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WINTER SLUMP HITS FARM EMPLOYMENT

Employment on the Nation's farms neared the winter low during the week, December 21-27, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. The 5,615,000 workers on farms that week reflected an 18 percent decline from the previous month. With most crops harvested across the country and Christmas falling in the survey week, there was only limited activity on most farms. The holiday stir with last-minute shopping trips made it easy for farmers to postpone their less urgent activities until later. However, people with livestock were at work every day, even on Christmas, meeting the needs of their animals.

December farm employment this year showed 25,000 fewer workers than for the same month last year. The usual level of farm employment in December in recent years has been slightly below 6 million workers. December farm employment hovered around 8 million workers during most years in the 1940's, followed by a period through the 50's when in each December there were slightly fewer farm workers. This type of trend is also reflected in farm employment levels for other months.

There were 4,633,000 family workers employed during the December survey week compared with 5,286,000 workers in November and 4,689,000 workers in December 1957. The number of family workers each December has gradually dropped from about 6.5 million in the 1940's to the more recent level of slightly less than 5 million persons.

Hired worker numbers in December were 36 percent below November which is near the average decline--38 percent--for the month. The December 1958 hired worker force of 982,000 was the highest for December since 1952 when more than a million hired workers were employed on farms during the survey week. During the 1940's the December hired labor force fluctuated between 1,200,000 and 1,500,000 workers.

Agricultural Activities

There was no White Christmas for most parts of the Nation in 1958 as mild and relatively dry weather during the survey week pushed the snow cover line to extreme northern areas and to higher elevations in mountainous country. Disappointment to children with new sleds may have been balanced by easier work conditions for their elders. The week's moderate to heavy precipitation was limited mostly to an area south of a line joining Richmond, Virginia, and Laredo, Texas, and to the Pacific Coast north of San Francisco, with totals ranging up to about 3 inches in both areas. The rains throughout much of the south helped restore soil moisture which had been below satisfactory levels in some sections for a long time. Rains were frequent in the Pacific Northwest. For most of the mid-continent area there was little or no precipitation and surface soil moisture was needed.

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Temperatures averaged above normal west of a line joining Detroit, Michigan, and Laredo, Texas. In the North Central regions temperatures ranged from 6 to 14 degrees above normal while in the Far West the entire month of December was unseasonably mild. This offered slight consolation to New Englanders who had one of the coldest Decembers since 1917. Temperatures at Caribou, Maine, have been below freezing since late November. Other Atlantic Coast States also experienced cooler than normal temperatures during the week December 21-27, with northern Florida readings 2 to 4 degrees below normal. Temperatures fell below zero over much of the Northeast from the 24th to the 27th. On the 25th, Pellston, Michigan, had a low of 23 degrees below zero and New York State experienced the coldest Christmas Day in 10 years.

Farm activity was limited in all areas of the country but, fair, mild weather in most areas west of the Mississippi permitted cleanup harvest operations in the southern sections. Cotton harvest was nearly completed in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and the San Joaquin Valley of California but continued active in the Imperial Valley.

Farm work was mainly limited to routine winter chores in northern areas. Rain and the holidays delayed final completion of harvest in the lower Mississippi Valley. In Florida, too, harvest of citrus and vegetable crops was restricted during the week. Planting of vegetables for late winter and spring harvesting was increasing there, however. Field work in the southern vegetable areas of Texas was interrupted by showers at mid-week and harvesting generally came to a standstill during the holiday season. It's always harvest time somewhere in California, and the survey week was no exception, with many different vegetables and fruits being harvested.

While the survey week was a time for work for many farmers, for many more it was a week in which there was time to catch one's breath after another busy crop season which had been blessed with abundant production. Farmers could go about the winter chores of feeding and caring for their livestock with the smug knowledge that feed supplies would see them through until the green pastures of spring.

Employment by Geographic Regions

Total farm employment in December, down 18 percent nationally from a month earlier, reflected a decline in all 9 geographic regions. There was some regional variation in this decline with the largest drop of 32 percent occurring in the East South Central Region. The West South Central and South Atlantic regions also showed large decreases. The smallest decline from November of 9 percent occurred in the West North Central and Pacific regions. Declines in farm employment while varying geographically, generally reflected close to the usual seasonal drops in each region. Only in the East South Central region was the decline in total employment slightly more than usual. Compared with one year earlier, total farm employment was higher in 5 regions and lower in 4 regions.

Family labor numbers were down in all 9 regions in December as compared with November. This was also true for hired labor, with 3 regions showing greater than usual declines.

Wage Rates

Farm wage rates around January 1 were at record highs for the country as a whole. The seasonally adjusted farm wage rates index had advanced to 610 by January 1, 1959 compared with the previous January's index of 567. The gradual

advance in farm wage rates took place largely during the latter part of 1958. The index was at 567 in April, dropping one point to 566 in July but advanced to a record 594 last October. The index based on the period 1910-14=100 has been above 500 since January 1953. These index numbers take into consideration the fluctuation in all the various types of wage rates such as monthly, weekly, and hourly rates, thus providing a ready means of studying general trends.

Nationally, all individual types of farm wage rates were higher on January 1 than a year earlier with increases fairly uniform. Changes since October 1 were not all in the direction of higher wage rates. For instance, January 1 rates per week with board and room, per day without board and room, and per hour with house were all below the previous quarter. This was true partly because of a decline in demand for harvest labor. Also the hourly rate with house showed a sharp decline from October because the larger proportion of workers being paid at this rate in January was in the lower wage rate areas of the South. Most rates were higher than for October and continued to reflect the competitive bidding for permanent, full-time workers.

Geographically, the indexes of composite rates (farm wage rate index), which are weighted averages of all types of rates compared with the 1910-14=100 base, were above a year earlier on January 1 in all regions except the West South Central which was one point lower and the West North Central which was the same as last January. The January 1, 1959 regional indexes were also above October 1, 1958, except in the East South Central Region. Most categories of rates by regions were above January 1, 1958.

There is usually considerable variation in wage rates from State to State across the Nation and this was the situation on January 1. The rate per hour without board or room ranged from a high of $1.25 in Washington and Connecticut to a low of $.51 in South Carolina. In 29 States farm workers averaged $1.00 or more per hour. The United States average was $1.03 per hour. Per month rates with house averaged $200 or more in 17 States with the highest rate of $271 being paid in California. The tables on pages 10 and 11 contain the various rates paid throughout the country for 9 different categories of wages on January 1, 1958-59, while annual average wage rates for 1957 and 1958 are listed by States on pages 12 and 13. Careful study of these tables will reveal the geographical complexities of farm wage rates.

Farm employment and indexes for week of December 21-27, 1958, United States, with comparisons

	December average 1953-57 1/	December 22-28, 1957	November 23-29, 1958	December 21-27, 1958
FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons):				
Total	5,869	5,640	6,817	5,615
Family labor	4,920	4,689	5,286	4,633
Hired labor	949	951	1,531	982
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation, 1910-14 = 100)				
Total	61	58	56	58
Family labor	61	58	55	57
Hired labor	62	62	58	64

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

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Farm wage rates, indexes, and related data, January 1, 1959, United States, with comparisons 1/

	October 1, 1957	January 1, 1958	October 1, 1958	January 1, 1959
FARM WAGE RATES				
Per month with house	$168.00	$172.00	$176.00	$185.00
Per month with board and room	134.00	138.00	138.00	147.00
Per week with board and room	33.75	32.50	34.25	34.00
Per week without board or room	41.00	41.00	42.25	45.00
Per day with house	4.75	4.85	5.10	5.20
Per day with board and room	5.80	5.80	6.00	6.00
Per day without board or room	6.30	6.00	6.70	6.40
Per hour with house	.94	.73	.96	.78
Per hour without board or room	.84	.97	.88	1.03
Composite rate per hour 2/	.757	.804	.795	.865
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Adjusted for seasonal variation	565	567	594	610
RELATED INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Prices received by farmers 3/	242	244	255	246*
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	43	43	43	40

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, 1958.

Total workers on farms during week of December 21-27, 1958, by regions and selected States, with comparisons

State and region	December average 1953-57 1/	November 17-23, 1957	December 22-28, 1957	November 23-29, 1958	December 21-27, 1958
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
New England	136	143	121	147	125
New York	157	156	144	160	143
New Jersey	36	44	34	42	34
Pennsylvania	186	178	165	175	162
Middle Atlantic	379	378	343	377	339
Ohio	230	260	216	256	214
Indiana	213	219	200	214	200
Illinois	227	273	215	266	220
Michigan	191	201	182	200	185
Wisconsin	275	281	265	275	264
East North Central	1,136	1,234	1,078	1,211	1,083
Minnesota	222	228	207	225	203
Iowa	237	277	230	266	228
Missouri	245	258	230	262	242
North Dakota	77	78	69	76	69
South Dakota	82	85	78	83	76
Nebraska	136	132	127	131	125
Kansas	140	142	132	137	128
West North Central	1,139	1,200	1,073	1,180	1,071
Delaware-Maryland	53	67	54	64	54
Virginia	164	181	160	193	161
West Virginia	71	73	65	74	66
North Carolina	292	346	296	363	264
South Carolina	139	161	135	163	137
Georgia	130	193	129	184	122
Florida	77	101	91	96	86
South Atlantic	926	1,122	930	1,137	890
Kentucky	224	232	201	251	202
Tennessee	194	298	198	299	200
Alabama	122	177	115	180	114
Mississippi	184	250	177	253	152
East South Central	724	957	691	983	668
Arkansas	141	211	130	217	139
Louisiana	106	124	94	141	106
Oklahoma	142	150	125	143	126
Texas	288	398	315	427	317
West South Central	677	883	664	928	688
Montana	40	43	37	43	37
Idaho	41	52	42	51	44
Colorado	44	59	45	59	45
New Mexico-Arizona	99	116	96	122	103
Wyoming-Utah-Nevada	40	50	42	50	42
Mountain	264	320	262	325	271
Washington	85	85	80	84	77
Oregon	70	75	64	77	67
California	333	361	334	368	336
Pacific	488	521	478	529	480
UNITED STATES	5,869	6,758	5,640	6,817	5,615

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

Family and hired workers on farms during week of December 21-27, 1958
by regions and selected States, with comparisons

State and region	Family 1/				Hired 2/			
	December average 1953-57 3/	Dec. 22-28, 1957	Nov. 23-29, 1958	Dec. 21-27, 1958	December average 1953-57 3/	Dec. 22-28, 1957	Nov. 23-29, 1958	Dec. 21-27, 1958
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
New England	97	87	94	87	39	34	53	38
New York	115	103	113	104	42	41	47	39
New Jersey	24	23	27	22	12	11	15	12
Pennsylvania	155	140	146	138	31	25	29	24
Middle Atlantic	294	266	286	264	85	77	91	75
Ohio	213	201	224	198	17	15	32	16
Indiana	197	184	193	185	16	16	21	15
Illinois	196	184	226	190	31	31	40	30
Michigan	171	164	167	165	20	18	33	20
Wisconsin	254	246	250	246	21	19	25	18
East North Central	1,031	979	1,060	984	105	99	151	99
Minnesota	207	192	208	189	15	15	17	14
Iowa	221	214	237	212	16	16	29	16
Missouri	225	213	234	221	20	17	28	21
North Dakota	67	59	64	59	10	10	12	10
South Dakota	75	70	74	69	7	8	9	7
Nebraska	125	114	118	114	11	13	13	11
Kansas	131	122	127	119	9	10	10	9
West North Central	1,051	984	1,062	983	88	89	118	88
Delaware-Maryland	37	37	45	38	16	17	19	16
Virginia	139	138	159	135	25	22	34	26
West Virginia	63	58	62	59	8	7	12	7
North Carolina	262	266	316	238	30	30	47	26
South Carolina	117	113	119	112	22	22	44	25
Georgia	106	107	124	101	24	22	60	21
Florida	41	45	49	43	36	46	47	43
South Atlantic	765	764	874	726	161	166	263	164
Kentucky	210	188	221	188	14	13	30	14
Tennessee	174	181	251	181	20	17	48	19
Alabama	110	105	143	102	12	10	37	12
Mississippi	161	155	208	134	23	22	45	18
East South Central	655	629	823	605	69	62	160	63
Arkansas	120	109	147	113	21	21	70	26
Louisiana	88	77	102	84	18	17	39	22
Oklahoma	133	116	121	117	9	9	22	9
Texas	238	241	249	233	50	74	178	84
West South Central	579	543	619	547	98	121	309	141
Montana	34	31	35	32	6	6	8	5
Idaho	36	36	40	38	5	6	11	6
Colorado	39	40	47	40	5	5	12	5
New Mexico-Arizona	37	33	34	32	62	63	88	71
Wyoming-Utah-Nevada	33	35	38	35	7	7	12	7
Mountain	179	175	194	177	85	87	131	94
Washington	75	72	68	66	10	8	16	11
Oregon	61	54	66	59	9	10	11	8
California	133	136	140	135	200	198	228	201
Pacific	269	262	274	260	219	216	255	220
UNITED STATES	4,920	4,689	5,286	4,633	949	951	1,531	982

1/ 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.
2/ Includes all persons doing one or more hours of farm work during the survey week for pay.
3/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Annual average number of workers on farms, 1958, by regions and selected States, with comparisons

State and region	Average 1953-57			1957			1958		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
New England	189	120	69	172	106	66	171	105	66
New York	199	132	67	179	116	63	181	116	65
New Jersey	56	33	23	51	31	20	51	30	21
Pennsylvania	244	194	50	214	174	40	213	172	41
Middle Atlantic	499	359	140	444	321	123	445	318	127
Ohio	286	244	42	264	226	38	265	225	40
Indiana	258	228	30	237	209	28	233	204	29
Illinois	292	237	55	266	214	52	266	214	52
Michigan	249	207	42	234	192	42	232	190	42
Wisconsin	323	288	35	306	274	32	309	277	32
East North Central.	1,408	1,204	204	1,307	1,115	192	1,305	1,110	195
Minnesota	313	268	45	285	245	40	282	243	39
Iowa	314	273	41	296	256	40	297	257	40
Missouri	317	270	47	293	250	43	295	248	47
North Dakota	110	88	22	100	79	21	100	78	22
South Dakota	106	92	14	100	86	14	98	85	13
Nebraska	168	146	22	158	135	23	156	132	24
Kansas	183	158	25	166	143	23	171	144	27
West North Central.	1,511	1,295	216	1,398	1,194	204	1,399	1,187	212
Del.-Md.	80	52	28	76	50	26	74	48	26
Virginia	228	171	57	209	156	53	214	157	57
West Virginia	90	75	15	77	64	13	77	63	14
North Carolina	500	398	102	452	348	104	433	329	104
South Carolina	230	165	65	215	150	65	203	137	66
Georgia	233	175	58	208	156	52	198	146	52
Florida	107	56	51	108	56	52	105	55	50
South Atlantic	1,468	1,092	376	1,345	980	365	1,304	935	369
Kentucky	268	221	47	246	200	46	246	199	47
Tennessee	277	224	53	259	209	50	251	202	49
Alabama	194	156	38	162	132	30	158	126	32
Mississippi	338	271	67	302	245	57	275	216	59
East South Central.	1,077	872	205	969	786	183	930	743	187
Arkansas	262	172	90	225	145	80	230	139	91
Louisiana	177	115	62	156	97	59	158	96	62
Oklahoma	205	168	37	175	145	30	181	142	39
Texas	478	317	161	444	281	163	454	281	173
West South Central.	1,122	772	350	1,000	668	332	1,023	658	365
Montana	57	42	15	54	39	15	53	39	14
Idaho	69	50	19	67	47	20	69	48	21
Colorado	75	57	18	72	54	18	70	53	17
N. Mex.-Ariz.	100	38	62	98	34	64	102	35	67
Wyo.-Utah-Nev.	67	47	20	63	44	19	64	44	20
Mountain	368	234	134	354	218	136	358	219	139
Washington	126	87	39	118	80	38	121	82	39
Oregon	103	73	30	97	67	30	96	67	29
California	382	149	233	373	147	226	373	146	227
Pacific	611	309	302	588	294	294	590	295	295
UNITED STATES	8,253	6,257	1,996	7,577	5,682	1,895	7,525	5,570	1,955

Annual averages and indexes of total, family, and hired farm workers, United States, 1910-58

Year	Total workers		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	9,926	73	7,597	75	2,329	69
1951	9,546	70	7,310	72	2,236	66
1952	9,149	67	7,005	69	2,144	63
1953	8,864	65	6,775	67	2,089	61
1954	8,639	64	6,579	65	2,060	61
1955	8,364	62	6,347	62	2,017	59
1956	7,820	58	5,899	58	1,921	57
1957	7,577	56	5,682	56	1,895	56
1958	7,525	55	5,570	55	1,955	58

Farm wage rates by geographic regions, January 1, 1959, with comparisons

Geographic region	October 1, 1957	January 1, 1958	October 1, 1958	January 1, 1959
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH HOUSE				
New England	191.00	194.00	200.00	202.00
Middle Atlantic	188.00	187.00	194.00	194.00
East North Central	177.00	178.00	180.00	183.00
West North Central	168.00	170.00	172.00	172.00
Mountain	209.00	212.00	218.00	222.00
Pacific	263.00	264.00	266.00	269.00
PER MONTH WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	147.00	146.00	150.00	150.00
Middle Atlantic	133.00	134.00	137.00	138.00
East North Central	132.00	132.00	131.00	134.00
West North Central	132.00	130.00	135.00	132.00
Mountain	159,00	157.00	165.00	164.00
Pacific	209.00	206.00	205.00	203.00
PER WEEK WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	40.50	39.25	39.75	40.25
Middle Atlantic	35.25	34.75	36.25	36.75
PER WEEK WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	54.25	52.50	54.25	54.50
Middle Atlantic	48.25	48.00	49.25	50.25
PER DAY WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	4.55	4.65	4.65	4.90
East South Central	3.75	3.65	3.75	3.75
West South Central	5.30	5.30	5.50	5.40
PER DAY WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
East North Central	6.70	6.60	6.70	6.80
West North Central	6.90	6.60	6.90	6.60
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	9.50	9.10	9.70	9.50
Middle Atlantic	8.50	8.40	8.70	8.60
East North Central	8.30	8.10	8.30	8.50
West North Central	8.50	8.30	8.60	8.30
South Atlantic	5.30	5.50	5.50	5.60
East South Central	4.40	4.35	4.45	4.50
West South Central	6.10	6.00	6.20	6.00
Mountain	8.40	7.90	8.50	8.20
PER HOUR WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	--	.60	--	.61
East South Central	--	.51	--	.51
West South Central	--	.64	--	.64
Pacific	1.08	1.05	1.10	1.09
PER HOUR WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.15
Middle Atlantic	1.08	1.07	1.10	1.09
East North Central	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.07
West North Central	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.03
South Atlantic	.68	.72	.68	.73
East South Central	.58	.61	.60	.61
West South Central	.74	.75	.74	.75
Mountain	1.00	.94	.99	.94
Pacific	1.15	1.15	1.18	1.17

Farm wage rates by States and regions, January 1, 1958 1/

State and region	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	188.00	143.00	37.50	52.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.04	.949	566
N. H.	195.00	141.00	38.00	53.00	-	-	8.90	-	1.08	.964	616
Vt.	179.00	140.00	35.00	47.50	-	-	8.30	-	1.06	.890	586
Mass.	205.00	154.00	44.50	56.00	-	-	10.00	-	1.24	1.055	676
R. I.	214.00	160.00	47.00	59.00	-	-	10.10	-	1.21	1.092	736
Conn.	218.00	157.00	45.00	58.00	-	-	10.10	-	1.27	1.086	742
New Eng.	194.00	146.00	39.25	52.50	-	-	9.10	-	1.12	.974	625
N. Y.	194.00	138.00	35.75	51.00	-	-	8.80	-	1.11	.876	544
N. J.	216.00	150.00	38.00	51.25	-	-	9.10	-	1.15	.920	650
Pa.	171.00	124.00	32.50	43.50	-	-	7.80	-	1.01	.778	627
Mid. Atl.	187.00	134.00	34.75	48.00	-	-	8.40	-	1.07	.841	588
Ohio	167.00	125.00	-	-	-	6.60	7.80	-	1.06	.769	595
Ind.	166.00	122.00	-	-	-	6.10	7.60	-	1.05	.754	612
Ill.	184.00	144.00	-	-	-	7.20	8.60	-	1.07	.849	623
Mich.	197.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.20	-	1.07	.827	583
Wis.	182.00	135.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.30	-	1.05	.815	552
E.N.Cent.	178.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.10	-	1.06	.801	595
Minn.	169.00	129.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.90	-	1.07	.836	540
Iowa	177.00	144.00	-	-	-	7.40	9.20	-	1.08	.879	536
Mo.	147.00	108.00	-	-	-	5.50	6.80	-	.94	.706	630
N.Dak.	165.00	128.00	-	-	-	5.80	7.60	-	.99	.782	493
S.Dak.	168.00	129.00	-	-	-	6.30	7.90	-	1.00	.797	493
Nebr.	186.00	140.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.70	-	1.03	.854	563
Kans.	176.00	130.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.60	-	1.04	.830	664
W.N.Cent.	170.00	130.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.30	-	1.02	.814	567
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	8.40	.90	.98	.976	821
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.00	-	7.40	.88	.96	.915	848
Va.	-	-	-	-	4.90	-	6.10	.60	.79	.703	730
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	4.20	-	5.30	.64	.72	.650	478
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.50	.57	.67	.632	672
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.35	-	3.90	.44	.51	.461	577
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.90	-	4.40	.53	.63	.541	575
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.30	.64	.81	.737	690
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.50	.60	.72	.645	659
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.00	-	5.00	.61	.71	.611	538
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.50	-	4.40	.48	.61	.533	489
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.25	.49	.59	.522	517
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.60	-	4.10	.48	.57	.507	495
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.35	.51	.61	.535	506
Ark.	-	-	-	-	4.75	-	5.20	.56	.68	.634	554
La.	-	-	-	-	4.40	-	4.90	.56	.66	.600	585
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.20	-	7.00	.78	.88	.843	625
Texas	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.40	.68	.79	.764	584
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.30	-	6.00	.64	.75	.719	594
Mont.	200.00	162.00	-	-	-	-	8.30	-	1.10	.915	470
Idaho	229.00	181.00	-	-	-	-	9.50	-	1.11	1.004	559
Wyo.	206.00	148.00	-	-	-	-	8.10	-	1.03	.872	457
Colo.	198.00	143.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	1.01	.854	559
N.Mex.	166.00	122.00	-	-	-	-	6.40	-	.82	.703	556
Ariz.	230.00	165.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	.87	.894	558
Utah	216.00	193.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.15	1.017	594
Nev.	230.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.20	.972	500
Mountain	212.00	157.00	-	-	-	-	7.90	-	.94	.872	526
Wash.	244.00	188.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.14	1.24	1.210	596
Oreg.	232.00	174.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	1.15	1.127	550
Calif.	268.00	210.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.04	1.14	1.170	531
Pacific	264.00	206.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.05	1.15	1.169	543
U. S.	172.00	138.00	32.50	41.00	4.85	5.80	6.00	.73	.97	.804	567

1/ Certain wage rates are not published where they are relatively unimportant, but are estimated for use in computing U.S. averages. 2/ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

Farm wage rates by States and regions, January 1, 1959 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With board	Without board or room	With board	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	195.00	143.00	75.00	51.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.04	.937	553
N. H.	200.00	146.00	40.00	55.50	-	-	9.20	-	1.11	1.003	647
Vt.	186.00	145.00	37.00	49.00	-	-	8.80	-	1.10	.925	615
Mass.	209.00	152.00	44.00	57.50	-	-	10.10	-	1.22	1.065	682
R. I.	215.00	156.00	44.00	59.00	-	-	10.10	-	1.20	1.079	727
Conn.	214.00	160.00	44.00	58.50	-	-	10.40	-	1.25	1.086	734
New Eng.	202.00	150.00	40.25	54.50	-	-	9.50	-	1.15	1.004	643
N. Y.	200.00	142.00	38.00	52.25	-	-	8.80	-	1.11	.893	550
N. J.	213.00	152.00	38.50	53.50	-	-	9.10	-	1.13	.925	654
Pa.	176.00	126.00	33.75	45.50	-	-	7.90	-	1.03	.799	644
Mid. Atl.	194.00	138.00	36.75	50.25	-	-	8.60	-	1.09	.868	601
Ohio	168.00	125.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.20	-	1.07	.780	597
Ind.	162.00	120.00	-	-	-	6.10	7.60	-	1.04	.745	599
Ill.	188.00	144.00	-	-	-	7.20	8.80	-	1.08	.861	632
Mich.	200.00	134.00	-	-	-	7.00	9.00	-	1.07	.854	602
Wis.	185.00	136.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.60	-	1.07	.830	562
E.N.Cent.	183.00	134.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.50	-	1.07	.823	605
Minn.	174.00	131.00	-	-	-	6.90	9.00	-	1.07	.845	540
Iowa	184.00	148.00	-	-	-	7.70	9.50	-	1.10	.906	547
Mo.	148.00	110.00	-	-	-	5.50	7.00	-	.95	.716	633
N.Dak.	159.00	125.00	-	-	-	5.90	7.50	-	1.00	.776	480
S.Dak.	174.00	134.00	-	-	-	6.20	8.00	-	1.01	.815	499
Nebr.	194.00	147.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.90	-	1.04	.880	575
Kans.	184.00	141.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.80	-	1.06	.867	694
W.N.Cent.	172.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.30	-	1.03	.822	567
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.80	-	8.80	.91	.98	1.002	835
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.20	-	7.80	.91	.98	.958	880
V.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	6.30	.61	.78	.715	735
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	4.90	-	5.60	.64	.73	.689	511
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.50	.57	.69	.637	684
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.40	-	3.95	.44	.51	.466	583
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.90	-	4.55	.54	.63	.550	579
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.80	-	6.00	.65	.80	.723	671
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.90	-	5.60	.61	.73	.664	684
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.10	-	5.20	.59	.75	.636	561
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.45	.48	.59	.538	494
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.40	.50	.60	.539	533
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.05	.47	.54	.500	485
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.50	.51	.61	.549	515
Ark.	-	-	-	-	4.85	-	5.40	.59	.68	.652	569
La.	-	-	-	-	4.45	-	4.80	.53	.64	.589	574
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.30	-	7.20	.78	.91	.863	628
Tex.	-	-	-	-	5.70	-	6.40	.67	.79	.765	585
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.40	-	6.00	.64	.75	.723	593
Mont.	203.00	158.00	-	-	-	-	8.30	-	1.08	.905	460
Idaho	228.00	181.00	-	-	-	-	9.90	-	1.12	1.010	563
Wyo.	207.00	148.00	-	-	-	-	8.30	-	1.11	.893	473
Colo.	206.00	149.00	-	-	-	-	8.60	-	1.03	.882	577
N.Mex.	172.00	125.00	-	-	-	-	6.70	-	.84	.726	580
Ariz.	245.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	.91	.957	603
Utah	216.00	186.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.15	1.005	593
Nev.	230.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.20	.971	504
Mountain	222.00	164.00	-	-	-	-	8.20	-	.94	.904	545
Wash.	255.00	198.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.18	1.25	1.236	615
Oreg.	238.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.12	1.18	1.160	571
Calif.	271.00	204.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.08	1.17	1.191	536
Pacific	269.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	1.17	1.192	549
U. S.	185.00	147.00	34.00	45.00	5.20	6.00	6.40	.78	1.03	.865	610

1/ Certain wage rates are not published where they are relatively unimportant, but are estimated for use in computing U.S. averages. 2/ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

Annual average farm wage rates and index numbers, by States and regions, 1957 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100
	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	184.00	140.00	38.00	52.50	-	-	8.70	-	1.03	.909	548
N. H.	192.00	143.00	38.25	53.50	-	-	9.10	-	1.09	.936	616
Vt.	176.00	140.00	35.25	48.75	-	-	8.70	-	1.08	.889	585
Mass.	203.00	151.00	44.25	56.25	-	-	9.70	-	1.22	1.020	667
R. I.	211.00	154.00	44.50	58.00	-	-	9.80	-	1.20	1.032	717
Conn.	213.00	158.00	45.00	57.75	-	-	9.90	-	1.25	1.045	721
New Eng.	191.00	146.00	39.75	53.25	-	-	9.20	-	1.12	.949	620
N. Y.	192.00	136.00	36.25	50.75	-	-	8.80	-	1.09	.867	539
N. J.	210.00	147.00	37.50	51.50	-	-	9.00	-	1.12	.900	643
Pa.	171.00	122.00	32.75	44.25	-	-	7.80	-	1.02	.789	636
Mid. Atl.	186.00	132.00	35.25	48.25	-	-	8.50	-	1.07	.841	588
Ohio	163.00	122.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.10	-	1.07	.793	601
Ind.	164.00	123.00	-	-	-	6.20	7.90	-	1.06	.786	619
Ill.	185.00	145.00	-	-	-	7.20	8.70	-	1.07	.833	617
Mich.	195.00	135.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.50	-	1.07	.830	597
Wis.	179.00	134.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.30	-	1.05	.807	553
E.N.Cent.	177.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.30	-	1.06	.809	595
Minn.	173.00	137.00	-	-	-	7.40	9.10	-	1.07	.865	547
Iowa	177.00	144.00	-	-	-	7.70	9.40	-	1.08	.883	538
Mo.	142.00	107.00	-	-	-	5.60	6.90	-	.93	.704	629
N.Dak.	178.00	149.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.80	-	1.05	.853	490
S.Dak.	169.00	136.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.40	-	1.02	.816	495
Nebr.	183.00	140.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.90	-	1.03	.840	560
Kans.	175.00	134.00	-	-	-	7.20	9.00	-	1.05	.855	684
W.N.Cent.	167.00	131.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.50	-	1.02	.820	566
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.40	-	8.20	.89	.96	.868	796
Md.	-	-	-	-	5.90	-	7.40	.87	.94	.819	827
Va.	-	-	-	-	4.95	-	6.00	.63	.76	.644	716
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	4.35	-	5.40	.66	.74	.605	480
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.70	-	5.50	.59	.68	.590	678
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.40	-	3.95	.44	.49	.424	573
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.85	-	4.40	.53	.61	.497	565
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.30	-	5.90	.65	.77	.642	655
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.55	-	5.30	.60	.68	.575	646
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.05	-	5.10	.59	.74	.573	541
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.50	-	4.25	.47	.59	.483	488
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.20	.50	.55	.479	526
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.60	-	4.00	.47	.55	.468	503
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.70	-	4.35	.51	.58	.492	507
Ark.	-	-	-	-	4.75	-	5.10	.56	.66	.587	549
La.	-	-	-	-	4.20	-	4.70	.52	.66	.561	591
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.10	-	7.20	.80	.88	.795	607
Texas	-	-	-	-	5.50	-	6.20	.66	.75	.691	571
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.20	-	5.80	.63	.73	.657	581
Mont.	206.00	172.00	-	-	-	-	8.70	-	1.09	.871	456
Idaho	232.00	184.00	-	-	-	-	9.70	-	1.12	.941	550
Wyo.	207.00	152.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.09	.862	461
Colo.	201.00	148.00	-	-	-	-	8.60	-	1.03	.836	569
N.Mex.	167.00	118.00	-	-	-	-	6.40	-	.82	.659	563
Ariz.	239.00	168.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	.85	.826	562
Utah 2/	221.00	192.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.11	.925	589
Nev. 2/	223.00	161.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.15	.907	504
Mount. 2/	211.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	1.00	.836	529
Wash.	255.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.17	1.25	1.209	596
Oreg.	232.00	182.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	1.16	1.116	555
Calif.	263.00	203.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.06	1.13	1.115	521
Pacific	259.00	201.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.08	1.15	1.128	535
U. S.	168.00	133.00	33.00	41.25	4.60	5.80	5.80	.80	.88	.728	560

1/ Weighted average of five quarters.

Annual average farm wage rates and index numbers, by States and regions, 1958 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	194.00	144.00	36.25	51.75	-	-	8.90	-	1.03	.906	546
N. H.	197.00	144.00	39.25	54.50	-	-	9.30	-	1.08	.949	624
Vt.	182.00	145.00	36.25	49.00	-	-	8.80	-	1.10	.906	596
Mass.	208.00	154.00	45.00	58.00	-	-	9.90	-	1.21	1.035	676
R. I.	215.00	158.00	45.75	59.75	-	-	10.00	-	1.19	1.044	725
Conn.	216.00	158.00	45.50	59.50	-	-	10.20	-	1.27	1.072	739
New Eng.	199.00	149.00	40.00	54.00	-	-	9.40	-	1.12	.964	630
N. Y.	198.00	139.00	36.75	50.75	-	-	8.90	-	1.11	.881	547
N. J.	215.00	155.00	40.00	52.75	-	-	9.40	-	1.14	.928	663
Pa.	175.00	126.00	33.25	44.75	-	-	7.90	-	1.02	.799	644
Mid. Atl.	192.00	137.00	36.00	49.00	-	-	8.60	-	1.09	.859	601
Ohio	167.00	125.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.00	-	1.06	.794	602
Ind.	165.00	120.00	-	-	-	6.00	7.60	-	1.03	.769	606
Ill.	187.00	145.00	-	-	-	7.20	8.80	-	1.08	.843	624
Mich.	195.00	130.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.50	-	1.06	.822	591
Wis.	184.00	137.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.50	-	1.06	.821	562
E.N.Cent.	180.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.30	-	1.05	.810	596
Minn.	176.00	139.00	-	-	-	7.50	9.40	-	1.10	.881	558
Iowa	184.00	149.00	-	-	-	7.90	9.60	-	1.09	.898	548
Mo.	144.00	108.00	-	-	-	5.50	7.00	-	.94	.713	637
N.Dak.	182.00	152.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.90	-	1.04	.850	489
S.Dak.	174.00	140.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.50	-	1.03	.823	499
Nebr.	192.00	145.00	-	-	-	7.20	9.10	-	1.04	.859	573
Kans.	182.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.50	9.30	-	1.08	.876	701
W.N.Cent.	173.00	135.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.70	-	1.04	.835	576
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.70	-	8.70	.91	.97	.896	822
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.10	-	7.60	.89	.98	.848	857
Va.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	6.10	.64	.77	.656	729
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	4.55	-	5.60	.66	.73	.615	488
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.60	.58	.65	.582	669
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.35	-	3.90	.43	.48	.420	568
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.90	-	4.50	.54	.61	.506	575
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.10	.64	.77	.658	671
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.30	.60	.68	.583	655
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.10	-	5.10	.60	.76	.591	558
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.60	-	4.40	.48	.60	.497	502
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.70	-	4.30	.50	.57	.494	543
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.60	-	4.00	.47	.56	.475	511
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.40	.51	.60	.507	523
Ark.	-	-	-	-	4.80	-	5.30	.58	.66	.599	560
La.	-	-	-	-	4.40	-	4.80	.54	.62	.554	583
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.50	-	7.70	.82	.91	.836	638
Tex.	-	-	-	-	5.70	-	6.50	.68	.77	.714	590
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.40	-	6.10	.65	.74	.676	598
Mont.	210.00	169.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.10	.879	460
Idaho	236.00	186.00	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	1.14	.960	561
Wyo.	211.00	155.00	-	-	-	-	8.80	-	1.10	.868	464
Colo.	204.00	155.00	-	-	-	-	8.80	-	1.01	.843	573
N.Mex.	174.00	128.00	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	.80	.673	575
Ariz.	242.00	174.00	-	-	-	-	8.30	-	.90	.858	584
Utah	219.00	192.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.13	.934	595
Nev.	237.00	166.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.17	.934	519
Mountain	216.00	164.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	.99	.847	536
Wash.	253.00	202.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.17	1.26	1.221	601
Oreg.	233.00	181.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	1.17	1.128	561
Calif.	269.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.07	1.15	1.133	529
Pacific	264.00	202.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	1.17	1.145	543
U. S.	176.00	137.00	33.75	42.50	4.80	6.10	6.00	.82	.92	.757	582

1/ Weighted average of five quarters.

Annual average farm wage rates and index numbers, United States, 1910-1958 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
3/						

Year	Per month: With house	Per month: With board and room	Per week: With board and room	Per week: Without board or room	Per day: With house	Per day: With board and room	Per day: 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	122.00	101.00	24.50	30.50	3.50	4.50	4.45	.64	.73	.580	445
1949	121.00	99.00	23.75	30.75	3.50	4.45	4.45	.63	.68	.559	430
1950	121.00	99.00	23.50	31.00	3.50	4.45	4.50	.62	.69	.561	432
1951	137.00	113.00	27.25	34.50	3.90	5.00	5.00	.69	.77	.625	481
1952	146.00	119.00	28.75	36.50	4.15	5.30	5.30	.74	.81	.661	508
1953	151.00	122.00	30.00	37.75	4.10	5.40	5.30	.75	.82	.672	517
1954	151.00	120.00	29.00	37.50	4.10	5.30	5.30	.74	.81	.661	508
1955	154.00	123.00	29.75	38.00	4.20	5.40	5.30	.74	.82	.675	519
1956	161.00	128.00	31.50	39.50	4.45	5.60	5.60	.77	.86	.705	542
1957	168.00	133.00	33.00	41.25	4.60	5.80	5.80	.80	.88	.728	560
1958	176.00	137.00	33.75	42.50	4.80	6.10	6.00	.82	.92	.757	582

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.

Index numbers of farm wage rates, rural living costs, and real farm wage rates, United States, 1910-58, (1910-14=100).

Year	Farm wage rates	Rural living costs 1/	Real farm wage rates 2/
1910	96	99	97
1911	98	99	99
1912	102	100	102
1913	104	100	104
1914	102	102	100
1915	102	104	98
1916	112	115	97
1917	141	143	99
1918	177	170	104
1919	206	202	102
1920	241	228	106
1921	156	164	95
1922	154	153	101
1923	177	156	113
1924	181	156	116
1925	183	161	114
1926	185	158	117
1927	185	155	119
1928	185	156	119
1929	187	154	121
1930	175	144	122
1931	133	124	107
1932	100	106	94
1933	89	108	82
1934	100	122	82
1935	110	124	89
1936	118	124	95
1937	133	128	104
1938	129	122	106
1939	129	120	108
1940	131	121	108
1941	160	130	123
1942	208	149	140
1943	274	166	165
1944	328	175	187
1945	366	182	201
1946	399	202	198
1947	424	237	179
1948	445	251	177
1949	430	243	177
1950	432	246	176
1951	481	268	179
1952	508	271	187
1953	517	270	191
1954	508	274	185
1955	519	273	190
1956	542	278	195
1957	560	286	196
1958	582	292	199

1/ Prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living.
2/ Wage rates divided by rural living costs.

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