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Farm Labor Force Below Last Year

The Nation's farm labor force for the week of March 24-30, 1974 totaled 3,770,700 workers, about 1 percent below the comparable period a year ago. The total includes 2,896,200 operators and unpaid family workers and 874,500 hired workers.

The average workweek for farmworkers during the March survey period was 36.3 hours, compared with 34.6 hours during the February week. Farm operators averaged 38.7 hours, unpaid family members 30.6, and hired workers 35.0 hours during the week.

Wages Continue to Climb

Farm wage rates rose to $2.21 per hour (without board or room) on April 1, 1974, an increase of 24 cents from a year ago. Wages paid by the month, week, and day were also higher. The seasonally adjusted index of Farm Wage Rates was 173 on the 1967 base for April 1, 1974, about 10 percent higher than a year ago.

Wet Weather Restricts Fieldwork

Wet weather restricted fieldwork in much of the eastern half of the Nation during the week of March 24-30. Warm, sunny days over the central and southern Plains States provided excellent outdoor working conditions. Field preparations and early planting are well along in most southern areas except for parts of Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia where wetness has caused delays.

Florida citrus harvest declined slightly as harvest of early and midseason oranges were in the cleanup stages. Navel orange harvest continued in California while light Valencia picking was started. In Texas, citrus harvest for fresh market declined as the bulk of the crop is going to processing.

Vegetable workers increased in Florida as harvest of cabbage, tomatoes, and peppers increased. In California, lettuce moved in good volume at Palo Verde, celery supplies increased in the south, and carrot digging continued in the central coast and Parris-Hemet areas. Tomato and cabbage transplanting is in full swing in the Carolinas.

Corrected Wage Rate Tables from the January Quarterly Probability Survey pages 6 and 7.

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Workers on Farms: March 1974

State	March 1972 week of 19-25			March 1973 week of 18-24			March 1974 week of 24-30		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Alabama	69	54	15	69	55	14	70	57	13
Arizona	38	6.0	32	32	6.0	26	30	6.0	24
Arkansas	129	78	51	128	72	56	115	68	47
California	250	70	180	245	65	180	255	70	185
Colorado	41	33	8.0	41	31	10	43	34	9.0
Connecticut	11.1	6.9	4.2	11.3	7.0	4.3	11	6.8	4.2
Delaware	5.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	1.0
Florida	133	41	92	138	37	101	133	36	97
Georgia	90	72	18	89	70	19	85	68	17
Idaho	36	30	6.0	36	28	8.0	35	27	8.0
Illinois	146	125	21	150	127	23	140	117	23
Indiana	133	124	9.0	134	124	10	134	125	9.0
Iowa	183	168	15	168	154	14	173	156	17
Kansas	101	93	8.0	97	88	9.0	97	88	9.0
Kentucky	127	108	19	117	99	18	112	93	19
Louisiana	68	42	26	58	37	21	51	36	15
Maine	14.1	11	3.1	14.7	11	3.7	13.8	11	2.8
Maryland	29	23	6.0	28	22	6.0	30	22	8.0
Massachusetts	14.2	8.4	5.8	14.9	9.0	5.9	14	8.8	5.2
Michigan	*107*	*91*	*16*	*102*	*86*	*16*	*102*	*87*	*15*
Minnesota	139	131	8.0	144	131	13	148	137	11
Mississippi	114	87	27	107	79	28	100	76	24
Missouri	168	147	21	156	138	18	176	156	20
Montana	36	29	7.0	35	28	7.0	33	24	9.0
Nebraska	104	94	10	100	90	10	98	86	12
Nevada	3.8	2.2	1.6	4.1	2.4	1.7	4.5	2.4	2.1
New Hampshire	4.1	3.1	1.0	4.3	3.3	1.0	4.5	3.5	1.0
New Jersey	14	9.0	5.0	13	9.0	4.0	13	9.0	4.0
New Mexico	16	11	5.0	20	13	7.0	18	13	5.0
New York	80	62	18	85	64	21	86	63	23
North Carolina	156	134	22	133	115	18	134	112	22
North Dakota	50	46	4.0	50	45	5.0	48	44	4.0
Ohio	129	119	10	145	132	13	148	134	14
Oklahoma	119	109	10	112	104	8.0	104	96	8.0
Oregon	50	40	10	47	37	10	45	35	10
Pennsylvania	100	90	10	107	92	15	115	97	18
Rhode Island	1.5	.9	.6	1.4	.9	.5	1.4	.9	.5
South Carolina	58	45	13	52	37	15	45	34	11
South Dakota	56	52	4.0	59	55	4.0	61	56	5.0
Tennessee	129	109	20	117	99	18	120	102	18
Texas	247	172	75	231	173	58	227	173	54
Utah	18	14	4.0	15	12	3.0	16	13	3.0
Vermont	12.6	9.8	2.8	12.5	9.5	3.0	12.5	9.8	2.7
Virginia	96	79	17	91	77	14	85	70	15
Washington	65	45	20	67	46	21	67	44	23
West Virginia	30	27	3.0	31	28	3.0	32	29	3.0
Wisconsin	169	154	15	165	149	16	167	147	20
Wyoming	11	8.0	3.0	12	9.0	3.0	13	9.0	4.0
United States	3,900.4	3,017.3	883.1	3,794.2	2,910.1	884.1	3,770.7	2,896.2	874.5

Farm Work: Weekly hours worked per worker: Average for reporting farms, week of March 24-30,1974

State	Farm operators	Other family members 1/	All family members 1/	Hired workers	All workers 1/
			Hours		
Alabama	31.2	28.6	30.7	31.9	31.0
Arizona	49.6	28.5	45.0	50.1	48.0
Arkansas	34.5	35.1	34.7	34.4	34.5
California	43.6	45.6	44.0	40.2	41.1
Colorado	46.9	35.7	43.4	40.8	42.9
Connecticut	56.4	39.9	51.6	41.7	48.1
Delaware	35.0	22.3	31.6	30.8	31.4
Florida	41.4	26.8	37.4	30.5	32.9
Georgia	35.8	27.6	33.6	32.2	33.1
Idaho	41.9	33.3	40.0	33.1	38.2
Illinois	34.8	32.1	34.4	32.4	34.0
Indiana	33.5	28.2	32.4	25.3	31.2
Iowa	45.2	28.1	40.4	30.9	38.9
Kansas	40.1	33.6	38.7	34.7	38.0
Kentucky	30.4	28.8	30.1	25.7	28.8
Louisiana	30.0	30.5	30.1	34.3	31.6
Maine	54.2	33.8	47.3	29.2	40.6
Maryland	43.4	33.0	40.1	31.6	38.2
Massachusetts	57.5	36.8	49.8	37.7	44.8
Michigan	35.1	32.5	34.5	33.5	34.3
Minnesota	44.0	30.3	40.0	26.3	38.3
Mississippi	30.9	24.8	29.3	34.2	31.9
Missouri	37.1	29.8	35.5	29.0	34.3
Montana	45.6	36.7	43.1	46.2	44.0
Nebraska	48.9	33.1	44.5	43.6	44.4
Nevada	48.3	33.7	44.6	36.8	41.4
New Hampshire	57.2	28.9	47.9	39.0	44.5
New Jersey	36.1	30.8	34.9	33.5	34.5
New Mexico	45.3	29.5	40.8	41.2	40.9
New York	50.8	30.4	44.2	36.6	41.7
North Carolina	29.7	27.8	29.3	25.2	27.9
North Dakota	36.4	31.3	35.0	29.7	34.4
Ohio	36.0	30.9	34.8	30.1	33.9
Oklahoma	38.4	28.0	35.7	30.7	34.7
Oregon	37.3	28.5	35.1	30.5	33.7
Pennsylvania	48.1	31.7	43.4	33.2	41.2
Rhode Island	58.5	35.0	56.6	26.8	49.1
South Carolina	33.5	30.4	32.9	26.5	30.4
South Dakota	44.4	31.4	40.7	28.6	38.9
Tennessee	32.3	27.8	31.4	25.7	30.1
Texas	40.9	31.1	38.6	39.7	38.9
Utah	40.3	26.4	35.4	26.0	33.4
Vermont	58.8	31.7	49.3	40.6	46.0
Virginia	38.8	33.2	37.6	34.1	36.4
Washington	45.4	30.9	41.5	36.6	39.2
West Virginia	37.6	30.9	35.9	27.3	34.6
Wisconsin	50.1	29.9	42.5	35.2	41.0
Wyoming	47.1	32.7	42.7	47.5	44.2
United States	38.7	30.6	36.5	35.0	36.3

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

Farm Wage Rates, April 1, 1974 1/

State	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour	
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	W/out board or room	With house	With board and room	W/out board or room	With house	W/out board or room
	Dollars								
Ala.	--	--	--	--	11.40	--	12.50	1.51	1.71
Ariz.	--	--	--	--	15.00	--	17.30	1.87	2.00
Ark.	--	--	--	--	14.90	--	15.60	1.70	1.85
Calif.	490	370	--	--	--	--	--	2.32	2.41
Colo.	439	326	--	--	--	--	18.00	--	2.13
Conn.	450	350	95.00	125.00	--	--	19.50	--	2.35
Del.	285	--	--	--	--	--	13.50	--	1.91
Fla.	--	--	--	--	13.50	--	15.00	1.61	2.01
Ga.	--	--	--	--	12.40	--	13.40	1.61	1.79
Ida.	487	373	--	--	--	--	19.00	--	2.25
Ill.	445	325	--	--	--	15.80	19.40	--	2.30
Ind.	368	292	--	--	--	12.90	16.90	--	2.14
Iowa	489	398	--	--	--	17.20	20.20	--	2.29
Kans.	445	354	--	--	--	15.00	18.60	--	2.18
Ky.	--	--	--	--	9.90	--	12.60	1.42	1.79
La.	--	--	--	--	12.90	--	14.10	1.57	1.73
Maine	390	320	80.00	110.00	--	--	18.50	--	2.15
Md.	*285*	*216*	*64.00*	*88.00*	--	--	13.50	--	1.89
Mass.	450	360	95.00	130.00	--	--	20.50	--	2.25
Mich.	490	360	105.00	131.00	--	--	20.80	--	2.23
Minn.	430	345	--	--	--	14.90	18.40	--	2.17
Miss.	--	--	--	--	11.20	--	13.20	1.51	1.66
Mo.	370	275	--	--	--	13.00	16.00	--	2.10
Mont.	438	367	--	--	--	--	18.10	--	2.14
Nebr.	478	346	--	--	--	15.90	19.20	--	2.25
Nev.	470	360	--	--	--	--	18.00	--	2.30
N. H.	440	340	90.00	120.00	--	--	19.50	--	2.25
N. J.	415	310	85.00	110.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.34
N. Mex.	387	298	--	--	--	--	15.10	--	1.70
N. York	430	326	87.25	110.75	--	--	16.40	--	2.18
N. C.	--	--	--	--	12.20	--	13.90	1.55	1.80
N. Dak.	426	362	--	--	--	15.60	18.70	--	2.17
Ohio	385	280	--	--	--	12.10	15.60	--	2.01
Okla.	--	--	--	--	13.90	--	16.10	1.81	1.98
Oregon	456	363	--	--	--	--	--	2.14	2.23
Pa.	410	313	77.00	98.25	--	--	16.00	--	2.05
R. I.	450	360	95.00	130.00	--	--	20.50	--	2.35
S. C.	--	--	--	--	10.90	--	12.20	1.46	1.65
S. Dak.	409	332	--	--	--	13.60	17.10	--	2.00
Tenn.	--	--	--	--	10.70	--	13.00	1.43	1.70
Tex.	--	--	--	--	14.40	--	15.80	1.70	1.90
Utah	440	325	--	--	--	--	16.40	--	2.15
Vt.	440	340	85.00	115.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.25
Va.	--	--	--	--	11.80	--	14.30	1.65	1.86
Wash.	530	435	--	--	--	--	--	2.35	2.45
W. Va.	240	190	--	--	--	10.00	12.30	--	1.62
Wisc.	452	342	--	--	--	14.20	17.70	--	2.17
Wyo.	--	--	--	--	16.30	--	19.10	1.92	2.23
U. S.	408	324	78.50	100.25	13.20	13.40	15.40	1.85	2.21

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Farm Wage Rates, April 1, 1973 1/

State	Per month			Per week		Per day			Per hour	
	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
	Dollars								
Ala.	--	--	--	--	10.10	--	11.20	1.34	1.53
Ariz.	475	365	--	--	--	--	16.80	--	1.78
Ark.	--	--	--	--	13.20	--	13.50	1.50	1.60
Calif.	500	370	--	--	--	--	--	2.04	2.14
Colo.	406	302	--	--	--	--	16.30	--	1.97
Conn.	440	310	85.00	120.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.20
Del.	283	--	--	--	--	--	12.00	--	1.89
Fla.	--	--	--	--	13.00	--	14.50	1.50	1.65
Ga.	--	--	--	--	10.80	--	12.20	1.38	1.60
Ida.	430	345	--	--	--	--	16.80	--	2.01
Ill.	404	306	--	--	--	14.30	17.70	--	2.10
Ind.	348	261	--	--	--	12.50	16.50	--	1.98
Iowa	459	394	--	--	--	16.00	18.80	--	2.12
Kans.	410	319	--	--	--	13.30	16.60	--	1.95
Ky.	--	--	--	--	9.40	--	11.70	1.33	1.64
La.	--	--	--	--	11.50	--	12.20	1.44	1.59
Maine	370	270	70.00	105.00	--	--	17.50	--	2.05
Md.	283	220	55.00	81.00	--	--	13.00	--	1.88
Mass.	*430*	*320*	*90.00*	*120.00*	--	--	*19.50*	--	*2.25*
Mich.	430	320	87.00	110.00	--	--	18.00	--	2.05
Minn.	395	315	--	--	--	14.20	17.30	--	1.97
Miss.	--	--	--	--	10.50	--	11.40	1.40	1.52
Mo.	340	255	--	--	--	12.00	16.00	--	1.90
Mont.	*400*	*325*	--	--	--	--	16.20	--	2.00
Nebr.	434	333	--	--	--	13.90	17.00	--	1.95
Nev.	400	290	--	--	--	--	16.00	--	2.00
N. H.	410	310	80.00	110.00	--	--	17.50	--	2.15
N. J.	395	290	77.00	100.00	--	--	17.50	--	2.16
N. Mex.	320	277	--	--	--	--	13.00	--	1.47
N. York	409	306	80.25	102.00	--	--	16.20	--	1.99
N. C.	--	--	--	--	11.30	--	12.90	1.45	1.64
N. Dak.	384	326	--	--	--	13.80	16.40	--	1.86
Ohio	352	260	--	--	--	11.30	14.70	--	1.86
Okla.	--	--	--	--	13.20	--	14.90	1.61	1.79
Oregon	423	340	--	--	--	--	--	2/1.96	1.99
Pa.	373	271	69.75	90.50	--	--	15.00	--	1.87
R. I.	430	310	85.00	120.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.20
S. C.	--	--	--	--	9.80	--	10.90	1.31	1.48
S. Dak.	374	304	--	--	--	12.80	15.60	--	1.80
Tenn.	--	--	--	--	9.60	--	11.50	1.28	1.50
Tex.	--	--	--	--	13.50	--	14.50	1.55	1.70
Utah	385	310	--	--	--	--	15.60	--	2.02
Vt.	*420*	*310*	*80.00*	*105.00*	--	--	*17.00*	--	*2.15*
Va.	--	--	--	--	11.00	--	13.20	1.44	1.68
Wash.	490	390	--	--	--	--	--	2.15	2.20
W. Va.	240	175	--	--	--	8.50	11.10	--	1.54
Wisc.	411	313	--	--	--	13.10	16.60	--	2.02
Wyo.	*433*	*323*	--	--	--	--	*15.80*	--	*1.99*
U. S.	383	303	71.75	93.50	12.10	12.20	14.10	1.67	1.97

1/ Average rates paid on crop and livestock reporters' farms or in their localities for arrangements specified above. U.S. averages include estimates for unpublished State rates of small importance.
2/ Revised.

Farm Wage Rates by Method of Pay, January 6-12, 1974, by States, Standard Federal regions and United States

State and region	All hired farm workers	Farm wage rates method of pay: By piece-rate	By hour, day, week or month	By hour only	By cash wages only	By hour receiving cash wages only
	Dollars per hour					
Region I 1/	2.66	2.24	2.67	2.23	2.64	2.25
New Jersey	2.43	2/	2.41	2.59	2.86	2.65
New York	2.03	2/	2.03	2.41	2.44	2.35
Region II	2.08	2.18	2.08	2.45	2.52	2.42
Delaware	2.56	2/	2.64	2.20	2.75	2.35
Maryland	2.26	2/	2.29	2.48	2.75	2.75
Pennsylvania	2.03	2/	2.03	2.29	2.26	2.30
Virginia	1.92	2/	1.92	1.91	1.98	1.90
West Virginia	1.93	2/	1.93	1.77	2.03	2/
Region III	2.07	1.87	2.08	2.20	2.33	2.27
Alabama	1.83	2/	1.84	1.82	2.06	1.90
Florida	3/2.65	3/3.10	2.44	2.32	3/2.83	2.32
Georgia	1.92	2/	1.92	1.88	1.97	1.92
Kentucky	1.74	2/	1.76	1.67	1.72	1.73
Mississippi	1.84	2/	1.84	1.63	1.91	1.71
North Carolina	1.93	2/	1.93	1.71	2.05	1.84
South Carolina	1.63	2/	1.61	1.55	1.63	1.45
Tennessee	2.12	2/	1.94	1.98	2.50	2.24
Region IV	3/2.16	3/ 3.03	2.02	1.96	3/2.41	2.05
Illinois	2.39	-	2.39	2.29	2.92	2.52
Indiana	2.59	-	2.59	2.33	2/	2.78
Michigan	2.49	2/	2.48	2.24	2.75	2.43
Minnesota	1.70	2/	1.70	1.51	2.75	2.47
Ohio	2.02	2/	2.02	1.77	2.03	1.76
Wisconsin	2.31	-	2.31	2.39	2/	2.41
Region V	2.21	2.63	2.20	1.98	2.91	2.13
Arkansas	2.43	2/	2.42	2.16	2.65	2.59
Louisiana	2.08	2/	2.08	2.11	2.16	2.09
New Mexico	2.09	2/	2.08	1.86	2.21	1.78
Oklahoma	2.13	2/	2.13	1.90	2.26	1.96
Texas	1.98	2/	1.98	1.90	2.09	2.01
Region VI	2.06	2.21	2.06	1.95	2.19	2.06
Iowa	2.23	-	2.23	2.28	2.41	2.28
Kansas	2.43	2/	2.43	2.46	2.06	2.43
Missouri	2.24	2/	2.24	2.02	2.56	2.13
Nebraska	2.21	-	2.21	2.32	2.28	2.32
Region VII	2.27	2/	2.27	2.27	2.29	2.30
Colorado	2.41	-	2.41	2.53	2.63	2.47
Montana	2.22	2/	2.11	2.00	2.61	2.00
North Dakota	2.20	2/	2.14	2.13	2.52	2.44
South Dakota	2.17	-	2.17	1.82	2/	2/
Utah	2.25	2/	2.34	2.21	2.36	2.28
Wyoming	1.80	-	1.80	2/	2.60	1.96
Region VIII	2.21	2.63	2.19	2.25	2.47	2.25
Arizona	2.14	2/	2.17	1.78	2.04	1.75
California	3/ 2.63	3/2.99	2.59	2.40	2.60	2.38
Nevada	1.44	2/	1.44	2.15	2.40	1.89
Region IX	2.55	3/2.94	2.51	2.35	2.56	2.34
Idaho	2.19	2/	2.19	2.07	2.49	2.23
Oregon	2.62	2.41	2.63	2.39	2.73	2.39
Washington	2.65	2.69	2.65	2.12	2.57	2.07
Region X	2.53	2.50	2.53	2.18	2.61	2.17
United States	3/2.27	3/2.88	2.23	2.15	3/2.52	2.22

1/ Region I: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.
2/ Insufficient data for this category - data included in all hired farm workers and in United States wage rates.
3/ Corrected. Corresponding wages on page 8 of March 1974 Farm Labor should also be corrected.

Farm Wage Rates by Type of Work, January 6-12, 1974, by States, Standard Federal regions and United States

State and Region	Farm Wage Rates - Type of work performed				
	Field and livestock workers	Packing-house workers	Machine operators	Maintenance & Bookkeeping workers	Supervisors
	Dollars per hour				
Region I 1/	2.08	2.13	2.66	3.00	4.37
New Jersey	2.14	2.23	2/	3.11	2/
New York	1.82	2.10	2/	3.43	2/
Region II	1.86	2.12	2.45	3.35	4.36
Delaware	2.06	2/	2/	2/	2/
Maryland	2.25	2/	2/	2/	2/
Pennsylvania	1.84	2.31	2/	2.59	3.32
Virginia	1.81	1.85	2/	2/	2.70
West Virginia	1.70	2.23	2/	2/	2/
Region III	1.92	2.04	2.74	2.21	3.09
Alabama	1.65	2.10	1.65	2.25	3.53
Florida	3/2.53	2.34	3/2.64	3.20	4.02
Georgia	1.84	1.61	1.88	2.89	3.30
Kentucky	1.59	2/	1.85	2.90	2/
Mississippi	1.53	2.15	1.90	2.47	3.58
North Carolina	1.74	1.75	1.63	2.13	2/
South Carolina	1.49	1.74	1.92	2.13	3.28
Tennessee	1.89	2/	2/	2.53	2/
Region IV	3/2.00	2.02	3/2.10	2.86	3.56
Illinois	2.26	2.12	2.75	2/	2/
Indiana	1.82	2.23	2/	3.03	2/
Michigan	2.34	2.64	2.66	2.97	2/
Minnesota	1.57	2.33	2.65	2/	2/
Ohio	2.01	2/	2/	3.08	2/
Wisconsin	1.73	2.33	2.88	3.24	2/
Region V	1.87	2.31	2.85	2.82	4.12
Arkansas	2.09	2/	2/	2.08	3.95
Louisiana	1.99	2/	1.93	2.41	3.24
New Mexico	1.87	2/	1.97	2.09	2/
Oklahoma	2.05	2/	2/	2.45	2/
Texas	1.92	2/	1.80	2.72	3.17
Region VI	1.94	1.85	1.98	2.39	3.43
Iowa	2.20	2/	2/	2.82	3.26
Kansas	2.39	2/	2/	2.34	3.16
Missouri	2.28	2/	2.40	2.04	2.63
Nebraska	1.99	2/	2.37	2.84	2/
Region VII	2.23	1.90	2.40	2.39	3.00
Colorado	2.22	2/	2.30	2.99	3.09
Montana	1.92	2/	2/	2/	2.94
North Dakota	2.14	2/	2/	2/	2/
South Dakota	2.14	2/	2/	2/	2/
Utah	2.11	2/	2/	2/	3.33
Wyoming	1.70	2/	2/	2/	2/
Region VIII	2.05	1.96	2.66	2.75	3.13
Arizona	1.87	2.02	2.20	2.42	3.76
California	2.42	2.58	3/2.87	3.16	3.95
Nevada	1.39	--	2/	2/	2/
Region IX	3/2.34	2.55	3/2.69	3.11	3.91
Idaho	2.02	2.16	2/	3.04	2/
Oregon	2.29	2.33	2/	2.91	4.16
Washington	2.42	2.42	2/	3.11	2/
Region X	2.28	2.30	2/	3.05	4.36
United States	3/2.08	2.11	3/2.31	2.84	3.80

1/ Region I: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.
2/ Insufficient data for this category - data included in all hired farm workers and in United States wage rates. 3/ Corrected. **Corresponding wages on page 8 of March 1974 Farm Labor should also be corrected.**

Farm employment and indexes, March 1974, with comparisons, United States

Item	Annual average 1972	Annual average 1973	March 19-25, 1972	March 18-24, 1973	March 24-30, 1974
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/					
(Thousands)					
Total	4,373.4	4,336.7	3,900.4	3,794.2	3,770.7
Family labor	3,227.7	3,169.0	3,017.3	2,910.1	2,896.2
Hired labor	1,145.7	1,167.7	883.1	884.1	874.5
INDEXES 2/					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	32	32	34	33	33
Family labor	32	31	33	31	31
Hired labor	34	34	39	39	38
(1967=100)					
Total	89	89	94	90	89
Family labor	89	86	92	86	86
Hired labor	89	89	103	103	100

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.

Farm wage rates and indexes, April 1, 1974,
United States

Item	Annual average 1973	April 1, 1972	April 1, 1973	April 1, 1974
FARM WAGE RATES				
Composite rate per hour 1/	$ 1.73	$ 1.44	$ 1.57	$ 1.73
Per month with house	393	352	383	408
Per month with board and room	309	274	303	324
Per week with board and room	74.00	65.75	71.75	78.50
Per week without board or room	94.75	84.50	93.50	100.25
Per day with house	12.30	10.90	12.10	13.20
Per day with board and room	13.10	11.10	12.20	13.40
Per day without board or room	14.50	12.80	14.10	15.40
Per hour with house	1.81	1.55	1.67	1.85
Per hour without board or room	2.00	1.84	1.97	2.21
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	1,331	1,224	1,334	1,467
(1967=100)	157	145	157	173

1/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis. Composite rate does not include piece rate workers.
2/ Indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

Farm employment represents number of family and hired labor working during the survey week. Family labor includes farm operators working on farms one hour or more plus other family members working 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages during survey week. Hired workers include all persons working one hour or more for cash wages during the survey week. These data should not be confused with the dat published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The BLS data are derived from a household survey where each member 16 years of age and older is classified as performing farm or nonfarm work on the basis of major activity during the survey week.