of persons working on his farm during the week regardless of the other jobs held by those workers. The Census data, on the other hand, are obtained through interviews with approximately 25,000 farm and nonfarm households with the housewife or some other member of the household reporting on the labor force status of the household members. They relate only to persons 14 years of age and over, who are in the civilian population and not in institutions.

The difference between the Agricultural Marketing Service and the Census data is attributable mainly to the different treatment of three groups of workers. Children under 14 years of age who meet the criteria of employment are included in the Agricultural Marketing Service estimates, but not in the Census Bureau's. It is estimated that this number may reach a summer peak

as high as two million. Persons working on more than one farm during the survey week are counted only once by the Census Bureau, but they are counted by the Agricultural Marketing Service on each farm where they work and meet the minimum hour requirements. This group is also more numerous during the harvest season when the demand for farm labor is greatest. The additional count of workers attributable to this duplication is estimated at a minimum of a quarter of a million and may be considerably larger. The third group is composed of persons who work in both agricultural and nonagricultural employment, but work longer at the nonagricultural employment; they are classified by Census as working on nonagricultural employment, but by the Agricultural Marketing Service as working on a farm. This last group may range from one-half million to a million in different seasons of the year.

Other groups counted by the Agricultural Marketing Service but not by the Census Bureau are imported foreign workers and some migratory workers not living in private households. On the other hand, the Census Bureau includes in its estimates of agricultural employment certain classes of workers which the Agricultural Marketing Service does not include. Persons with "nonfarm" occupations who are working on farms, such as bookkeepers and typists, some persons in certain agricultural processing activities, and farm operators with no other job who did no farm work are considered as employed in agriculture by the Census Bureau, but are not included by the Agricultural Marketing Service in its estimates of agricultural employment.

Because the volume of agricultural employment is affected by changes both in season and in weather, the difference in the week of the month for which the data are collected may also make some difference. The Agricultural Marketing Service data relate to the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month while the Census Bureau information relates to the week containing the eighth of the month.

The Agricultural Marketing Service estimates farm employment from current reports made by a selected group of farmers adjusted to bench mark data. The Bureau of the Census bases its figures on a sample of dwelling units. Accordingly, the figures in both cases are subject to a sampling variation and may differ from the results of a complete census.

Wage rates

Wage rates are reported quarterly by the same sample of farm operators that reports employment. The farmer is asked to report average wage rates being paid "at this time" in his locality. The "at this time" on the average probably represents the second or third day before the end of the month.

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Farm employment: Persons employed during week of December 19-25, 1954, United States, with comparisons

	December average 1948-52 1/	December 20-26, 1953	November 21-27, 1954	December 19-25, 1954
FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons)				
Total	7,047	6,390	7,937	6,277
Family labor	5,921	5,365	6,256	5,234
Hired labor	1,126	1,025	1,681	1,043
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation, 1910-14 = 100)				
Total	69	63	61	62
Family labor	71	64	63	63
Hired labor	61	56	56	57

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

Farm wage rates: Wage rates, indexes, and related data, January 1, 1955, United States with comparisons 1/

	October 1, 1953	January 1, 1954	October 1, 1954	January 1, 1955
FARM WAGE RATES				
Per month with board and room	$123.00	$124.00	$120.00	$122.00
Per month with house	150.00	154.00	149.00	152.00
Per week with board and room	30.25	29.00	29.25	28.50
Per week without board or room	38.00	37.50	37.00	37.25
Per day with board and room	5.30	5.20	5.20	5.20
Per day with house	4.30	4.30	4.25	4.30
Per day without board or room	5.70	5.40	5.60	5.30
Per hour with house	.87	.68	.86	.66
Per hour without board or room	.77	.90	.75	.88
Composite rate per hour 2/	.697	.730	.678	.724
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Adjusted for seasonal variation	515	525	502	521
RELATED INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Prices received by farmers 3/	253	256	244	239*
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	49	49	49	46

1/ Wage rates on the average refer to a date two or three days before the first of the month.
2/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis.
3/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
* December 15, 1954.

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Farm employment: Persons employed during week of December 19-25, 1954, United States and geographic divisions, with comparisons

Geographic division	December average 1948-52 1/	November 22-28, 1953	December 20-26, 1953	November 21-27, 1954	December 19-25, 1954
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
		TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT			
United States	7,047	8,147	6,390	7,937	6,277
New England	143	178	145	175	141
Middle Atlantic	499	512	477	511	467
East North Central	1,154	1,233	1,098	1,218	1,044
West North Central	1,376	1,418	1,252	1,399	1,235
South Atlantic	1,143	1,364	958	1,318	1,017
East South Central	1,052	1,514	950	1,473	894
West South Central	883	988	743	922	735
Mountain	305	346	287	344	267
Pacific	492	594	480	577	477
		FAMILY WORKERS 2/			
United States	5,921	6,428	5,365	6,256	5,234
New England	107	117	105	114	102
Middle Atlantic	377	369	359	379	357
East North Central	1,037	1,070	991	1,053	938
West North Central	1,251	1,282	1,148	1,261	1,129
South Atlantic	937	1,100	788	1,067	818
East South Central	944	1,238	848	1,180	798
West South Central	750	739	635	700	618
Mountain	206	196	194	183	181
Pacific	312	317	297	319	293
		HIRED WORKERS 3/			
United States	1,126	1,719	1,025	1,681	1,043
New England	36	61	40	61	39
Middle Atlantic	122	143	118	132	110
East North Central	117	163	107	165	106
West North Central	125	136	104	138	106
South Atlantic	206	264	170	251	199
East South Central	108	276	102	293	96
West South Central	133	249	108	222	117
Mountain	99	150	93	161	86
Pacific	180	277	183	258	184

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

2/ Includes farm operators doing one or more hours of farm work and members of their families working 15 hours or more during the survey week without cash wages.

3/ Includes all persons doing one or more hours of farm work during the survey week for pay.

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Farm employment: Annual average number of persons employed, 1954 United States and geographic divisions, with comparisons 1/

Geographic division	1948-52	1951	1952	1953	1954
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
		TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT			
United States	9,465	8,985	8,669	8,580	8,451
New England	183	174	169	174	176
Middle Atlantic	586	559	545	544	542
East North Central	1,419	1,362	1,332	1,319	1,307
West North Central	1,731	1,641	1,588	1,575	1,538
South Atlantic	1,738	1,634	1,574	1,519	1,520
East South Central	1,505	1,433	1,379	1,367	1,334
West South Central	1,253	1,178	1,087	1,091	1,058
Mountain	410	389	380	377	365
Pacific	640	615	615	614	611
		FAMILY WORKERS 2/			
United States	7,347	6,997	6,748	6,645	6,521
New England	125	116	114	115	116
Middle Atlantic	415	397	389	391	393
East North Central	1,206	1,159	1,138	1,129	1,112
West North Central	1,473	1,401	1,366	1,358	1,326
South Atlantic	1,355	1,271	1,223	1,171	1,161
East South Central	1,272	1,220	1,154	1,126	1,095
West South Central	910	865	805	799	771
Mountain	252	241	235	235	227
Pacific	339	327	324	321	320
		HIRED WORKERS 3/			
United States	2,118	1,988	1,921	1,935	1,930
New England	58	58	55	59	60
Middle Atlantic	171	162	156	153	149
East North Central	213	203	194	190	195
West North Central	258	240	222	217	212
South Atlantic	383	363	351	348	359
East South Central	233	213	225	241	239
West South Central	343	313	282	292	287
Mountain	158	148	145	142	138
Pacific	301	288	291	293	291

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Farm employment: Total, family and hired workers, United States, by months, January 1952 -December 1954 1/

Year and month	Total farm employment	Family workers 2/	Hired workers 3/
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
1952 average	8,669	6,748	1,921
January	6,211	5,233	978
February	6,494	5,407	1,087
March	7,405	6,092	1,313
April	8,497	6,932	1,565
May	9,432	7,527	1,905
June	9,720	7,245	2,475
July	9,509	6,810	2,699
August	10,014	7,349	2,665
September	11,728	8,534	3,194
October	10,462	7,920	2,542
November	8,078	6,483	1,595
December	6,486	5,447	1,039
1953 average	8,580	6,645	1,935
January	6,120	5,174	946
February	6,377	5,332	1,045
March	7,433	6,080	1,353
April	8,421	6,863	1,558
May	9,372	7,392	1,980
June	9,784	7,205	2,579
July	9,383	6,730	2,653
August	9,903	7,182	2,721
September	11,299	8,231	3,068
October	10,328	7,756	2,572
November	8,147	6,428	1,719
December	6,390	5,365	1,025
1954 average	8,451	6,521	1,930
January	5,951	5,032	919
February	6,438	5,354	1,084
March	7,278	5,958	1,320
April	8,510	6,886	1,624
May	9,285	7,251	2,034
June	9,642	6,994	2,648
July	9,238	6,635	2,603
August	9,666	7,043	2,623
September	11,224	8,127	3,097
October	9,973	7,484	2,489
November	7,937	6,256	1,681
December	6,277	5,234	1,043

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Farm employment: Annual averages and indexes of total, family and hired employment, United States, 1910-1954

Year	Total employment		Family workers		Hired workers	
	Average number of persons	Index 1910-14=100	Average number of persons	Index 1910-14=100	Average number of persons	Index 1910-14=100
	Thousands		Thousands		Thousands	
1910	13,555	100	10,174	100	3,381	100
1911	13,539	100	10,169	100	3,370	99
1912	13,559	100	10,162	100	3,397	100
1913	13,572	100	10,158	100	3,414	100
1914	13,580	100	10,147	100	3,433	101
1915	13,592	100	10,140	100	3,452	102
1916	13,632	101	10,144	100	3,488	103
1917	13,568	100	10,121	100	3,447	101
1918	13,391	99	10,053	99	3,338	98
1919	13,243	98	9,968	98	3,275	96
1920	13,432	99	10,041	99	3,391	100
1921	13,398	99	10,001	98	3,397	100
1922	13,337	98	9,936	98	3,401	100
1923	13,162	97	9,798	96	3,364	99
1924	13,031	96	9,705	96	3,326	98
1925	13,036	96	9,715	96	3,321	98
1926	12,976	96	9,526	94	3,450	102
1927	12,642	93	9,278	91	3,364	99
1928	12,691	94	9,340	92	3,351	99
1929	12,763	94	9,360	92	3,403	100
1930	12,497	92	9,307	92	3,190	94
1931	12,745	94	9,642	95	3,103	91
1932	12,816	95	9,922	98	2,894	85
1933	12,739	94	9,874	97	2,865	84
1934	12,627	93	9,765	96	2,862	84
1935	12,733	94	9,855	97	2,878	85
1936	12,331	91	9,350	92	2,981	88
1937	11,978	88	9,054	89	2,924	86
1938	11,622	86	8,815	87	2,807	83
1939	11,338	84	8,611	85	2,727	80
1940	10,979	81	8,300	82	2,679	79
1941	10,669	79	8,017	79	2,652	78
1942	10,504	77	7,949	78	2,555	75
1943	10,446	77	8,010	79	2,436	72
1944	10,219	75	7,988	79	2,231	66
1945	10,000	74	7,881	78	2,119	62
1946	10,295	76	8,106	80	2,189	64
1947	10,382	77	8,115	80	2,267	67
1948	10,363	76	8,026	79	2,337	69
1949	9,964	73	7,712	76	2,252	66
1950	9,342	69	7,252	71	2,090	61
1951	8,985	66	6,997	69	1,988	58
1952	8,669	64	6,748	66	1,921	57
1953	8,580	63	6,645	65	1,935	57
1954	8,451	62	6,521	64	1,930	57

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates by States and regions, January 1, 1954 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Hourly composite wage rate	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With board and room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With board and room	With house	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	111.00	141.00	32.00	43.50	-	-	7.30	-	.98	.800	482
N. H.	123.00	165.00	34.00	48.00	-	-	8.00	-	1.01	.870	566
Vt.	118.00	147.00	29.50	41.00	-	-	7.50	-	.97	.773	514
Mass.	123.00	175.00	32.50	48.00	-	-	8.40	-	1.07	.881	570
R. I.	130.00	177.00	32.00	48.00	-	-	8.40	-	1.08	.884	614
Conn.	130.00	177.00	32.00	48.00	-	-	8.40	-	1.07	.883	609
New Eng.	120.00	159.00	31.50	45.00	-	-	7.90	-	1.02	.831	538
N. Y.	125.00	171.00	33.50	44.50	-	-	7.70	-	1.02	.786	498
N. J.	135.00	197.00	34.50	47.25	-	-	7.70	-	.97	.815	582
Pa.	108.00	153.00	29.00	41.00	-	-	6.80	-	.90	.698	574
Mid. Atl.	119.00	167.00	31.75	43.25	-	-	7.30	-	.96	.751	536
Ohio	115.00	148.00	-	-	5.90	-	7.10	-	1.00	.705	556
Ind.	105.00	147.00	-	-	5.40	-	7.00	-	.98	.674	559
Ill.	133.00	171.00	-	-	6.40	-	7.80	-	1.02	.789	590
Mich.	122.00	170.00	-	-	6.40	-	8.20	-	1.02	.762	559
Wis.	122.00	166.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.50	-	.99	.748	517
E.N.Cent.	120.00	161.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.50	-	1.00	.738	554
Minn.	119.00	149.00	-	-	6.20	-	7.90	-	1.01	.767	516
Iowa	132.00	158.00	-	-	6.70	-	8.30	-	1.03	.812	505
Mo.	98.00	130.00	-	-	4.80	-	5.90	-	.85	.632	564
N.Dak.	101.00	138.00	-	-	4.85	-	6.60	-	.90	.667	430
S.Dak.	123.00	154.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.40	-	1.03	.776	490
Nebr.	129.00	168.00	-	-	6.50	-	8.40	-	1.02	.812	546
Kans.	120.00	161.00	-	-	6.20	-	7.80	-	.99	.773	624
W.N.Cent.	117.00	149.00	-	-	5.90	-	7.40	-	.97	.743	522
Del.	-	-	-	-	-	5.60	7.00	.83	.90	.865	742
Md.	-	-	-	-	-	5.20	6.60	.82	.87	.833	786
Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.30	5.30	.53	.68	.614	637
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.10	4.90	.60	.65	.600	457
N. C.	-	-	-	-	-	4.30	5.00	.51	.60	.578	604
S. C.	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	3.65	.39	.48	.433	532
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	3.40	4.00	.46	.55	.483	504
Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	4.60	5.20	.62	.72	.637	580
S. Atl.	-	-	-	-	-	4.10	4.85	.55	.64	.578	585
Ky.	-	-	-	-	-	3.65	4.55	.51	.66	.560	498
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	3.85	.42	.53	.471	433
Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	3.85	.45	.52	.473	464
Miss.	-	-	-	-	-	3.30	3.85	.45	.52	.475	456
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	3.30	4.00	.46	.55	.491	456
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	4.15	4.55	.51	.57	.553	474
La.	-	-	-	-	-	3.95	4.45	.48	.56	.536	513
Okla.	-	-	-	-	-	5.30	6.10	.66	.79	.734	533
Tex.	-	-	-	-	-	5.10	5.80	.61	.72	.694	531
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	4.75	5.40	.57	.67	.645	534
Mont.	147.00	185.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	1.02	.846	447
Idaho	163.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	1.03	.910	517
Wyo.	137.00	194.00	-	-	-	-	7.90	-	1.05	.840	432
Colo.	133.00	178.00	-	-	-	-	7.30	-	.92	.776	508
N. Mex.	108.00	146.00	-	-	-	-	5.80	-	.72	.624	508
Ariz.	160.00	210.00	-	-	-	-	7.50	-	.86	.855	534
Utah	175.00	190.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	1.10	.937	563
Nev.	165.00	185.00	-	-	-	-	7.50	-	1.10	.896	479
Mountain	144.00	186.00	-	-	-	-	7.30	-	.90	.802	498
Wash.	171.00	221.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.07	1.15	1.116	539
Oreg.	161.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.04	1.08	1.048	521
Calif.	177.00	237.00	-	-	-	-	-	.97	1.05	1.058	480
Pacific	176.00	234.00	-	-	-	-	-	.98	1.06	1.061	493
U. S.	124.00	154.00	29.00	37.50	5.20	4.30	5.40	.68	.90	.730	525

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates by States and regions, January 1, 1955 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		Hourly composite wage rate	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With board and room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With board and room	With house	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room	
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	111.00	148.00	32.00	43.50	-	-	7.20	-	.94	.796	480
N. H.	128.00	168.00	34.50	49.00	-	-	8.10	-	.99	.882	574
Vt.	121.00	155.00	30.50	43.00	-	-	7.70	-	.98	.802	533
Mass.	127.00	178.00	34.50	52.00	-	-	8.60	-	1.07	.928	601
R. I.	127.00	181.00	34.00	51.00	-	-	8.60	-	1.07	.918	638
Conn.	127.00	184.00	34.00	51.00	-	-	8.70	-	1.08	.922	636
New Eng.	122.00	165.00	32.75	47.25	-	-	8.00	-	1.01	.861	557
N. Y.	125.00	173.00	34.75	44.25	-	-	7.90	-	1.01	.790	501
N. J.	134.00	197.00	34.50	51.50	-	-	8.70	-	.99	.848	606
Pa.	106.00	152.00	27.50	40.00	-	-	6.80	-	.90	.688	566
Mid. Atl.	118.00	167.00	31.50	43.25	-	-	7.50	-	.96	.752	537
Ohio	103.00	145.00	-	-	5.50	-	7.00	-	.97	.669	528
Ind.	105.00	140.00	-	-	5.30	-	6.80	-	.97	.664	551
Ill.	130.00	165.00	-	-	6.30	-	7.70	-	.99	.774	579
Mich.	118.00	170.00	-	-	5.90	-	7.40	-	1.00	.742	545
Wis.	115.00	156.00	-	-	5.70	-	7.20	-	.93	.709	491
E. N. Cent.	114.00	154.00	-	-	5.70	-	7.20	-	.97	.708	532
Minn.	108.00	144.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.60	-	.99	.734	495
Iowa	132.00	160.00	-	-	7.00	-	8.40	-	1.04	.823	512
Mo.	101.00	133.00	-	-	4.80	-	5.90	-	.82	.634	566
N. Dak.	102.00	129.00	-	-	4.85	-	6.60	-	.90	.663	428
S. Dak.	114.00	152.00	-	-	5.70	-	7.20	-	.98	.741	468
Nebr.	126.00	168.00	-	-	6.10	-	8.10	-	.99	.793	534
Kans.	122.00	162.00	-	-	6.30	-	7.70	-	.99	.778	628
W. N. Cent.	115.00	149.00	-	-	5.80	-	7.30	-	.95	.735	517
Del.	-	-	-	-	-	5.40	6.90	.75	.80	.800	686
Md.	-	-	-	-	-	5.30	6.70	.80	.85	.823	777
Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.40	5.40	.53	.66	.620	644
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.60	4.85	.58	.63	.593	432
N. C.	-	-	-	-	-	4.25	5.00	.50	.60	.574	600
S. C.	-	-	-	-	-	3.05	3.65	.37	.46	.424	521
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	3.35	3.80	.46	.55	.472	492
Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	4.80	5.30	.62	.72	.645	588
South Atl.	-	-	-	-	-	4.15	4.85	.54	.63	.578	585
Ky.	-	-	-	-	-	3.65	4.45	.51	.62	.547	487
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	3.80	.44	.52	.465	427
Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	3.20	3.80	.43	.52	.467	458
Miss.	-	-	-	-	-	3.15	3.70	.42	.49	.453	435
E. S. Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	3.90	.45	.53	.482	448
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	4.25	4.50	.50	.56	.551	472
La.	-	-	-	-	-	3.85	4.50	.51	.61	.546	523
Okla.	-	-	-	-	-	5.20	6.10	.69	.79	.733	533
Tex.	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.70	.61	.70	.682	522
W. S. Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	4.65	5.30	.57	.66	.633	523
Mont.	145.00	178.00	-	-	-	-	7.40	-	.98	.819	433
Idaho	162.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	8.60	-	1.05	.915	519
Wyo.	140.00	194.00	-	-	-	-	7.90	-	1.05	.848	436
Colo.	128.00	176.00	-	-	-	-	7.40	-	.91	.765	500
N. Mex.	112.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	6.00	-	.72	.652	530
Ariz.	160.00	220.00	-	-	-	-	7.40	-	.78	.847	528
Utah	179.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	8.20	-	1.05	.945	568
Nev.	165.00	185.00	-	-	-	-	7.00	-	1.05	.879	469
Mountain	149.00	199.00	-	-	-	-	7.40	-	.86	.822	510
Wash.	173.00	224.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	1.14	1.120	541
Oreg.	164.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.02	1.07	1.047	521
Calif.	180.00	235.00	-	-	-	-	-	.98	1.06	1.072	486
Pacific	179.00	232.00	-	-	-	-	-	.99	1.07	1.073	499
U. S.	122.00	152.00	28.50	37.25	5.20	4.30	5.30	.66	.88	.724	521

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates by geographic divisions, January 1, 1955, with comparisons

Geographic division	October 1, 1953	January 1, 1954	October 1, 1954	January 1, 1955
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	118.00	120.00	117.00	122.00
Middle Atlantic	120.00	119.00	115.00	118.00
East North Central	118.00	120.00	116.00	114.00
West North Central	123.00	117.00	124.00	115.00
Mountain	147.00	144.00	145.00	149.00
Pacific	181.00	176.00	179.00	179.00
PER MONTH WITH HOUSE				
New England	159.00	159.00	159.00	165.00
Middle Atlantic	166.00	167.00	165.00	167.00
East North Central	156.00	161.00	157.00	154.00
West North Central	152.00	149.00	153.00	149.00
Mountain	188.00	186.00	189.00	199.00
Pacific	236.00	234.00	237.00	232.00
PER WEEK WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	33.50	31.50	33.00	32.75
Middle Atlantic	32.00	31.75	30.75	31.50
PER WEEK WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	46.00	45.00	46.75	47.25
Middle Atlantic	45.00	43.25	42.75	43.25
PER DAY WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
East North Central	6.00	6.00	5.80	5.70
West North Central	6.50	5.90	6.40	5.80
PER DAY WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	4.05	4.10	4.05	4.15
East South Central	3.50	3.30	3.40	3.25
West South Central	4.90	4.75	4.85	4.65
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	8.20	7.90	8.20	8.00
Middle Atlantic	7.80	7.30	7.50	7.50
East North Central	7.50	7.50	7.20	7.20
West North Central	8.00	7.40	7.90	7.30
South Atlantic	4.75	4.85	4.75	4.85
East South Central	4.15	4.00	4.05	3.90
West South Central	5.50	5.40	5.50	5.30
Mountain	7.60	7.30	7.60	7.40
PER HOUR WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	-	.55	-	.54
East South Central	-	.46	-	.45
West South Central	-	.57	-	.57
Pacific	.99	.98	1.00	.99
PER HOUR WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	1.02	1.02	1.00	1.01
Middle Atlantic	.99	.96	.96	.96
East North Central	1.00	1.00	.98	.97
West North Central	1.01	.97	.98	.95
South Atlantic	.61	.64	.60	.63
East South Central	.54	.55	.52	.53
West South Central	.68	.67	.66	.66
Mountain	.95	.90	.92	.86
Pacific	1.08	1.06	1.07	1.07

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Farm wage rates: Annual average farm wage rates and index numbers, United States, 1910-1954 1/

Year	Per month: With board	Per month: Without board	Per day: With board	Per day: Without board	Monthly composite rate 2/	Index of composite rate 1910-14 = 100
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
1910	21.00	28.00	1.05	1.35	23.00	96
1911	21.50	28.00	1.05	1.35	23.50	98
1912	22.00	29.50	1.10	1.40	24.50	102
1913	22.50	30.00	1.15	1.40	25.00	104
1914	22.50	29.50	1.10	1.35	24.50	102
1915	22.50	30.00	1.10	1.40	24.50	102
1916	25.00	33.00	1.25	1.50	27.00	112
1917	31.00	40.50	1.55	1.90	34.00	141
1918	37.50	48.50	2.05	2.45	42.50	177
1919	43.00	56.00	2.40	2.90	49.50	206
1920	51.00	65.00	2.80	3.30	58.00	241
1921	33.50	44.50	1.65	2.05	37.50	156
1922	33.00	43.50	1.65	2.00	37.00	154
1923	37.50	47.50	1.95	2.35	42.50	177
1924	38.00	49.00	1.95	2.40	43.50	181
1925	38.50	49.00	2.00	2.35	44.00	183
1926	39.50	50.00	2.00	2.40	44.50	185
1927	39.50	50.00	2.00	2.35	44.50	185
1928	39.50	50.00	2.00	2.30	44.50	185
1929	40.00	51.00	2.00	2.30	45.00	187
1930	37.50	48.00	1.80	2.15	42.00	175
1931	28.50	38.00	1.30	1.65	32.00	133
1932	20.50	29.00	.95	1.20	24.00	100
1933	18.00	25.50	.90	1.15	21.50	89
1934	20.00	28.00	1.00	1.25	24.00	100
1935	22.00	30.50	1.10	1.35	26.50	110
1936	24.00	32.50	1.20	1.45	28.50	118
1937	27.50	36.50	1.35	1.65	32.00	133
1938	27.00	36.00	1.30	1.55	31.00	129
1939	27.00	36.00	1.25	1.55	31.00	129
1940	27.50	37.50	1.30	1.60	31.50	131
1941	34.50	44.50	1.65	1.95	38.50	160
1942	45.50	59.00	2.20	2.55	50.00	208
1943	59.00	77.00	2.90	3.30	66.00	274
1944	71.00	91.00	3.50	3.95	79.00	328
1945	79.00	101.00	3.85	4.35	88.00	366
1946	86.00	108.00	4.20	4.80	96.00	399
1947	92.00	117.00	4.50	5.10	102.00	424
1948	99.00	124.00	4.80	5.40	107.00	445
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	Per month: With board and room	Per month: With house	Per week: With board and room	Per week: Without board or room	Per day: With board and room	Per day: With house	Per hour: Without board or room	Per hour: With house	Per hour: Without board or room	Composite rate per hour 4/	Index of composite rate 1910-14 = 100
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
1948	101.00	122.00	24.50	30.50	4.50	3.50	4.45	.64	.73	.580	445
1949	99.00	121.00	23.75	30.75	4.45	3.50	4.45	.63	.68	.559	430
1950	99.00	121.00	23.50	31.00	4.45	3.50	4.50	.62	.69	.561	432
1951	113.00	137.00	27.25	34.50	5.00	3.90	5.00	.69	.77	.625	481
1952	119.00	146.00	28.75	36.50	5.30	4.15	5.30	.74	.81	.661	508
1953	122.00	151.00	30.00	37.75	5.40	4.10	5.30	.75	.82	.672	517
1954	120.00	151.00	29.00	37.50	5.30	4.10	5.30	.74	.81	.661	508

1/ Weighted average of five quarters.
2/ Weighted average of all rates on a per month basis.
3/ Different wage rate categories used after 1948.
4/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis.

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State and region	Per month: With board and room	Per month: With house	Per week: With board and room	Per week: Without board or room	Per day: With board and room	Per day: With house	Per day: Without board or room	Per hour: With house	Per hour: Without board or room	Hourly composite wage rate	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	108.00	139.00	33.25	43.75	-	-	7.50	-	.97	.799	481
N. H.	120.00	163.00	34.75	48.25	-	-	8.10	-	1.00	.846	557
Vt.	118.00	149.00	31.25	42.25	-	-	7.90	-	.99	.796	524
Mass.	127.00	175.00	34.75	48.25	-	-	8.30	-	1.08	.879	575
R. I.	130.00	176.00	34.25	48.25	-	-	8.10	-	1.08	.874	607
Conn.	129.00	177.00	34.25	47.50	-	-	8.00	-	1.08	.868	599
New Eng.	119.00	158.00	33.25	45.25	-	-	7.90	-	1.02	.829	542
N. Y.	126.00	168.00	33.75	45.75	-	-	8.00	-	1.01	.797	495
N. J.	137.00	189.00	34.50	48.25	-	-	8.10	-	.99	.811	579
Pa.	106.00	143.00	28.75	40.00	-	-	6.90	-	.91	.703	567
Mid. Atl.	119.00	163.00	31.75	43.50	-	-	7.60	-	.97	.758	530
Ohio	114.00	144.00	-	-	5.80	-	7.30	-	.99	.735	557
Ind.	110.00	146.00	-	-	5.60	-	6.90	-	.99	.719	566
Ill.	134.00	171.00	-	-	6.60	-	8.00	-	1.02	.779	577
Mich.	119.00	166.00	-	-	6.10	-	7.60	-	1.01	.762	548
Wis.	125.00	166.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.50	-	.98	.748	512
E.N.Cent.	120.00	158.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.40	-	1.00	.747	549
Minn.	129.00	155.00	-	-	6.90	-	8.60	-	1.04	.822	520
Iowa	137.00	163.00	-	-	7.40	-	9.10	-	1.08	.861	525
Mo.	98.00	130.00	-	-	4.95	-	6.30	-	.92	.676	604
N.Dak.	140.00	166.00	-	-	6.50	-	8.50	-	1.01	.816	469
S.Dak.	133.00	159.00	-	-	6.70	-	8.50	-	1.03	.815	494
Nebr.	137.00	173.00	-	-	6.90	-	8.90	-	1.04	.836	557
Kans.	126.00	160.00	-	-	7.10	-	8.40	-	1.02	.821	657
W.N.Cent.	123.00	153.00	-	-	6.50	-	8.10	-	1.01	.791	546
Del.	-	-	-	-	-	5.60	6.90	.81	.89	.777	713
Md.	-	-	-	-	-	5.20	6.50	.80	.87	.737	744
Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.30	5.40	.56	.67	.579	643
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.15	4.95	.59	.64	.548	435
N. C.	-	-	-	-	-	4.25	5.00	.52	.59	.526	605
S. C.	-	-	-	-	-	3.15	3.70	.40	.46	.399	539
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	3.40	4.00	.46	.54	.448	509
Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	4.75	5.10	.65	.71	.579	591
S. Atl.	-	-	-	-	-	4.10	4.80	.55	.61	.524	589
Ky.	-	-	-	-	-	3.65	4.65	.52	.67	.523	493
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	-	3.15	3.90	.42	.52	.435	439
Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	3.80	.44	.53	.444	488
Miss.	-	-	-	-	-	3.30	3.80	.46	.53	.447	481
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	3.35	4.00	.46	.54	.456	470
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	4.20	4.55	.50	.57	.513	479
La.	-	-	-	-	-	3.80	4.25	.47	.56	.494	520
Okla.	-	-	-	-	-	5.50	6.50	.70	.82	.730	557
Tex.	-	-	-	-	-	5.10	5.80	.60	.70	.645	533
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	4.70	5.30	.56	.66	.602	533
Mont.	163.00	198.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	1.07	.843	441
Idaho	170.00	215.00	-	-	-	-	9.20	-	1.08	.890	520
Wyo.	149.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	7.80	-	1.09	.825	441
Colo.	137.00	186.00	-	-	-	-	7.80	-	.94	.765	520
N.Mex.	110.00	153.00	-	-	-	-	5.90	-	.79	.622	532
Ariz.	156.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	7.30	-	.81	.758	516
Utah	186.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	8.30	-	1.10	.884	563
Nev.	169.00	191.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	1.09	.845	469
Mountain	150.00	191.00	-	-	-	-	7.70	-	.95	.781	494
Wash.	191.00	231.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.07	1.13	1.091	537
Oreg.	171.00	206.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.02	1.10	1.055	525
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Vt.	121.00	152.00	30.50	42.00	-	-	7.80	-	.99	.792	521
Mass.	127.00	177.00	33.25	49.75	-	-	8.40	-	1.05	.878	574
R. I.	129.00	180.00	32.75	49.50	-	-	8.40	-	1.05	.878	610
Conn.	129.00	181.00	32.25	49.50	-	-	8.50	-	1.09	.890	614
New Eng.	121.00	162.00	32.25	46.00	-	-	8.00	-	1.01	.831	543
N. Y.	124.00	170.00	33.00	45.00	-	-	7.90	-	1.02	.794	493
N. J.	135.00	196.00	34.75	49.50	-	-	8.20	-	.99	.817	584
Pa.	105.00	150.00	28.50	40.00	-	-	6.80	-	.91	.700	565
Mid. Atl.	117.00	165.00	31.25	43.50	-	-	7.40	-	.96	.757	529
Ohio	107.00	146.00	-	-	5.70	-	6.90	-	.99	.717	543
Ind.	112.00	148.00	-	-	5.50	-	6.90	-	.98	.718	565
Ill.	135.00	170.00	-	-	6.60	-	8.00	-	1.02	.783	580
Mich.	121.00	170.00	-	-	6.30	-	7.80	-	1.00	.763	549
Wis.	120.00	160.00	-	-	5.80	-	7.30	-	.96	.727	498
E.N.Cent.	119.00	158.00	-	-	6.00	-	7.40	-	.99	.740	544
Minn.	125.00	152.00	-	-	6.60	-	8.30	-	1.03	.812	514
Iowa	138.00	163.00	-	-	7.40	-	8.90	-	1.07	.852	520
Mo.	100.00	132.00	-	-	5.20	-	6.20	-	.85	.644	575
N. Dak.	135.00	162.00	-	-	6.20	-	8.20	-	1.00	.796	457
S. Dak.	130.00	159.00	-	-	6.50	-	8.10	-	1.02	.801	485
Nebr.	133.00	173.00	-	-	6.60	-	8.80	-	1.02	.823	549
Kans.	125.00	162.00	-	-	7.10	-	8.40	-	1.02	.819	655
W.N.Cent.	123.00	154.00	-	-	6.50	-	8.00	-	.99	.780	538
Del.	-	-	-	-	-	5.50	6.80	.79	.85	.748	686
Md.	-	-	-	-	-	5.30	6.70	.81	.88	.749	757
Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.35	5.30	.56	.66	.571	634
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	-	4.15	4.80	.59	.64	.536	425
N. C.	-	-	-	-	-	4.30	5.00	.52	.59	.526	605
S. C.	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	3.60	.39	.45	.388	524
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	3.40	3.90	.47	.53	.440	500
Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	4.65	5.20	.63	.72	.581	593
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	-	4.10	4.70	.56	.61	.518	582
Ky.	-	-	-	-	-	3.65	4.55	.51	.69	.525	495
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	3.85	.43	.50	.424	428
Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	3.75	.44	.50	.431	474
Miss.	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	3.65	.43	.47	.416	447
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	3.30	3.90	.45	.52	.442	456
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	4.25	4.55	.49	.56	.507	474
La.	-	-	-	-	-	3.80	4.25	.48	.55	.487	513
Okla.	-	-	-	-	-	5.70	6.70	.72	.81	.730	557
Tex.	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	5.70	.61	.68	.635	525
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	-	4.70	5.40	.57	.65	.596	527
Mont.	163.00	198.00	-	-	-	-	8.10	-	1.02	.821	430
Idaho	167.00	212.00	-	-	-	-	8.70	-	1.05	.866	506
Wyo.	141.00	193.00	-	-	-	-	8.10	-	1.05	.807	432
Colo.	132.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	7.40	-	.91	.740	503
N. Mex.	109.00	153.00	-	-	-	-	5.90	-	.72	.600	513
Ariz.	153.00	211.00	-	-	-	-	7.30	-	.81	.760	517
Utah	183.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	1.04	.855	545
Nev.	163.00	187.00	-	-	-	-	7.50	-	1.03	.804	447
Mountain	148.00	191.00	-	-	-	-	7.50	-	.92	.765	484
Wash.	189.00	232.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.07	1.14	1.097	540
Oreg.	167.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.02	1.08	1.037	516
Calif.	179.00	237.00	-	-	-	-	-	.98	1.06	1.032	482
Pacific	179.00	233.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	1.07	1.042	494
U. S.	120.00	151.00	29.00	37.50	5.30	4.10	5.30	.74	.81	.661	508

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