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TOTAL FARM WORKERS ABOUT SAME AS YEAR AGO

The agricultural work force in the United States totaled 3,430,300 workers during the week of December 22-28, 1974, virtually the same as last year. There were 2,665,400 farm operators and unpaid family workers and 764,900 hired farm workers. This compares to 2,683,500 family and 734,200 hired workers last December. The 1974 annual average of 4,294,400 workers was 1 percent smaller than 1973.

Farm workers averaged 32.6 hours during the survey week which included Christmas Day. The November 1974 average was 37.4 hours while the December 1973 average was 33.3 hours. Farm operators average 33.3 hours, unpaid family workers 32.1 hours, and hired workers 33.0 hours during the current survey week.

WAGE RATES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Farm wage rates on January 1, 1975 were up 9 percent from last year and 5 percent higher than in October 1974. The rate per hour without board or room was $2.39, compared to $2.17 a year ago. Other methods of pay, such as monthly, weekly, and daily, were up similarly. For 1974, the per hour without room or board averaged $2.24, up 12 percent from the $2.00 average for 1973.

SPECIAL NOTICE

This is the final issue of the monthly Farm Labor Report. In the future , Farm Labor estimates will be issued quarterly with publication scheduled for February, May, August, and November. The report to be issued on February 28, 1975 will include farm labor and wage rate estimates for January 1975 as well as revisions of 1974 data on farm employment and wage rates, and annual averages for 1974.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE CROP REPORTING BOARD
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FARM EMPLOYMENT AND INDEXES, DECEMBER 1974, WITH COMPARISONS, UNITED STATES

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1973	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1974	DECEMBER 24-30, 1972	DECEMBER 23-29, 1973	DECEMBER 22-28, 1974
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/ (THOUSANDS)					
TOTAL	4,336.7	4,294.4	3,357.8	3,417.7	3,430.3
FAMILY LABOR	3,169.0	3,116.0	2,691.2	2,683.5	2,665.4
HIRED LABOR	1,167.7	1,178.4	666.6	734.2	764.9
INDEXES 2/ (1910-14=100)					
TOTAL	32	32	33	34	34
FAMILY LABOR	31	31	32	32	32
HIRED LABOR	34	35	38	42	44
(1967=100)					
TOTAL	89	89	91	94	95
FAMILY LABOR	86	86	89	89	89
HIRED LABOR	89	92	100	111	116

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.

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FARM WAGE RATES AND INDEXES, JANUARY 1, 1975, UNITED STATES

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1974	JANUARY 1, 1973	JANUARY 1, 1974	JANUARY 1, 1975
FARM WAGE RATES				
COMPOSITE RATE PER HOUR 1/	$ 1.92	1.77	1.94	2.11
PER MONTH WITH HOUSE	423	372	401	431
PER MONTH WITH BOARD AND ROOM	334	294	323	346
PER WEEK WITH BOARD AND ROOM	80.50	68.75	75.75	82.00
PER WEEK WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM	102.75	85.50	96.50	103.00
PER DAY WITH HOUSE	13.60	12.10	13.40	14.50
PER DAY WITH BOARD AND ROOM	14.60	12.40	13.60	14.90
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM	16.10	13.80	15.10	16.60
PER HOUR WITH HOUSE	2.01	1.63	1.84	2.00
PER HOUR WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM	2.24	1.98	2.17	2.39
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	1,477	3/1,238	1,360	1,476
(1967=100)	174	146	161	174

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.
3/ REVISED.

WORKERS ON FARMS: AVERAGE JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1974 1/

STATE	JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1972			JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1973			JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1974		
	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
	----- THOUSANDS -----								
ALA	82	65	17	83	66	17	77	62	15
ARIZ	36	6.0	30	32	6.0	26	32	6.0	26
ARK	131	79	52	126	75	51	117	70	47
CALIF	281	70	211	280	65	215	293	67	226
COLO	53	34	19	57	36	21	54	35	19
CONN	13.7	7.2	6.5	13.3	6.9	6.4	13.5	6.9	6.6
DEL	7.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
FLA	114	35	79	115	35	80	112	35	77
GA	96	78	18	100	78	22	100	77	23
IDAHO	45	33	12	44	32	12	41	29	12
ILL	161	136	25	162	135	27	158	131	27
IND	142	129	13	143	130	13	144	130	14
IOWA	208	181	27	201	171	30	199	168	31
KANS	108	94	14	111	95	16	109	93	16
KY	153	125	28	148	118	30	153	119	34
LA	73	46	27	68	43	25	61	40	21
MAINE	17.6	12	5.6	18.1	12	6.1	18.5	12	6.5
MD	31	24	7.0	32	24	8.0	32	23	9.0
MASS	16.6	9.4	7.2	17.1	9.3	7.8	16.4	9.3	7.1
MICH	125	101	24	121	98	23	121	98	23
MINN	171	151	20	183	159	24	184	158	26
MISS	113	85	28	109	81	28	106	77	29
MO	183	154	29	187	157	30	194	165	29
MONT	41	29	12	39	27	12	38	25	13
NEBR	112	95	17	110	93	17	112	93	19
NEV	4.8	2.5	2.3	4.7	2.5	2.2	4.8	2.5	2.3
N H	5.0	3.5	1.5	4.9	3.4	1.5	4.8	3.4	1.4
N J	20	9.0	11	19	9.0	10	18	9.0	9.0
N MEX	20	12	8.0	22	14	8.0	20	13	7.0
N Y	95	70	25	99	70	29	99	70	29
N C	210	158	52	197	143	54	185	130	55
N DAK	59	49	10	58	48	10	60	49	11
OHIO	148	130	18	155	136	19	155	136	19
OKLA	125	107	18	120	103	17	118	100	18
OREG	57	38	19	58	36	22	54	34	20
PA	110	94	16	116	97	19	122	101	21
R I	1.6	.9	.7	1.5	.9	.6	1.5	.9	.6
S C	72	54	18	64	46	18	61	41	20
S DAK	61	54	7.0	65	57	8.0	65	56	9.0
TENN	153	125	28	147	121	26	147	121	26
TEX	275	187	88	264	184	80	250	176	74
UTAH	20	15	5.0	21	16	5.0	20	15	5.0
VT	13.1	10.2	2.9	13.1	10	3.1	12.9	10	2.9
VA	107	79	28	103	77	26	102	76	26
WASH	75	48	27	75	45	30	74	43	31
W VA	34	30	4.0	36	31	5.0	35	31	4.0
WIS	179	159	20	173	153	20	179	155	24
WYO	15	10	5.0	15	10	5.0	15	10	5.0
U S	4,373.4	3,227.7	1,145.7	4,336.7	3,169.0	1,167.7	4,294.4	3,116.0	1,178.4

1/ PERSONS EMPLOYED DURING THE LAST FULL CALENDAR WEEK ENDING AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

STATE	DECEMBER 1972 WEEK OF 24-30			DECEMBER 1973 WEEK OF 23-29			DECEMBER 1974 WEEK OF 22-28		
	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
	Thousands								
ALA	66	55	11	70	58	12	60	51	9.0
ARIZ	40	6.0	34	37	7.0	30	36	5.0	31
ARK	85	65	20	72	59	13	69	54	15
CALIF	229	59	170	241	61	180	246	61	185
COLO	38	30	8.0	41	33	8.0	42	33	9.0
CONN	9.4	6.4	3.0	9.1	5.5	3.6	9.8	5.3	4.5
DEL	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
FLA	121	29	92	125	32	93	120	29	91
GA	74	62	12	81	64	17	86	64	22
IDAHO	30	25	5.0	30	25	5.0	31	24	7.0
ILL	136	122	14	135	120	15	135	118	17
IND	127	119	8.0	117	111	6.0	125	117	8.0
IOWA	163	151	12	152	137	15	157	140	17
KANS	86	80	6.0	88	81	7.0	89	81	8.0
KY	121	116	5.0	123	112	11	132	116	16
LA	44	37	7.0	46	36	10	40	33	7.0
MAINE	13.6	11	2.6	13.8	10	3.8	12.4	9.6	2.8
MD	22	19	3.0	24	19	5.0	25	19	6.0
MASS	14.6	9.0	5.6	12.9	7.3	5.6	13.1	7.3	5.8
MICH	83	72	11	91	79	12	92	78	14
MINN	123	115	8.0	140	131	9.0	134	123	11
MISS	63	56	7.0	66	56	10	56	48	8.0
MO	154	142	12	168	154	14	183	163	20
MONT	29	24	5.0	26	19	7.0	28	20	8.0
NEBR	91	82	9.0	89	80	9.0	95	85	10
NEV	3.5	1.7	1.8	3.8	2.1	1.7	3.8	2.3	1.5
N H	4.4	3.3	1.1	4.2	3.1	1.1	4.0	3.0	1.0
N J	12	8.0	4.0	13	8.0	5.0	12	8.0	4.0
N MEX	17	12	5.0	17	12	5.0	15	12	3.0
N Y	80	63	17	86	64	22	87	62	25
N C	129	113	16	119	101	18	120	95	25
N DAK	36	33	3.0	41	37	4.0	39	35	4.0
OHIO	115	108	7.0	132	121	11	129	117	12
OKLA	103	96	7.0	101	94	7.0	105	95	10
OREG	41	34	7.0	35	30	5.0	34	28	6.0
PA	83	73	10	93	80	13	108	89	19
R I	1.3	.8	.5	1.4	.9	.5	1.5	.9	.6
S C	50	41	9.0	42	32	10	40	32	8.0
S DAK	49	45	4.0	50	45	5.0	50	45	5.0
TENN	120	109	11	118	104	14	124	110	14
TEX	193	148	45	221	163	58	194	153	41
UTAH	14	13	1.0	15	13	2.0	14	12	2.0
VT	14	11	3.0	12.5	9.6	2.9	12.7	10	2.7
VA	78	67	11	75	63	12	76	65	11
WASH	51	38	13	49	34	15	53	36	17
W VA	29	26	3.0	31	28	3.0	31	29	2.0
WIS	157	144	13	145	131	14	146	131	15
WYO	11	8.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0
U S	3,357.8	2,691.2	666.6	3,417.7	2,683.5	734.2	3,430.3	2,665.4	764.9

FARM WORK: WEEKLY HOURS WORKED PER WORKER
AVERAGE FOR REPORTING FARMS, WEEK OF DECEMBER 22-28, 1974

STATE	FARM OPERATORS	OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 1/	ALL FAMILY MEMBERS 1/	HIRED WORKERS	ALL WORKERS 1/
			HOURS		
ALA	21.9	25.5	22.4	20.6	22.0
ARIZ	42.8	31.3	41.2	43.5	42.7
ARK	21.9	29.1	23.0	22.8	22.9
CALIF	40.5	41.9	40.8	34.3	35.7
COLO	33.9	34.2	34.0	37.5	34.5
CONN	58.0	39.6	52.2	44.6	49.5
DEL	27.8	29.7	28.2	29.8	28.8
FLA	37.4	29.1	35.6	41.1	38.5
GA	30.4	27.3	29.7	25.8	28.3
IDAHO	29.6	26.8	29.0	35.4	30.0
ILL	28.9	30.3	29.2	33.0	29.8
IND	34.1	26.0	32.3	26.7	31.4
IOWA	37.0	30.2	35.3	27.9	34.0
KANS	33.5	35.6	33.9	30.1	33.2
KY	28.8	28.8	28.8	24.2	27.3
LA	23.5	30.7	24.6	25.9	25.0
MAINE	55.7	31.4	47.6	34.3	42.8
MD	37.8	29.1	35.5	32.3	34.8
MASS	56.5	35.7	49.1	37.0	43.8
MICH	35.5	32.0	34.6	36.2	35.0
MINN	36.7	28.8	34.4	29.1	33.8
MISS	21.4	22.5	21.6	22.0	21.8
MO	34.2	28.3	33.0	29.3	32.3
MONT	34.1	29.9	32.9	38.4	34.3
NEBR	38.3	31.2	36.4	36.0	36.3
NEV	30.7	17.1	27.1	29.3	27.7
N H	56.9	32.0	50.7	38.1	45.7
N J	30.5	27.9	30.0	36.3	31.3
N MEX	27.8	27.1	27.6	31.6	28.6
N Y	49.2	32.7	44.2	39.1	42.4
N C	26.1	27.1	26.3	25.4	26.0
N DAK	28.5	30.2	28.9	31.6	29.2
OHIO	33.2	32.9	33.1	33.3	33.1
OKLA	37.8	28.8	35.1	31.2	34.3
OREG	27.3	27.2	27.3	30.0	27.9
PA	46.2	32.7	42.0	34.4	40.3
R I	61.0	34.0	58.5	34.5	45.1
S C	28.9	17.2	25.6	25.0	25.4
S DAK	35.0	28.3	33.3	26.9	32.4
TENN	27.0	26.9	27.0	23.5	26.3
TEX	33.4	27.4	32.0	28.7	31.1
UTAH	29.7	23.2	27.9	22.8	27.1
VT	61.7	33.6	51.5	45.8	49.5
VA	33.0	32.7	33.0	30.2	32.1
WASH	31.3	26.6	30.2	27.0	29.0
W VA	33.7	27.9	32.1	29.5	31.8
WIS	50.9	29.7	42.1	31.6	40.3
WYO	38.1	41.4	39.0	34.7	37.8
U S	33.3	29.2	32.1	33.0	32.6

1/ INCLUDES AS "OTHER FAMILY" ONLY THOSE FARM HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WORKING 15 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK WITHOUT RECEIVING CASH WAGES.

FARM WAGE RATES, JANUARY 1, 1975 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	--	--	--	--	12.40	--	13.80	1.65	1.87
ARIZ	560	400	--	--	--	--	20.80	--	2.24
ARK	--	--	--	--	15.80	--	16.70	1.86	1.94
CALIF	510	390	--	--	--	--	--	2.40	2.60
COLO	476	334	--	--	--	--	19.30	2.16	2.37
CONN	490	350	90.00	125.00	--	--	20.50	--	2.40
DEL	315	--	--	--	--	--	15.00	--	2.10
FLA	--	--	--	--	15.00	--	16.50	1.85	2.06
GA	--	--	--	--	12.80	--	14.20	1.72	1.89
IDAHO	495	390	--	--	--	--	21.20	--	2.50
ILL	460	350	--	--	--	16.00	19.70	--	2.45
IND	390	286	--	--	--	12.20	17.30	--	2.24
IOWA	505	405	--	--	--	18.50	21.10	--	2.51
KANS	471	364	--	--	--	15.40	19.30	--	2.33
KY	--	--	--	--	11.30	--	14.30	1.64	1.98
LA	--	--	--	--	13.30	--	14.80	1.69	1.85
MAINE	400	310	80.00	115.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.20
MD	315	240	72.00	95.00	--	--	15.00	--	2.10
MASS	490	350	95.00	135.00	--	--	21.50	--	2.40
MICH	505	373	100.00	129.00	--	--	19.90	--	2.34
MINN	438	341	--	--	--	16.00	19.50	--	2.34
MISS	--	--	--	--	13.50	--	15.00	1.78	1.87
MO	390	295	--	--	--	14.00	18.00	--	2.25
MONT	447	351	--	--	--	--	18.50	2.20	2.37
NEBR	487	382	--	--	--	16.10	19.60	--	2.42
NEV	480	365	--	--	--	--	19.00	--	2.45
N H	470	340	85.00	125.00	--	--	20.50	--	2.40
N J	425	315	86.00	115.00	--	--	20.00	--	2.45
N MEX	390	300	--	--	--	--	15.60	--	1.90
N Y	451	330	89.75	113.25	--	--	18.20	--	2.23
N C	--	--	--	--	13.40	--	15.00	1.75	1.95
N DAK	472	375	--	--	--	16.60	20.80	--	2.40
OHIO	430	310	--	--	--	13.60	17.50	--	2.19
OKLA	--	--	--	--	16.50	--	18.40	1.99	2.17
OREG	492	387	--	--	--	--	--	2.21	2.38
PA	423	320	84.50	106.00	--	--	16.10	--	2.11
R I	490	350	95.00	130.00	--	--	21.50	--	2.40
S C	--	--	--	--	11.80	--	13.90	1.60	1.80
S DAK	423	333	--	--	--	16.20	17.70	--	2.11
TENN	--	--	--	--	11.30	--	14.30	1.56	1.86
TEX	--	--	--	--	15.30	--	16.40	1.81	1.98
UTAH	410	340	--	--	--	--	19.50	--	2.40
VT	450	340	85.00	120.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.40
VA	--	--	--	--	12.80	--	15.40	1.79	1.96
WASH	535	445	--	--	--	--	--	2.50	2.65
W VA	272	199	--	--	--	10.00	13.00	--	1.82
WIS	462	350	--	--	--	14.70	18.40	--	2.29
WYO	469	353	--	--	--	--	20.20	2.21	2.50
U S	431	346	82.00	103.00	14.50	14.90	16.60	2.00	2.39

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.

FARM WAGE RATES, JANUARY 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	--	--	--	--	10.90	--	12.10	1.44	1.64
ARIZ	450	350	--	--	--	--	17.30	--	2.00
ARK	--	--	--	--	14.70	--	15.60	1.60	1.80
CALIF	490	370	--	--	--	--	--	2.26	2.36
COLO	429	306	--	--	--	--	17.40	1.96	2.17
CONN	460	340	90.00	125.00	--	--	20.00	--	2.40
DEL	285	--	--	--	--	--	12.50	--	1.91
FLA	--	--	--	--	13.90	--	15.00	1.72	1.85
GA	--	--	--	--	11.50	--	12.50	1.49	1.72
IDAHO	463	371	--	--	--	--	18.90	--	2.19
ILL	430	315	--	--	--	14.50	18.10	--	2.25
IND	369	292	--	--	--	11.30	15.90	--	2.09
IOWA	475	394	--	--	--	16.30	19.50	--	2.27
KANS	426	340	--	--	--	14.00	17.20	--	2.09
KY	--	--	--	--	9.90	--	12.30	1.44	1.76
LA	--	--	--	--	2/12.30	--	13.00	1.51	1.67
MAINE	390	310	75.00	110.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.10
MD	285	216	64.00	88.00	--	--	12.50	--	1.85
MASS	460	370	95.00	130.00	--	--	21.50	--	2.40
MICH	2/445	330	96.00	120.00	--	--	18.90	--	2.15
MINN	416	324	--	--	--	15.40	17.90	--	2.12
MISS	--	--	--	--	11.60	--	12.80	1.52	1.62
MO	360	260	--	--	--	13.00	16.00	--	2.05
MONT	421	335	--	--	--	--	16.70	1.91	2.10
NEBR	460	342	--	--	--	2/14.90	18.50	--	2.14
NEV	450	330	--	--	--	--	18.00	--	2.30
N H	430	330	85.00	120.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.35
N J	400	200	80.00	110.00	--	--	19.00	--	2.37
N MEX	389	320	--	--	--	--	14.10	--	1.66
N Y	430	323	83.50	110.75	--	--	16.40	--	2.06
N C	--	--	--	--	12.60	--	14.30	1.55	1.80
N DAK	400	330	--	--	--	14.40	17.60	--	2.07
OHIO	375	270	--	--	--	12.00	15.40	--	2.01
OKLA	--	--	--	--	15.10	--	16.50	1.74	1.93
OREG	2/444	347	--	--	--	--	--	2.06	2.14
PA	398	288	71.75	96.00	--	--	16.20	--	1.99
R I	460	350	95.00	130.00	--	--	20.00	--	2.40
S C	--	--	--	--	10.80	--	12.50	1.45	1.64
S DAK	405	318	--	--	--	13.50	16.90	--	1.90
TENN	--	--	--	--	10.10	--	12.60	1.37	1.65
TEX	--	--	--	--	14.00	--	15.00	1.69	1.86
UTAH	380	320	--	--	--	--	15.20	--	2.10
VT	430	330	85.00	110.00	--	--	18.00	--	2.30
VA	--	--	--	--	11.60	--	13.80	1.49	1.79
WASH	505	410	--	--	--	--	--	2.30	2.35
W VA	227	167	--	--	--	9.00	12.20	--	1.60
WIS	438	331	--	--	--	14.10	17.40	--	2.18
WYO	429	319	--	--	--	--	17.90	2.07	2.19
U S	401	323	75.75	96.50	13.40	13.60	15.10	1.84	2.17

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2/ REVISED

Farm Work Limited by Holiday and Weather

Farm activities consisted primarily of livestock care during the week of December 22-28. Precipitation as well as holiday festivities reduced most farm work to chores and machinery maintenance.

Citrus harvest was active in Florida, Texas and Arizona. Harvesting of navel oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and lemons was at seasonal levels in California. Pecan harvest was virtually complete in Georgia and Texas.

Cotton harvest progressed in Arizona and consisted of second picking in California. Wet weather in Oklahoma, Texas and the Southeast slowed harvest operations there.

Sugarcane harvest was in full swing in Florida but was slowed in Louisiana by muddy fields. Tobacco plant bed preparation was active in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. Tobacco stripping continued in Kentucky and Maryland.

Rains slowed vegetable harvest in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Lettuce, cabbage and broccoli harvest progressed well in Arizona. Vegetable loadings in Florida were low because of the holidays.

In California, harvests of artichokes, asparagus, broccoli and cauliflower were light, while carrot, celery, lettuce, and potato harvest continued active.

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 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.