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FARM LABOR SITUATION CONTINUES SEVERE

The situation relative to supply of and demand for farm labor had eased slightly on January 1, compared with that which prevailed on October 1, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today. Despite this, however, the reported data indicate the severest situation existing in many years. The index of farm labor supply stood at 56 percent of the 1935-39 average, compared with 54 October 1 and 70 on January 1, 1942. The demand index declined between October and January in the West North Central, South Central and Mountain States and rose in all other geographic divisions. The national index of demand was 122 on January 1, 1943 as compared to 125 last October 1. There are some reports that local situations are being relieved by completion of war construction projects and the return of workers to farms in the vicinity. This is a factor which may be of considerable importance during the coming year as it is believed that many workers who left farms for construction jobs relatively close by may be reluctant to go greater distances from their homes to take jobs in industrial plants.

Wage Rates Up 3 Points

On January 1 the general level of farm wage rates was the second highest on record. The index of 223 percent of the 1910-14 average was the highest since 1920, and is 57 points higher than on January 1, 1942. This is the largest increase ever recorded within a year's time.

Usually the general level of farm wage rates declines from October to January, but this season there was an increase of 3 points in the index of wages paid to farm workers during this period. The usual seasonal declines occurred in the West North Central and Mountain regions, but elsewhere gains were more than sufficient to offset the drop in wage rates in these two geographic divisions.

Wages per month both with and without board, were higher on January 1 than at the beginning of the previous quarter in all sections of the country except the West North Central and Mountain States where seasonal declines occurred. Rates per day with board were lower January 1 than October 1, but rates per day without board rose slightly between the two dates. All classes of wages were much higher January 1, this year, than a year earlier -- per month with board being up 37 percent, without board 31 percent, per day with board 35 percent, and without board 33 percent.

The annual average index of farm wage rates for 1942 was 201, or twice the average for the period 1910-14.

Farm Employment Lowest of Record

The total number of workers on farms January 1 is estimated at 8,171,000, the smallest number for any month since the monthly series was started in 1935. On January 1, 1942 there were 8,287,000 persons working on farms, and on January 1, 1941 there were 8,428,000. The January 1, 1943 number is a drop of about 14 percent from the December estimate of 9,551,000 persons. All geographic divisions show declines during the month. Although the number of unpaid family workers was reduced during December, most of the decline was accounted for by the decrease of about 32 percent in number of hired workers on farms, a little more than the usual seasonal decline.

The estimated number of 1,556,000 hired workers is the smallest of record -- slightly less than the 1,570,000 on farms January 1, 1940. Last year at this time there were 1,660,000 persons being paid wages on farms. Losses of workers to the armed services and to industry, and the effort of operators to get along without additional help are factors contributing to the reduced number of wage hands. However, this is the time of year when farm activity is at a low point and there is normally less need for hired workers. The annual average of total agricultural employment for 1942 remained near the low point reached in 1941, after a rather steady down trend since 1909 when the annual series began. Hired workers continued, as in 1941, to make up about 25 percent of the total.

Farmers Busy During "Slack" Period

Farmers everywhere are busy cutting wood, hauling manure, repairing fences, and doing numerous other odd jobs around the farm. Other work reported being done at this time includes marketing of tobacco, sowing oats and lespedeza, preparing gardens and hotbeds, breaking and preparing ground in the South, husking corn, feeding and caring for livestock, killing hogs for meat supply, grading and marketing apples, and caring for dairy herds in the North. In the Plains States care of livestock is the principal activity. However, some farmers in that area are still threshing beans, grinding grain and fodder, shucking and shelling corn, and sorting potatoes.

Lamb feeding is also occupying the attention of many feeders in the Plains. On the West Coast harvesting of citrus, cotton picking, cultivating and resetting cabbage seed plants, planting of truck crops, caring for shed-rhubarb and bulb crops, sugar beet harvest and pruning and spraying of orchards and various operations incident to livestock, dairy and poultry farming indicate the multiplicity of jobs to be done in that region even during the so-called "slack" season.

Estimates of farm employment and index numbers for the years 1934 to date by type of farming areas appear on pages 13 to 16. For certain years these data replace the estimates published first in "Trends in Employment in Agriculture, 1909-36" by Shaw and Hopkins, and later released in various issues of the monthly Farm Labor Report. It should be noted that a few States are not included in any type of farming area. These States are as follows: Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Missouri, Delaware, Florida, and California. Because data for these States are not published the summation of data for type of farming areas will not equal the total for the United States.

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

	Annual average 1910-14	Oct.1, 1941	Jan.1, 1942	Oct.1, 1942	Jan.1, 1943
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES:					
Unadjusted	100	165	166	220	223
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	160	173	214	232
FARM WAGE RATES:					
Per month, with board	$22.09	$37.45	$37.08	$50.83	50.91
Per month, without board	29.18	45.47	47.77	59.25	62.43
Per day, with board	1.16	1.88	1.77	2.54	2.39
Per day, without board	1.42	2.08	2.12	2.76	2.83
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES:					
Total-					
Unadjusted	100	99	69	99	68
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	86	86	84	85
Family labor -					
Unadjusted	100	94	72	94	72
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	85	84	85	85
Hired labor -					
Unadjusted	100	118	57	113	54
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	87	92	83	87
FARM EMPLOYMENT:					
(Thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	11,928	8,287	11,321	8,171
Family labor	9,160	8,567	6,632	8,653	6,615
Hired labor	2,892	3,421	1,655	2,668	1,556
FARM LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDEXES 1/					
Supply of farm labor	---	70	70	54	56
Demand for farm labor	---	117	114	125	122
RELATED INDEXES:					
Prices received by farmers 2/	100	139	146	166	3/178
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	84	88	75	80
Industrial wage rates 4/	---	128	137	157	--
Industrial employment 5/	---	139	137	6/155	7/157
Industrial pay rolls 5/	---	187	196	6/261	7/271

1/Average of 20 quarters, Jan. 1935 - Oct. 1939 = 100.
2/Average of the 15th of the given month and the 15th of the previous month.
3/Dec. 1942 - latest data available.
4/Average weekly earnings, New York State factories, 1939 = 100.
5/Bureau of Labor Statistics indexes of manufacturing industries, 1939 = 100.
6/Preliminary.
7/Preliminary Nov. 1942 - latest data available.

Based on reports from 21,694 farmers.

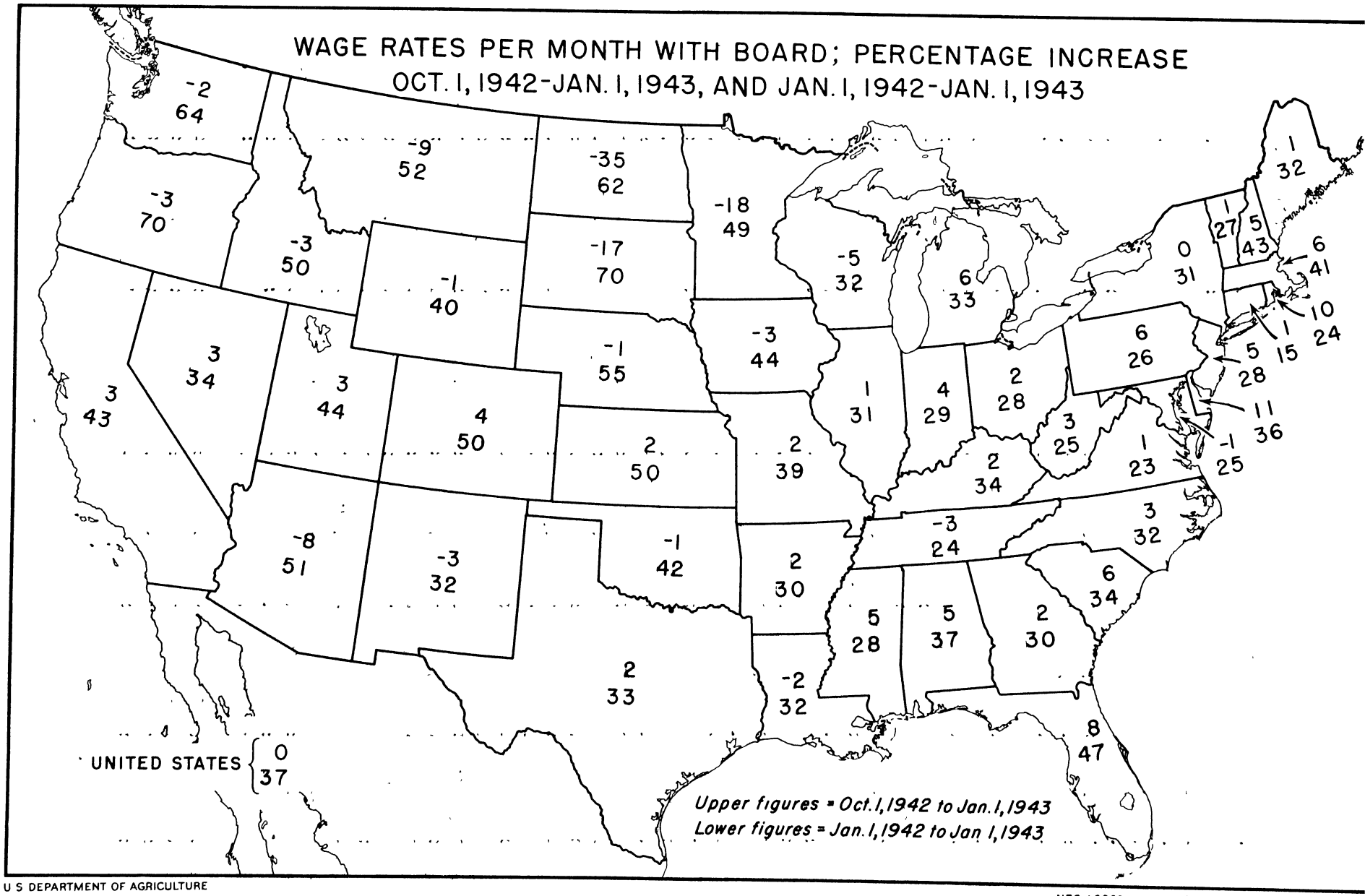
Farm wage rates, by geographic divisions, January 1, 1943
with comparisons

Geographic Division	Annual average 1910-14	Oct. 1, 1941	Jan. 1, 1942	Oct. 1, 1942	Jan. 1, 1943
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	46.31	47.70	59.40	61.43
Middle Atlantic	23.25	39.68	40.17	50.15	51.53
East North Central	23.75	39.67	38.71	49.99	50.60
West North Central	26.32	38.25	33.72	56.01	49.81
South Atlantic	14.62	21.75	22.34	26.21	28.68
East South Central	14.71	19.87	21.69	25.89	28.09
West South Central	17.35	25.48	28.20	34.97	38.22
Mountain	32.48	47.33	45.13	67.99	65.51
Pacific	33.45	59.65	62.33	90.93	93.21
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	72.12	75.37	89.70	93.63
Middle Atlantic	33.41	57.75	59.53	73.78	75.26
East North Central	32.80	53.75	53.16	67.17	68.34
West North Central	36.86	50.23	46.93	72.00	67.37
South Atlantic	20.97	30.84	32.90	36.92	42.36
East South Central	20.80	27.83	30.10	35.30	39.02
West South Central	24.93	35.24	38.50	47.34	52.39
Mountain	46.42	64.01	62.46	89.62	89.30
Pacific	48.16	85.19	87.89	123.52	125.70
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	2.45	2.57	3.10	3.18
Middle Atlantic	1.24	2.42	2.31	3.06	2.90
East North Central	1.31	2.29	2.16	2.96	2.80
West North Central	1.46	2.30	1.94	3.59	2.83
South Atlantic	.81	1.17	1.19	1.42	1.53
East South Central	.81	1.02	1.05	1.37	1.39
West South Central	.98	1.36	1.43	1.86	2.03
Mountain	1.50	2.38	2.16	3.61	3.20
Pacific	1.49	2.97	2.86	4.43	4.45
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	3.39	3.43	4.06	4.19
Middle Atlantic	1.63	3.09	3.02	3.88	3.75
East North Central	1.68	2.89	2.73	3.67	3.53
West North Central	1.88	2.90	2.53	4.33	3.65
South Atlantic	1.05	1.54	1.56	1.82	2.01
East South Central	1.05	1.33	1.36	1.75	1.79
West South Central	1.25	1.72	1.78	2.30	2.43
Mountain	2.05	2.96	2.79	4.34	3.13
Pacific	2.06	3.73	3.64	5.60	5.65

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

State	Per month, with board		Per month, without board		Per day, with board		Per day, without board	
	1942 Dol.	1943 Dol.	1942 Dol.	1943 Dol.	1942 Dol.	1943 Dol.	1942 Dol.	1943 Dol.
Maine	45.75	60.25	68.00	86.75	2.55	3.20	3.25	4.15
N. H.	41.00	58.75	69.75	88.50	2.50	3.40	3.35	4.30
Vt.	44.25	56.25	66.00	79.50	2.35	3.15	3.20	3.85
Mass.	45.50	64.25	78.25	98.50	2.50	3.25	3.45	4.30
R. I.	52.50	65.00	82.50	101.00	2.80	3.30	3.55	4.40
Conn.	53.75	61.75	81.00	100.00	2.65	3.10	3.70	4.25
N. Y.	43.00	56.50	62.25	80.75	2.40	3.05	3.15	4.00
N. J.	45.75	58.75	70.00	87.00	2.50	3.10	3.25	3.90
Pa.	35.25	44.25	53.00	66.50	2.15	2.70	2.80	3.40
Ohio	34.75	44.50	49.50	61.00	2.15	2.75	2.70	3.45
Ind.	36.50	47.25	49.25	62.75	2.00	2.75	2.55	3.40
Ill.	41.25	54.00	53.00	68.75	2.30	2.85	2.80	3.55
Mich.	39.25	52.25	56.75	73.25	2.30	3.00	2.95	3.80
Wis.	39.50	52.00	56.00	73.00	2.05	2.65	2.65	3.50
Minn.	32.50	48.50	48.00	69.00	2.00	2.80	2.70	3.70
Iowa	39.50	57.00	51.50	72.50	2.20	3.15	2.80	3.95
Mo.	29.50	41.00	40.75	54.00	1.50	2.10	1.90	2.60
N. Dak.	28.00	45.50	44.25	67.00	1.75	2.60	2.55	3.60
S. Dak.	30.50	51.75	45.75	73.50	1.80	3.15	2.50	3.95
Nebr.	34.25	53.25	46.00	71.50	2.10	3.40	2.65	4.25
Kans.	34.25	51.25	48.25	70.25	1.95	3.15	2.60	3.95
Del.	34.25	46.50	48.00	66.50	2.05	3.10	2.65	4.00
Md.	34.25	42.75	48.75	62.50	1.85	2.65	2.40	3.35
Va.	28.00	34.50	39.50	48.25	1.45	1.85	1.90	2.40
W. Va.	27.50	34.50	40.25	49.75	1.35	1.80	1.80	2.30
N. C.	23.00	30.25	32.50	42.50	1.25	1.65	1.60	2.05
S. C.	16.25	21.75	23.50	30.50	.80	1.05	1.05	1.35
Ga.	16.50	21.50	23.50	30.50	.85	1.15	1.10	1.45
Fla.	21.75	32.00	37.50	53.00	1.20	1.70	1.65	2.30
Ky.	25.75	34.50	35.50	48.00	1.20	1.65	1.55	2.10
Tenn.	21.75	27.00	30.25	37.75	1.05	1.35	1.35	1.75
Ala.	18.75	25.75	26.00	36.00	.95	1.30	1.20	1.65
Miss.	18.75	24.00	26.50	33.25	.95	1.25	1.25	1.65
Ark.	22.75	29.50	31.75	41.75	1.10	1.50	1.40	1.95
La.	19.00	25.00	27.25	35.00	1.00	1.35	1.25	1.70
Okla.	28.25	40.00	40.25	54.00	1.55	2.30	2.00	2.75
Tex.	31.50	42.00	42.00	57.50	1.55	2.20	1.90	2.60
Mont.	46.80	71.25	68.00	95.00	2.40	3.60	3.25	4.40
Idaho	49.50	74.25	66.50	100.00	2.45	3.75	3.15	4.55
Wyo.	48.40	68.00	65.50	90.50	2.25	3.30	2.80	4.25
Colo.	39.75	59.75	56.50	83.25	2.05	3.30	2.65	4.10
N. Mex.	38.00	50.00	52.50	71.00	1.85	2.50	2.30	3.00
Ariz.	48.75	73.50	63.50	104.00	1.95	2.70	2.55	3.90
Utah	58.50	84.25	74.50	105.00	2.55	3.45	3.10	4.15
Nev.	50.00	67.00	71.50	91.00	2.15	3.65	2.95	4.60
Wash.	52.00	85.50	73.75	118.00	2.80	4.45	3.60	5.60
Oreg.	51.00	86.75	72.50	115.00	2.65	4.20	3.30	5.10
Calif.	66.25	95.00	93.75	128.00	2.90	4.45	3.70	5.70
U. S.	37.08	50.91	47.77	62.43	1.77	2.39	2.12	2.83

WAGE RATES PER MONTH WITH BOARD; PERCENTAGE INCREASE OCT. 1, 1942-JAN. 1, 1943, AND JAN. 1, 1942-JAN. 1, 1943



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Annual Farm Wage Rates and Index Numbers, United States, 1909-42

Year	Per month		Per day		Weighted average rate per month	Index numbers of farm wage rates (1910-14=100)
	With board	Without board	With board	Without board		
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	
1909	22.21	28.10	1.09	1.30	23.77	96
1910	21.22	28.08	1.12	1.39	23.93	97
1911	21.49	28.54	1.13	1.39	24.15	98
1912	22.23	29.34	1.18	1.43	24.98	101
1913	22.89	30.21	1.20	1.46	25.59	103
1914	22.62	29.74	1.17	1.43	25.13	101
1915	22.97	30.06	1.18	1.44	25.41	103
1916	25.17	32.84	1.31	1.58	27.93	113
1917	31.11	40.52	1.65	1.98	34.79	141
1918	37.96	48.80	2.15	2.54	43.73	177
1919	43.29	56.63	2.54	3.03	51.13	207
1920	51.73	65.40	2.98	3.46	59.88	242
1921	33.62	44.67	1.77	2.12	38.29	155
1922	32.75	43.33	1.73	2.07	37.47	151
1923	37.24	48.25	1.89	2.25	41.87	169
1924	37.92	49.32	1.94	2.29	42.91	173
1925	38.77	49.90	1.97	2.29	43.51	176
1926	39.87	50.83	1.98	2.31	44.36	179
1927	40.11	50.85	1.98	2.28	44.36	179
1928	40.11	50.72	1.98	2.27	44.28	179
1929	40.61	51.22	1.96	2.25	44.52	180
1930	37.59	48.10	1.76	2.08	41.25	167
1931	28.77	38.38	1.32	1.62	32.11	130
1932	20.85	28.88	.94	1.20	23.66	96
1933	18.07	25.67	.85	1.11	21.10	85
1934	20.24	28.19	.98	1.26	23.61	95
1935	22.42	30.24	1.07	1.33	25.53	103
1936	24.53	32.28	1.15	1.42	27.51	111
1937	28.00	36.32	1/ 1.33	1.61	31.25	1/126
1938	27.73	36.18	1.31	1.58	30.91	125
1939	27.39	35.82	1.30	1.56	30.56	123
1940	28.05	36.68	1.36	1.59	31.28	126
1941	34.85	43.64	1.69	1.93	38.14	154
1942	46.64	56.07	2.19	2.49	49.85	201

1/ Correction

Farm labor supply and demand: Index numbers by geographic divisions, January 1, 1943, with comparisons (1935-39 = 100) 1/

	Oct.1 1940	Jan.1, 1941	Oct.1, 1941	Jan.1, 1942	Oct.1, 1942	Jan.1, 1943
SUPPLY OF FARM LABOR						
Index Numbers						
United States	93	93	70	70	54	56
New England	87	84	57	60	49	50
Middle Atlantic	90	92	61	65	51	50
East North Central	94	95	66	69	52	56
West North Central	97	96	71	70	48	55
South Atlantic	92	92	71	71	60	58
East South Central	98	94	74	76	63	63
West South Central	90	91	70	71	56	56
Mountain	94	93	69	69	47	57
Pacific	95	93	69	66	47	56
DEMAND FOR FARM LABOR						
Index Numbers						
United States	107	105	117	114	125	122
New England	105	103	114	109	116	123
Middle Atlantic	105	103	114	108	120	123
East North Central	106	105	117	112	124	127
West North Central	112	112	127	125	139	136
South Atlantic	106	105	108	110	118	121
East South Central	101	103	113	116	123	123
West South Central	112	107	124	120	136	117
Mountain	110	108	128	119	131	121
Pacific	107	104	115	113	122	127

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

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Persons employed in the United States, December 1942, with comparisons

	Oct., 1941	Nov., 1941	Dec., 1941	Oct., 1942	Nov., 1942	Dec., 1942
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
Farm employment 1/	11,369	10,088	8,857	11,400	10,215	8,861
Family workers	8,244	7,516	6,872	8,352	7,662	6,943
Hired workers	3,125	2,572	1,985	3,048	2,553	1,918
Nonagricultural employment 2/	36,053	35,926	3/36,088	4/38,478	4/36,437	-----

1/Average of estimates of farm employment as of the first of the given and the following month.

2/Estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Labor. Excludes persons employed on W.P.A. or N.Y.A. projects, enrollees in C.C.C. camps, and military and naval forces.

3/Revised.

4/Preliminary.

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

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

Geographic Division	Oct. 1, 1940	Jan. 1, 1941	Oct. 1, 1941	Jan. 1, 1942	Oct. 1 1942	Jan. 1, 1943
United States	12,161	8,428	11,988	8,287	11,921	8,171
New England	284	204	272	210	285	207
Middle Atlantic	693	495	705	497	719	485
East North Central	1,513	1,224	1,463	1,226	1,445	1,233
West North Central	1,746	1,406	1,723	1,408	1,675	1,380
South Atlantic	2,339	1,514	2,216	1,459	2,315	1,463
East South Central	2,211	1,386	2,131	1,271	2,187	1,242
West South Central	2,288	1,460	2,313	1,424	2,155	1,400
Mountain	438	338	500	361	477	343
Pacific	649	401	665	431	663	418

FAMILY WORKERS 1/

United States	8,774	6,807	8,567	6,632	8,653	6,615
New England	163	147	162	151	181	155
Middle Atlantic	422	367	423	377	434	371
East North Central	1,140	1,020	1,123	1,027	1,140	1,047
West North Central	1,343	1,210	1,331	1,205	1,321	1,197
South Atlantic	1,733	1,174	1,642	1,131	1,695	1,139
East South Central	1,784	1,218	1,677	1,096	1,740	1,079
West South Central	1,598	1,141	1,608	1,102	1,522	1,099
Mountain	282	263	297	272	296	263
Pacific	309	267	304	271	324	265

HIRED WORKERS

United States	3,387	1,621	3,421	1,655	3,268	1,556
New England	121	57	110	59	104	52
Middle Atlantic	271	128	282	120	285	114
East North Central	373	204	340	199	305	186
West North Central	403	196	392	203	354	183
South Atlantic	606	340	574	328	620	324
East South Central	427	168	454	175	447	163
West South Central	690	319	705	322	633	301
Mountain	156	75	203	89	181	80
Pacific	340	134	361	160	339	153

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

Based on reports from 21694 farmers.

Farm employment: Annual averages of number of persons employed, and index numbers, United States, 1909-42 1/

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
	1,000's		1,000's		1,000's	
1909	12,009	101	9,341	102	2,868	99
1910	12,146	101	9,269	101	2,877	99
1911	12,042	100	9,172	100	2,870	99
1912	12,038	100	9,149	100	2,889	100
1913	12,033	100	9,128	100	2,905	100
1914	12,000	100	9,081	99	2,919	101
1915	11,981	99	9,047	99	2,934	101
1916	12,016	100	9,050	99	2,966	103
1917	11,799	98	8,856	97	2,933	101
1918	11,348	94	8,507	93	2,841	98
1919	11,106	92	8,322	91	2,784	96
1920	11,368	94	8,479	93	2,883	100
1921	11,412	95	8,511	93	2,901	100
1922	11,443	95	8,528	93	2,915	101
1923	11,385	94	8,491	93	2,894	100
1924	11,362	94	8,488	93	2,874	99
1925	11,448	95	8,577	94	2,871	99
1926	11,534	96	8,507	93	3,027	105
1927	11,246	93	8,296	91	2,950	102
1928	11,379	94	8,340	91	2,956	102
1929	11,289	94	8,305	91	2,984	103
1930	11,173	93	8,323	91	2,850	99
1931	11,159	93	8,469	92	2,690	93
1932	11,069	92	8,571	94	2,498	86
1933	11,023	91	8,590	94	2,433	84
1934	10,852	90	8,506	93	2,346	81
1935	11,131	92	8,702	95	2,429	84
1936	11,047	92	8,486	93	2,561	89
1937	10,892	90	8,261	90	2,631	91
1938	2/10,789	90	2/8,169	89	2,620	91
1939	10,740	89	8,145	89	2,595	90
1940	10,585	88	8,019	88	2,566	89
1941	10,361	86	7,829	85	2,532	88
1942	10,397	86	7,855	86	2,542	88

1/Annual averages are straight averages of first of month employment estimates.

2/Correction.

Farm wage rates: Annual averages, United States and geographic divisions, 1941 and 1942

Geographic division	Per month				Per day			
	With board		Without board		With board		Without board	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
United States	34.85	46.64	43.64	56.07	1.69	2.19	1.93	2.49
New England	42.19	55.27	68.74	85.94	2.23	2.90	3.14	3.82
Middle Atlantic	37.26	47.68	55.60	71.05	2.19	2.75	2.84	3.54
East North Central	36.99	46.60	50.33	63.02	2.06	2.61	2.62	3.26
West North Central	34.70	49.14	46.36	63.78	1.96	2.77	2.53	3.47
South Atlantic	20.49	25.07	29.68	36.14	1.09	1.32	1.41	1.70
East South Central	19.09	24.37	26.69	33.73	.94	1.21	1.21	1.55
West South Central	23.93	32.25	33.13	43.98	1.24	1.67	1.55	2.04
Mountain	43.71	60.10	60.79	80.84	2.12	2.97	2.73	3.59
Pacific	54.94	80.99	78.97	110.72	2.62	3.80	3.35	4.85

Farm employment: Annual averages, United States and geographic divisions, 1941 and 1942 1/

Geographic division	Total		Family		Hired	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	10,361	10,397	7,829	7,855	2,532	2,542
New England	249	252	159	167	90	85
Middle Atlantic	621	629	410	418	211	211
East North Central	1,419	1,431	1,125	1,151	294	280
West North Central	1,649	1,639	1,324	1,322	325	317
South Atlantic	1,934	1,977	1,467	1,489	467	488
East South Central	1,689	1,662	1,406	1,384	283	278
West South Central	1,800	1,788	1,352	1,324	448	464
Mountain	438	441	289	294	149	147
Pacific	562	578	297	306	265	272

1/Annual averages are straight averages of first of month employment estimates.

Farm employment: Annual average number of persons employed on the first of each month, and indexes, by types of farming areas, 1934 to date 1/

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
	1,000's		1,000's		1,000's	
			CORN 2/			
1934	1,205	79	955	84	250	62
1935	1,258	82	963	85	295	73
1936	1,239	81	950	84	289	72
1937	1,231	80	944	83	287	71
1938	1,238	81	956	85	282	70
1939	1,219	80	951	84	268	67
1940	1,237	81	968	86	269	67
1941	1,210	79	954	84	256	64
1942	1,219	80	976	86	243	60
			EASTERN DAIRY 3/			
1934	776	75	503	79	233	69
1935	742	76	511	80	231	68
1936	738	75	500	78	238	70
1937	779	76	493	77	246	72
1938	753	77	489	77	264	78
1939	765	78	508	80	257	76
1940	761	78	505	79	256	75
1941	741	76	491	77	250	74
1942	750	77	503	79	247	73
			WESTERN DAIRY 4/			
1934	902	98	703	98	199	89
1935	919	98	719	100	200	90
1936	920	98	712	99	208	93
1937	894	95	695	97	199	89
1938	890	94	700	97	190	85
1939	871	92	688	96	183	82
1940	859	91	685	95	174	78
1941	846	90	678	94	168	75
1942	844	90	681	95	163	73

1/Data previous to 1942 revised.
2/Includes Ohio, Ind., Ill., and Iowa.
3/Includes N.H., Vt., Mass., Conn., N.Y., and Pa.
4/Includes Mich., Wis., and Minn.

Farm employment: Annual average number of persons employed on the first of each month, and indexes, by types of farming areas, 1934 to date 1/

Year	Total Employment: Average number of persons	Total Employment: Index 1910-14 = 100	Family workers: Average number of persons	Family workers: Index 1910-14 = 100	Hired workers: Average number of persons	Hired workers: Index 1910-14 = 100
	1,000's		1,000's		1,000's	
			MIDDLE EASTERN 2/			
1934	1,859	90	1,567	95	292	69
1935	1,936	94	1,609	98	327	77
1936	1,910	92	1,573	96	337	79
1937	1,875	91	1,533	93	342	80
1938	1,863	90	1,526	93	337	79
1939	1,810	88	1,484	90	326	77
1940	1,786	86	1,462	89	324	76
1941	1,706	82	1,399	85	307	72
1942	1,694	82	1,395	85	299	70
			EASTERN COTTON 3/			
1934	1,374	80	1,099	78	275	87
1935	1,411	82	1,133	80	278	88
1936	1,391	81	1,083	77	308	98
1937	1,355	79	1,050	75	305	97
1938	1,313	76	1,012	72	301	96
1939	1,323	77	1,012	72	311	99
1940	1,272	74	969	69	303	96
1941	1,223	71	932	66	291	93
1942	1,261	73	943	67	318	101
			DELTA COTTON 4/			
1934	1,348	100	1,122	103	226	90
1935	1,348	100	1,148	105	200	79
1936	1,340	100	1,090	100	250	99
1937	1,355	101	1,096	101	259	103
1938	1,313	98	1,072	98	241	95
1939	1,294	96	1,049	96	245	97
1940	1,290	96	1,041	96	249	99
1941	1,266	94	1,014	93	252	100
1942	1,226	91	982	90	244	97

1/ Data previous to 1942 revised.
2/ Includes Md., Va., W. Va., N.C., Ky., and Tenn.
3/ Includes S. C., Ga. and Ala.
4/ Includes Miss., Ark., and La.

Farm employment: Annual average number of persons employed on the first of each month and indexes, by types of farming areas, 1934 to date 1/

Year	Total Employment: Average number of persons	Total Employment: Index 1910-14 = 100	Family workers: Average number of persons	Family workers: Index 1910-14 = 100	Hired workers: Average number of persons	Hired workers: Index 1910-14 = 100
	1,000's		1,000's		1,000's	
			WESTERN COTTON 2/			
1934	1,105	91	895	93	210	84
1935	1,166	96	939	97	227	91
1936	1,168	96	916	95	252	101
1937	1,151	95	860	89	291	116
1938	1,139	94	843	87	296	118
1939	1,152	95	849	88	303	121
1940	1,107	91	815	85	292	117
1941	1,081	89	798	83	283	113
1942	1,095	90	791	82	304	121
			SMALL GRAIN 3/			
1934	738	93	595	97	143	79
1935	759	96	606	99	153	84
1936	745	94	609	99	136	75
1937	710	89	578	94	132	73
1938	711	90	572	93	139	77
1939	718	90	581	95	137	76
1940	715	90	576	94	139	77
1941	669	84	571	93	98	54
1942	725	91	574	94	151	83
			RANGE 4/			
1934	302	120	195	129	107	106
1935	302	120	200	132	102	101
1936	309	122	195	129	114	113
1937	300	119	188	124	112	111
1938	287	114	180	119	107	106
1939	283	112	185	122	98	97
1940	274	109	183	121	91	90
1941	284	113	186	123	98	97
1942	284	113	188	124	97	96

1/ Data previous to 1942 revised.
2/ Includes Okla., and Texas
3/ Includes N. Dak., S. Dak., Nebr., Kans., and Mont.
4/ Includes Wyo., Colo., N. Mex., Ariz., Utah, and Nev.

Farm employment: Annual average number of persons employed on the first of each month, and indexes, by types of farming areas, 1934 to date 1/

Year	Total Employment: Average number of persons	Total Employment: Index 1910-14 = 100	Family workers: Average number of persons	Family workers: Index 1910-14 = 100	Hired workers: Average number of persons	Hired workers: Index 1910-14 = 100
	1,000's		1,000's		1,000's	
			NORTHWESTERN 2/			
1934	287	121	212	133	75	96
1935	292	123	212	133	80	103
1936	297	125	211	133	86	110
1937	289	122	199	125	90	115
1938	295	124	204	128	91	117
1939	308	130	210	132	98	126
1940	307	130	201	126	106	136
1941	305	129	198	125	107	137
1942	311	131	206	130	105	135

1/ Data previous to 1942 revised.
2/ Includes Idaho, Wash., and Oreg.