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FARM LABOR FORCE SMALLER

The Nation's farm labor force for the survey week of February 20-26, 1972 was estimated at 3,509,000 workers or 16,000 fewer than a year earlier. This includes 2,759,000 farm operators and unpaid family workers and 751,000 hired workers. The hired labor force was up almost 4 percent from a year earlier.

Farm workers labored an average of 34.5 hours during the February survey week, compared with 33.1 hours in the January week. Farm operators averaged 35.4 hours, unpaid family members 29.5, and hired workers 36.0 hours during the week.

Orange and grapefruit harvest was active in California, Arizona, and Texas; however, activity in Florida was largely that of salvaging fruit knocked down earlier by high winds.

Lettuce harvest was at a peak in California's Imperial Valley. Carrot shipments are increasing in the Oxnard and Orange districts of California. Vegetable harvest was active in Texas' lower Rio Grande Valley. Cabbage planting was under way in the Carolinas.

Spring activities have started. Planting was active in the dry Southwest. Cotton, sorghum, and corn planting has started in the lower Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend of Texas. Sugarbeet and safflower planting was under way in California. The maple sirup season started in Ohio with warm temperatures starting the sap flowing.

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Revised Farm Employment Estimates,
48 States for 1971, by Months
and Annual Averages
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Farm employment represents the number of family and hired labor working during the survey week. Family labor includes farm operators working on farms 1 hour or more plus other family members working 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages during the survey week. These data should not be confused with data 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.

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Farm Employment and Indexes, February 1972, with comparisons, United States

Item	Annual average 1970	Annual average 1971	February 15-21, 1970	February 21-27, 1971	February 20-26, 1972
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/					
(Thousands)					
Total	4,522.6	4,445.9	3,561.2	3,525.3	3,509.3
Family labor	3,348.1	3,281.4	2,851.2	2,800.7	2,758.6
Hired labor	1,174.5	1,164.5	710.0	724.6	750.7
INDEXES 2/					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	33	33	35	34	34
Family labor	33	32	34	33	33
Hired labor	35	34	38	39	40
(1967=100)					
Total	92	92	95	94	95
Family labor	92	89	94	92	92
Hired labor	92	89	100	103	105

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.

Workers on Farms, February 1972 1/

State and division	February 1970 Week of 15-21			February 1971 Week of 21-27			February 1972 Week of 20-26		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	16	11	5.0	16	11	5.0	14.8	10	4.8
N. H.	5.3	3.7	1.6	5.0	3.4	1.6	4.8	3.2	1.6
Vt.	14,3	11	3.3	14.2	11	3.2	13.1	9.7	3.4
Mass.	12.6	8.9	3.7	12.5	8.2	4.3	12.2	8.3	3.9
R. I.	1.8	1.2	.6	1.8	1.2	.6	1.7	1.1	.6
Conn.	9.3	6.7	2.6	8.6	6.0	2.6	8.5	6.4	2.1
N. Eng.	59.3	42.5	16.8	58.1	40.8	17.3	55.1	38.7	16.4
N. Y.	79	65	14	82	65	17	77	62	15
N. J.	12	8.0	4.0	13	9.0	4.0	14	9.0	5.0
Pa.	100	89	11	99	88	11	95	84	11
M. Atl.	191	162	29	194	162	32	186	155	31
Ohio	123	115	8.0	120	112	8.0	123	115	8.0
Ind.	110	106	4.0	111	107	4.0	99	95	4.0
Ill.	126	110	16	124	109	15	125	109	16
Mich.	123	108	15	116	101	15	103	90	13
Wis.	174	159	15	169	154	15	164	148	16
E. N. Cent.	656	598	58	640	583	57	614	557	57
Minn.	140	133	7.0	142	135	7.0	146	136	10
Iowa	158	148	10	158	147	11	158	148	10
Mo.	150	140	10	143	132	11	144	131	13
N. Dak.	38	35	3.0	38	35	3.0	36	33	3.0
S. Dak.	49	46	3.0	50	47	3.0	47	44	3.0
Nebr.	87	82	5.0	83	78	5.0	83	77	6.0
Kans.	90	84	6.0	87	83	4.0	89	82	7.0
W. N. Cent.	712	668	44	701	657	44	703	651	52
Del.	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
Md.	24	19	5.0	24	20	4.0	24	20	4.0
Va.	85	71	14	81	68	13	79	67	12
W. Va.	27	24	3.0	28	25	3.0	28	25	3.0
N. C.	156	139	17	157	139	18	150	134	16
S. C.	56	44	12	53	42	11	54	42	12
Ga.	79	64	15	79	62	17	77	62	15
Fla.	126	30	96	124	29	95	128	31	97
S. Atl.	557	394	163	550	388	162	544	384	160
Ky.	113	104	9.0	114	104	10	105	95	10
Tenn.	109	98	11	105	94	11	107	96	11
Ala.	62	50	12	59	48	11	61	49	12
Miss.	93	73	20	91	72	19	84	64	20
E. S. Cent.	377	325	52	369	318	51	357	304	53
Ark.	98	69	29	91	67	24	109	77	32
La.	61	43	18	61	44	17	61	43	18
Okla.	118	110	8.0	117	109	8.0	119	110	9.0
Texas	219	160	59	216	158	58	238	168	70
W. S. Cent.	496	382	114	485	378	107	527	398	129
Mont.	29	25	4.0	29	24	5.0	29	24	5.0
Idaho	33	28	5.0	30	25	5.0	30	26	4.0
Wyo.	10	7.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0	10	7.0	3.0
Colo.	36	30	6.0	35	28	7.0	34	28	6.0
N. Mex.	18	13	5.0	17	12	5.0	17	12	5.0
Ariz.	34	5.0	29	35	6.0	29	36	6.0	30
Utah	15	12	3.0	15	12	3.0	16	13	3.0
Nev.	2.9	1.7	1.2	3.2	1.9	1.3	3.2	1.9	1.3
Mount.	177.9	121.7	56.2	175.2	116.9	58.3	175.2	117.9	57.3
Wash.	63	47	16	66	47	19	60	45	15
Oreg.	53	42	11	52	40	12	49	39	10
Calif.	219	69	150	235	70	165	239	69	170
Pac.	335	158	177	353	157	196	348	153	195
U. S.	3,561.2	2,851.2	710.0	3,525.3	2,800.7	724.6	3,509.3	2,758.6	750.7

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

FARM WORK: Weekly Hours Worked Per Worker

State and division	Average for reporting farms - week of February 20-26, 1972				
	Farm Operators	Other Family Members 1/	All Family 1/	Hired Workers	All Workers 1/
	Hours				
Maine	44.1	38.5	42.7	41.5	42.2
N. H.	48.8	26.8	46.3	40.4	43.4
Vt.	54.2	34.5	47.8	41.3	45.5
Mass.	48.7	39.2	45.8	42.3	44.5
R. I.	51.0	48.3	50.3	32.9	43.5
Conn.	46.0	30.7	41.0	36.1	39.4
N. Eng.	48.2	35.6	44.8	40.5	43.2
N. Y.	47.8	30.3	42.5	36.7	40.7
N. J.	34.0	35.5	34.3	28.4	32.9
Pa.	42.6	29.4	38.8	31.5	37.3
M. Atl.	44.2	30.2	40.1	33.5	38.4
Ohio	34.2	30.3	33.2	28.8	32.5
Ind.	25.5	29.2	26.0	27.6	26.2
Ill.	30.6	30.0	30.6	32.3	30.8
Mich.	32.8	30.4	32.2	28.5	31.5
Wis.	47.9	28.8	40.7	33.5	39.4
E. N. Cent.	34.3	29.7	32.6	30.9	32.8
Minn.	39.1	25.2	34.9	29.1	34.2
Iowa	38.7	22.7	34.0	27.0	33.1
Mo.	33.8	29.3	33.0	27.1	31.8
N. Dak.	30.1	31.6	30.4	32.4	30.6
S. Dak.	36.9	28.4	34.8	28.7	34.1
Nebr.	37.8	33.4	36.8	32.4	36.3
Kans.	36.5	32.0	35.6	33.8	35.3
W. N. Cent.	36.6	28.0	34.3	29.4	33.7
Del.	29.1	22.5	27.8	20.7	26.0
Md.	40.4	33.7	38.0	34.9	37.3
Va.	32.2	31.5	32.0	33.1	32.4
W. Va.	34.0	29.1	32.7	26.2	31.7
N. C.	27.1	27.3	27.2	25.2	26.6
S. C.	34.0	29.7	33.2	27.9	30.8
Ga.	33.8	28.0	32.5	31.9	32.3
Fla.	41.2	40.0	41.1	39.3	39.6
S. Atl.	32.0	29.7	31.5	35.4	32.5
Ky.	27.0	26.3	26.9	25.6	26.6
Tenn.	26.2	27.1	26.4	22.4	25.6
Ala.	28.8	27.4	28.5	29.8	28.8
Miss.	29.3	27.4	28.9	36.7	33.2
E. S. Cent.	27.6	27.0	27.5	30.1	28.2
Ark.	30.9	30.1	30.7	32.7	31.5
La.	29.4	27.5	29.1	38.2	32.4
Okla.	37.6	25.9	34.6	30.1	33.8
Texas	51.1	36.9	48.6	37.1	44.2
W. S. Cent.	41.5	32.0	39.6	35.7	37.9
Mont.	37.9	31.5	36.3	42.3	37.6
Idaho	36.8	27.1	33.9	31.2	33.5
Wyo.	44.8	37.4	42.7	36.3	40.2
Colo.	37.5	35.3	36.9	36.5	36.9
N. Mex.	42.6	26.8	39.4	44.4	41.3
Ariz.	41.5	30.4	39.1	48.7	44.8
Utah	38.9	27.0	35.2	27.4	33.2
Nev.	38.7	24.0	33.9	42.6	36.8
Mount.	38.8	30.6	36.6	43.4	38.3
Wash.	35.3	29.5	34.2	35.4	34.7
Oreg.	32.3	25.2	30.7	32.3	31.2
Calif.	40.2	36.8	39.3	40.2	40.0
Pac.	36.5	31.3	35.3	39.4	37.8
U. S.	35.4	29.5	33.9	36.0	34.5

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

Total Workers on Farms, 1971, Revised Estimates
(Thousands of persons)

State and division	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	15.3	16.0	16.3	17.3	17.7	21.1	22.4	21.0	37.0	19.5	14.7	13.6	19.3
N. H.	5.2	5.0	5.4	6.0	6.1	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.9	6.6	5.8	5.7	6.3
Vt.	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	15.1	15.0	14.8	14.5	13.4	13.4	14.3
Mass.	12.3	12.5	13.3	14.5	17.1	20.1	22.0	22.6	20.4	16.9	13.6	12.7	16.5
R. I.	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.0
Conn.	7.7	8.6	9.9	11.3	11.8	13.8	18.4	18.5	12.4	11.1	9.8	8.5	11.8
N. Eng.	56.3	58.1	61.0	65.4	69.4	79.3	87.7	86.8	94.5	70.5	59.1	55.6	70.2
N. Y.	79	82	82	88	95	109	121	118	122	104	90	81	98
N. J.	12	13	14	19	23	25	31	30	23	18	14	13	19
Pa.	89	99	104	114	117	138	131	136	122	120	96	87	112
M. Atl.	180	194	200	221	235	272	283	284	267	242	200	181	229
Ohio	111	120	134	163	163	170	172	154	157	166	138	118	147
Ind.	111	111	121	136	142	147	147	133	136	138	121	113	130
Ill.	116	124	138	180	178	195	187	168	169	182	156	135	160
Mich.	107	116	119	128	144	147	160	152	138	130	109	99	129
Wis.	167	169	178	204	206	203	205	204	195	178	169	159	186
E. N. Cent.	612	640	690	811	833	862	871	811	795	794	693	624	752
Minn.	135	142	146	187	195	234	241	215	197	176	150	115	178
Iowa	147	158	176	211	222	274	270	242	234	233	185	155	209
Mo.	155	143	171	199	195	220	210	206	229	217	164	155	188
N. Dak.	34	38	48	58	68	69	83	91	73	57	41	33	58
S. Dak.	46	50	60	68	68	80	79	79	72	66	51	48	64
Nebr.	84	83	91	116	121	140	147	121	116	105	93	82	109
Kans.	81	87	100	107	115	143	144	130	120	109	91	84	109
W. N. Cent.	682	701	792	946	984	1,160	1,174	1,084	1,041	963	775	672	915
Del.	4.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10	10	7.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	7.0
Md.	20	24	30	33	35	39	41	41	34	31	28	23	32
Va.	76	81	97	106	123	138	144	138	128	110	96	80	110
W. Va.	26	28	29	38	38	47	44	43	40	38	34	29	36
N. C.	149	157	172	212	229	286	388	383	266	206	180	145	231
S. C.	49	53	61	74	77	93	98	95	91	82	64	49	74
Ga.	68	79	88	95	100	98	96	136	126	124	95	77	98
Fla.	130	124	117	130	122	103	85	84	97	104	117	123	112
S. Atl.	522	550	599	695	732	813	906	930	789	702	620	530	700
Ky.	105	114	124	143	142	181	157	177	198	194	157	124	152
Tenn.	102	105	126	147	148	167	153	163	189	208	170	125	151
Ala.	54	59	65	93	109	82	72	84	112	132	100	74	86
Miss.	81	91	135	124	157	130	132	126	160	172	111	71	125
E. S. Cent.	342	369	450	507	556	560	514	550	659	706	538	394	514
Ark.	83	91	129	146	159	148	170	170	164	167	121	76	135
La.	48	61	67	75	74	79	71	91	107	106	64	49	75
Okla.	105	117	120	127	137	158	122	120	130	134	113	102	124
Texas	218	216	237	271	274	309	323	308	286	312	256	196	268
W. S. Cent.	454	485	553	619	644	694	686	689	687	719	554	423	602
Mont.	26	29	35	46	46	51	54	58	44	36	33	29	41
Idaho	26	30	35	43	45	61	64	59	57	49	39	29	45
Wyo.	9.0	11	11	13	16	20	19	19	18	15	13	11	14
Colo.	32	35	41	48	59	69	78	71	68	65	44	40	55
N. Mex.	17	17	17	20	21	21	24	21	26	30	25	19	22
Ariz.	35	35	37	37	37	38	32	30	34	36	38	38	36
Utah	14	15	17	20	25	29	29	30	30	23	17	16	22
Nev.	3.2	3.2	4.0	4.8	5.0	5.9	6.2	6.8	5.4	4.6	3.7	3.5	4.7
Mount.	162.2	175.2	197.0	231.8	254.0	294.9	306.2	294.8	282.4	258.6	212.7	185.5	239.7
Wash.	55	66	67	81	92	124	117	108	88	71	57	53	81
Oreg.	44	52	57	67	71	104	117	98	66	61	44	45	69
Calif.	235	235	228	249	289	315	301	312	340	309	250	227	274
Pac.	334	353	352	397	452	543	535	518	494	441	351	325	424
U. S.	3,344.5	3,525.3	3,894.0	4,493.2	4,759.4	5,278.2	5,362.9	5,247.6	5,108.9	4,896.1	4,002.8	3,390.1	4,445.9

Note: Alaska total workers on farms for months available: March, 800; June, 1,100; September, 1,100; December, 600.

Family Workers on Farms, 1971, Revised Estimates

(Thousands of persons)

State and division	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	11	11	11	12	12	13	13	12	12	13	10	9.6	11.6
N. H.	3.6	3.4	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.9	4.2
Vt.	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10.8
Mass.	8.2	8.2	9.0	9.6	9.8	11	10	9.6	10	9.5	9.0	8.4	9.4
R. I.	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3
Conn.	5.5	6.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.5	7.4	7.6	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7
N. Eng.	40.4	40.8	43.0	44.9	45.4	48.7	47.5	46.4	45.7	45.9	40.4	39.3	44.0
N. Y.	64	65	65	68	70	76	80	77	83	75	71	64	72
N. J.	9.0	9.0	9.0	10	10	10	10	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Pa.	78	88	93	99	101	112	110	110	103	101	85	76	96
M. Atl.	151	162	167	177	181	198	200	196	195	185	165	149	177
Ohio	105	112	125	146	145	142	144	127	127	145	127	112	130
Ind.	106	107	114	125	131	127	127	118	120	125	110	105	118
Ill.	101	109	119	152	150	156	148	139	142	150	136	121	135
Mich.	92	101	102	109	121	117	122	115	109	102	93	85	106
Wis.	156	154	162	187	188	182	178	176	168	156	154	145	167
E. N. Cent.	560	583	622	719	735	724	719	675	666	678	620	568	656
Minn.	128	135	137	173	174	183	187	180	170	163	141	107	157
Iowa	136	147	165	192	200	204	200	196	197	204	167	142	179
Mo.	142	132	151	172	164	174	157	164	178	168	146	141	157
N. Dak.	31	35	44	51	55	54	59	66	58	47	36	29	47
S. Dak.	43	47	57	62	62	66	64	66	63	59	46	44	57
Nebr.	77	78	84	102	100	112	109	95	101	93	84	77	93
Kans.	76	83	91	97	99	105	105	102	107	99	85	78	94
W. N. Cent.	633	657	729	849	854	898	881	869	874	833	705	618	784
Del.	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
Md.	16	20	24	26	27	28	29	29	24	24	22	19	24
Va.	63	68	79	86	95	78	80	87	90	83	78	67	80
W. Va.	23	25	26	32	32	36	36	36	35	34	30	26	31
N. C.	134	139	148	174	186	191	216	240	211	174	150	125	174
S. C.	40	42	45	55	57	63	62	69	71	65	51	40	55
Ga.	59	62	70	77	79	76	74	100	104	103	73	61	78
Fla.	28	29	31	41	36	32	31	31	42	39	35	28	34
S. Atl.	366	388	427	496	517	509	533	597	581	526	443	369	480
Ky.	98	104	104	120	113	128	121	129	144	168	137	117	124
Tenn.	93	94	107	122	116	121	112	118	155	176	147	111	123
Ala.	43	48	52	73	85	61	55	64	91	108	80	61	68
Miss.	64	72	104	88	105	95	95	97	112	128	90	60	93
E. S. Cent.	298	318	367	403	419	405	383	408	502	580	454	349	408
Ark.	65	67	80	84	84	80	77	86	98	102	79	58	80
La.	39	44	45	48	50	47	43	50	65	63	49	41	49
Okla.	97	109	112	112	118	125	102	95	110	112	97	95	107
Texas	161	158	180	192	194	212	205	199	188	194	170	149	184
W. S. Cent.	362	378	417	436	446	464	427	430	461	471	395	343	420
Mont.	22	24	29	35	31	32	30	34	32	27	25	23	29
Idaho	23	25	30	34	33	39	42	38	41	38	31	25	33
Wyo.	7.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	10	10	11	12	12	10	8.0	8.0	9.0
Colo.	25	28	32	37	39	39	39	38	36	39	33	31	35
N. Mex.	12	12	12	14	14	13	14	14	16	15	14	13	14
Ariz.	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
Utah	12	12	13	16	18	19	20	19	21	17	15	14	16
Nev.	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.6	1.9	1.9	2.4
Mount.	107.9	116.9	132.1	153.5	153.7	161.9	164.0	163.1	167.7	154.6	132.9	120.9	144.4
Wash.	41	47	49	53	59	63	66	62	55	48	44	40	52
Oreg.	37	40	47	50	47	53	51	53	47	47	38	39	46
Calif.	70	70	68	69	74	75	76	72	75	74	65	57	70
Pac.	148	157	164	172	180	191	193	187	177	169	147	136	168
U. S.	2,666.3	2,800.7	3,068.1	3,450.4	3,531.1	3,599.6	3,547.5	3,571.5	3,669.4	3,642.5	3,102.3	2,692.2	3,281.4

Note: Alaska family workers on farms for months available: March, 600; June, 600; September, 700; December, 500.

Hired Workers On Farms, 1971 Revised Estimates
(Thousands of persons)

State and division	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
Maine	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.7	8.1	9.4	9.0	25	6.5	4.7	4.0	7.7
N. H.	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.1
Vt.	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
Mass.	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.9	7.3	9.1	12	13	10.4	7.4	4.6	4.3	7.1
R. I.	.6	.6	.6	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.7	.7	.6	.6	.7
Conn.	2.2	2.6	3.1	4.5	4.9	6.3	11	10.9	5.6	4.5	3.5	2.2	5.1
N. Eng.	15.9	17.3	18.0	20.5	24.0	30.6	40.2	40.4	48.8	24.6	18.7	16.3	26.2
N. Y.	15	17	17	20	25	33	41	41	39	29	19	17	26
N. J.	3.0	4.0	5.0	9.0	13	15	21	21	14	9.0	5.0	4.0	10
Pa.	11	11	11	15	16	26	21	26	19	19	11	11	16
M. Atl.	29	32	33	44	54	74	83	88	72	57	35	32	52
Ohio	6.0	8.0	9.0	17	18	28	28	27	30	21	11	6.0	17
Ind.	5.0	4.0	7.0	11	11	20	20	15	16	13	11	8.0	12
Ill.	15	15	19	28	28	39	39	29	27	32	20	14	25
Mich.	15	15	17	19	23	30	38	37	29	28	16	14	23
Wis.	11	15	16	17	18	21	27	28	27	22	15	14	19
E. N. Cent.	52	57	68	92	98	138	152	136	129	116	73	56	96
Minn.	7.0	7.0	9.0	14	21	51	54	35	27	13	9.0	8.0	21
Iowa	11	11	11	19	22	70	70	46	37	29	18	13	30
Mo.	13	11	20	27	31	46	53	42	51	49	18	14	31
N. Dak.	3.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	13	15	24	25	15	10	5.0	4.0	11
S. Dak.	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	14	15	13	9.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	7.0
Nebr.	7.0	5.0	7.0	14	21	28	38	26	15	12	9.0	5.0	16
Kans.	5.0	4.0	9.0	10	16	38	39	28	13	10	6.0	6.0	15
W. N. Cent.	49	44	63	97	130	262	293	215	167	130	70	54	131
Del.	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
Md.	4.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	11	12	12	10	7.0	6.0	4.0	8.0
Va.	13	13	18	20	28	60	64	51	38	27	18	13	30
W. Va.	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	11	8.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	5.0
N. C.	15	18	24	38	43	95	172	143	55	32	30	20	57
S. C.	9.0	11	16	19	20	30	36	26	20	17	13	9.0	19
Ga.	9.0	17	18	18	21	22	22	36	22	21	22	16	20
Fla.	102	95	86	89	86	71	54	53	55	65	82	95	78
S. Atl.	156	162	172	199	215	304	373	333	208	176	177	161	220
Ky.	7.0	10	20	23	29	53	36	48	54	26	20	7.0	28
Tenn.	9.0	11	19	25	32	46	41	45	34	32	23	14	28
Ala.	11	11	13	20	24	21	17	20	21	24	20	13	18
Miss.	17	19	31	36	52	35	37	29	48	44	21	11	32
E. S. Cent.	44	51	83	104	137	155	131	142	157	126	84	45	106
Ark.	18	24	49	62	75	68	93	84	66	65	42	18	55
La.	9.0	17	22	27	24	32	28	41	42	43	15	8.0	26
Okla.	8.0	8.0	8.0	15	19	33	20	25	20	22	16	7.0	17
Texas	57	58	57	79	80	97	118	109	98	118	86	47	84
W. S. Cent.	92	107	136	183	198	230	259	259	226	248	159	80	182
Mont.	4.0	5.0	6.0	11	15	19	24	24	12	9.0	8.0	6.0	12
Idaho	3.0	5.0	5.0	9.0	12	22	22	21	16	11	8.0	4.0	12
Wyo.	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	10	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.0
Colo.	7.0	7.0	9.0	11	20	30	39	33	32	26	11	9.0	20
N. Mex.	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	10	7.0	10	15	11	6.0	8.0
Ariz.	30	29	31	31	31	31	27	25	27	30	33	33	30
Utah	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	10	9.0	11	9.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
Nev.	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.3	2.3	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.7	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.3
Mount.	54.3	58.3	64.9	78.3	100.3	133.0	142.2	131.7	114.7	104.0	79.8	64.6	95.3
Wash.	14	19	18	28	33	61	51	46	33	23	13	13	29
Oreg.	7.0	12	10	17	24	51	66	45	19	14	6.0	6.0	23
Calif.	165	165	160	180	215	240	225	240	265	235	185	170	204
Pac.	186	196	188	225	272	352	342	331	317	272	204	189	256
U. S.	678.2	724.6	825.9	1,042.8	1,228.3	1,678.6	1,815.4	1,676.1	1,439.5	1,253.6	900.5	697.9	1,164.5

Note: Alaska hired workers on farms for months available: March, 200; June, 500; September, 400; December, 100.

QUARTERLY PROBABILITY FARM LABOR SURVEY

The selected wage rate items presented below were derived from a probability farm labor survey conducted in January 1972 by the Statistical Reporting Service. This continues the series of published farm wage rates from Quarterly probability surveys started in April 1970. These data do not replace the farm wage rate series regularly published in *Farm Labor*, but supplement them.

The inputs for making the following wage rate computations were supplied by employers of farm labor in the mainland 48 States. The sample was not large enough to provide wage rates for all States, but was of sufficient size to provide indicators for California and the United States.

Quarterly Probability Farm Labor Survey

Farm Wage Rates, January 9-15 1972, California and United States

Item	January 9-15, 1972	
	California	United States
	Dollars	
Farm Wage Rates 1/		
All Hired Farm Workers	2.38	1.96
Workers Paid by Piece-Rate	2.45	1.98
Workers Paid by Hour, Day, Week and Month	2.37	1.95
Workers Paid by Hour only	2.14	1.88
Workers Receiving Cash Wages only	2.42	2.10
Workers Paid by Hour Receiving Cash Wages only	2.16	1.97
Type of Work Performed:		
Field and Livestock workers	2.26	1.83
Packinghouse workers	2.09	1.90
Machine Operators	2.20	1.89
Maintenance and Bookkeeping workers	2.54	2.27
Supervisors	3.73	3.28
Other Agricultural workers	3.12	1.99

1/ Averages of wage rates for all methods of payment are on a per-hour basis.

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