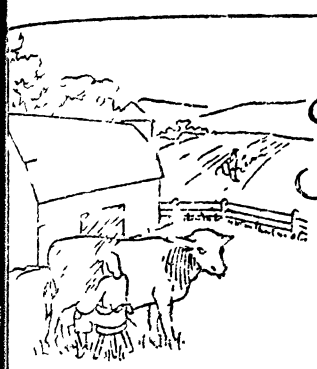

Farm Labor

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FARM WAGES CONTINUE AT RECORD LEVEL, WITH EMPLOYMENT UP

Farm wage rates in the United States on October 1 were at a record high for the date, although unchanged from July 1. Day rates without board averaged $4.94 on the first of this month compared with $4.39 a year ago and the 1935-39 average for October 1 of $1.55. All types of wage rates were higher than a year ago, with the average increase amounting to 10 percent.

A total of 11,486,000 persons was working on farms on October 1, an increase of about the usual amount from September 1 and 4 percent more than were working a year earlier. Both family and hired workers showed about the same percentage increase over a year ago. More farm operators and unpaid members of their families were doing farm work October 1 than a month earlier, as is normal for the season. However, the number of hired workers declined from a month earlier. A decrease in hired workers also occurred during September last year, but in the 1935-44 period increases were usual from September 1 to October 1.

All types of wage rates on October 1 were higher than a year ago in all geographic region and in most States. Increases were largest in the regions having the lowest wage rates, rises of 18 percent occurring in the South Atlantic States and 16 percent in the East South Central States. The smallest increases, 3 percent in the West North Central States and 4 percent in the Mountain and Pacific States, were in higher wage areas. In all regions except in the Northeast and the East North Central States present wage rates were over 3 times as high as October 1 rates in the 1935-39 period. In the Northeast and the East North Central States, wage rates were nearly 3 times the pre-war levels.

Wage rates on October 1 showed the usual wide spread between regions. Per day without board rates average $8.51 in the Pacific States and $3.29 in the East South Central States. Day rates without board were above $6.00 in all regions except the South and the East North Central States.

The number of persons working on farms on October 1 was greater than a year ago in all regions except New England. The number of hired workers was considerably less than a year ago in this region, as the potato harvest in Maine was later than last year. However, the number of family workers was a little larger in 1946. The largest regional increase in total number of workers during September occurred in the Middle Atlantic States. Much of the

increase was due to a sharp rise in the number of hired workers, although the number of family workers also totaled considerably more. The number of workers was considerably larger than a year ago, largely because weather last year interfered with field work. The total of persons working on farms on October 1 ranged from 2 to 5 percent more than a year earlier in all regions. The number of family workers was larger on October 1 this year than a year ago in all regions except the Mountain and Pacific States, where the numbers were about the same as on October 1, 1945. The number of hired workers increased considerably, except in New England and the South. The East South Central States had a few more hired farm workers than a year ago, the South Atlantic States about the same number and the West South Central States a few less. This decline was probably due to the effects of heavy rains in eastern Texas.

In the New England States harvest of most 1946 crops was being completed on October 1. Apples were about one-half harvested but the harvest of the Aroostook County potato crop in Maine was later than usual. Potato vines were still green in many cases and were delaying harvest. Earlier harvest of most crops and the later potato crop were largely responsible for a decrease from a year ago in the number of hired workers.

Weather conditions in the Middle Atlantic States this year on October 1 were much more favorable than a year ago. As a result, the number of hired workers was sharply higher than on October 1 last year, with about the usual seasonal decline from September 1. The number of family workers increased slightly, compared with the usual seasonal decrease, to remain larger than last year. Picking of apples and grapes was in progress in all States of the region. Corn was being cut for shocking in the field and for ensilage, with some being harvested for grain in New Jersey. Potato harvest was being completed in New Jersey and was under way on upland soils of New York. Dry beans in New York and buckwheat in New York and Pennsylvania were being harvested.

Declines from September 1 in the number of hired workers in the North Central States were greater than usual this year, but still considerably less than a year earlier. Last year on October 1 rain interfered with field work in all the East North Central area and in the southern part of the West North Central States. The number of hired workers this year was considerably larger than a year ago. The number of family workers on October 1 was also greater than last year, after a less than seasonal decrease. Fall seeding of winter grains was making good progress and harvest of late crops was starting in the entire region. Soybeans were being combined in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. Sugar beets in Ohio and Michigan were also being harvested. Potato harvest was under way in the northern States of the region. Some corn was being harvested for grain in Kansas and Missouri and broomcorn was being harvested in Kansas and Illinois.

In the South the peak load of harvest was at hand on October 1. Cotton picking was the major job in most of this section. In the South Atlantic States the number of persons employed increased a little more than usual during September. The number of family workers increased more than usual while hired workers showed a normal seasonal increase. More family workers were employed than a year earlier, but the number of hired workers was about the same. Other farm work in the region included preparation for and seeding

of fall grains. Apple harvest in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and West Virginia and in Maryland and North Carolina also drew heavily on the labor supply.

In the East South Central States fall seeding of grains and cutting of late hays were major jobs on October 1 in addition to cotton picking. The numbers of both family and hired workers increased normally from September 1 to care for the increased load of work. Both groups of workers numbered more than a year earlier.

Rain in eastern Texas and western Louisiana was largely responsible for a smaller number of hired farm workers on October 1 than a year ago in the West South Central States. The number of hired hands increased seasonally from September 1, but less than half as much as usual. Family workers totaled more than a year ago, after a normal seasonal increase. Other farm work in progress on October 1 included rice harvest in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. The corn and peanut harvests were also of importance in Texas. In the High Plains of Texas wheat seeding was underway and grain sorghums nearly all harvested. Late hays were still being harvested in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Farm work had progress rapidly by October 1 in the Mountain States. The potato harvest was getting underway almost two weeks earlier than usual in the important potato sections of Idaho and in Utah and Colorado. Sugar beet harvest had started in Colorado and was about to start in Montana. Harvest of dry beans and other seed crops in Idaho were almost completed. Cotton picking had begun in New Mexico, a little earlier than usual, but labor requirements were low in the dry-land areas of the State because of drouth conditions. Good progress had been made throughout the area in fall seeding of grains. Livestock hands were busy bringing stock down from summer pastures. The number of farm workers in the Mountain States was up slightly from this time last year but down considerably from the September level. The largest decrease was evident in the number of hired hands.

The number of both hired and family workers employed on farms declined seasonally in the Pacific Coast States during September. Wages, however, remained at a very high level and the supply of labor has generally been sufficient. Harvest of a bumper apple crop and the cranberry harvest were under way in Washington. While the prune harvest was nearing completion, in Oregon the apple, filbert and walnut crops were utilizing a large labor force. In California harvest of raisin grapes, prunes and almonds had reached their peak by mid-September but tomato picking and sugar beet harvest were nearing peak proportions on October 1. Harvests of beans, cotton and rice were well along.

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Farm labor: Wage rates, persons employed, indexes and related data, United States, October 1, 1946, with comparisons

	Annual average 1910-14	October average 1935-39	October 1, 1945	Sept. 1, 1946	October 1, 1946
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	12,389	11,052	11,111	11,486
Family labor	9,160	9,190	8,358	8,334	8,862
Hired labor	2,892	3,199	2,494	2,777	2,624
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation:					
Total	100	90	79	83	82
Family labor	100	91	84	85	87
Hired labor	100	89	64	77	67
RELATED INDEXES					
Prices received by farmers 1/	100	107	198	200	2/ 197
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	88	56	---	51
Average weekly factory earnings 3/	100	188	364	---	---
FARM WAGE RATES					
Per month, with board	$22.09	$27.10	$84.00	---	$91.40
Per month, without board	29.18	34.90	95.70	---	104.00
Per day, with board	1.16	1.31	3.98	---	4.36
Per day, without board	1.42	1.55	4.39	---	4.94
Composite rate per month 4/	24.76	30.20	88.00	---	96.40
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES					
Unadjusted	100	122	355	---	389
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	118	345	---	378
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES BY REGIONS:					
New England	100	146	353	---	386
Middle Atlantic	100	133	336	---	382
East North Central	100	122	313	---	351
West North Central	100	105	352	---	363
South Atlantic	100	113	281	---	343
East South Central	100	102	268	---	311
West South Central	100	105	328	---	349
Mountain	100	111	336	---	351
Pacific	100	132	410	---	426

1/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
2/ September 15, 1946 - latest data available.
3/ Factory payroll per employed worker; average of all weeks during the designated month. Revised April 1946.
4/ Weighted average of monthly rates with and without board, and daily rates with and without board converted to a monthly basis.

Based on reports from 18,162 farmers.

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Farm employment: Persons employed, United States and geographic divisions, October 1, 1946, with comparisons

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

Geographic division	October average 1935-39	Sept. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1945	Sept. 1, 1946	Oct. 1, 1946
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	12,389	10,907	11,052	11,111	11,486
New England	273	275	270	266	259
Middle Atlantic	672	702	636	730	726
East North Central	1,551	1,478	1,386	1,481	1,441
West North Central	1,725	1,727	1,592	1,735	1,629
South Atlantic	2,451	2,090	2,098	2,074	2,205
East South Central	2,275	1,657	2,004	1,744	2,050
West South Central	2,339	1,619	1,973	1,749	2,048
Mountain	488	519	448	510	464
Pacific	615	840	645	822	664
FAMILY WORKERS 1/					
United States	9,190	8,094	8,558	8,334	8,862
New England	168	173	168	171	171
Middle Atlantic	418	433	417	442	447
East North Central	1,156	1,197	1,158	1,214	1,187
West North Central	1,347	1,369	1,357	1,388	1,369
South Atlantic	1,825	1,588	1,601	1,602	1,709
East South Central	1,919	1,407	1,713	1,495	1,749
West South Central	1,737	1,268	1,531	1,357	1,618
Mountain	293	320	304	311	305
Pacific	327	339	309	354	307
HIRED WORKERS					
United States	3,199	2,813	2,494	2,777	2,624
New England	105	102	102	95	88
Middle Atlantic	254	269	219	288	279
East North Central	395	281	228	267	254
West North Central	378	358	235	347	260
South Atlantic	626	502	497	472	496
East South Central	356	250	291	249	301
West South Central	602	351	442	392	430
Mountain	195	199	144	199	159
Pacific	288	501	336	468	357

1/ Including farm operators and members of their families working without wages.

Based on reports from 18,162 farmers who reported for their own farms the number of family and hired workers doing 2 or more days of work during the week of inquiry.

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Farm employment: Total, family and hired workers, United States, specified annual averages and by months, Jan. 1945 - October 1946 1/

Year and month	Total farm employment 1,000's	Family workers 2/ 1,000's	Hired workers 1,000's
1910-14 av.	12,052	9,160	2,892
1935-39 av.	10,920	8,352	2,568
1939 av.	10,740	8,145	2,595
1940 av.	10,585	8,019	2,566
1941 av.	10,361	7,829	2,532
1942 av.	10,397	7,855	2,542
1943 av.	10,263	7,857	2,406
1944 av.	10,037	7,810	2,227
1945 av.	9,844	7,726	2,118
January 1	8,005	6,571	1,434
February 1	8,951	6,557	1,494
March 1	8,414	6,894	1,520
April 1	8,982	7,322	1,660
May 1	10,017	8,153	1,864
June 1	10,994	8,637	2,357
July 1	11,100	8,556	2,544
August 1	10,612	7,970	2,642
September 1	10,907	8,094	2,813
October 1	11,052	8,558	2,494
November 1	10,747	8,178	2,569
December 1	9,245	7,217	2,028
1946 av.	---	---	---
January 1	7,732	6,412	1,320
February 1	7,799	6,375	1,424
March 1	8,263	6,774	1,489
April 1	9,121	7,469	1,652
May 1	10,366	8,391	1,975
June 1	11,422	8,969	2,453
July 1	11,586	8,875	2,711
August 1	11,044	8,258	2,786
September 1	11,111	8,334	2,777
October 1	11,486	8,862	2,624

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

2/ Includes farm operators and members of their families working without wages.

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by geographic divisions, October 1, 1946, with comparisons

Geographic division	Annual average 1910-14	July 1, 1945	October 1, 1945	July 1, 1946	October 1, 1946
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	86.40	89.00	91.50	96.70
Middle Atlantic	22.25	78.00	77.50	87.70	89.00
East North Central	23.75	74.20	75.10	83.00	85.10
West North Central	26.32	89.90	93.50	94.00	97.40
South Atlantic	14.62	43.90	42.50	49.50	49.00
East South Central	14.71	39.50	39.50	43.20	45.00
West South Central	17,35	60.30	61.60	64.80	62.20
Mountain	32.48	111.00	112,00	114.00	117.00
Pacific	33.45	143.00	143.00	152.00	150.00
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	126.00	128.00	133.00	137.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	110.00	110.00	120.00	120.00
East North Central	32,80	100,00	101.00	111.00	113.00
West North Central	36.86	115.00	118.00	120.00	125.00
South Atlantic	20.97	59.40	57.90	66.90	68.10
East South Central	20.80	53.50	54.30	59.00	61.50
West South Central	24.93	80.10	81.40	87.30	85.60
Mountain	46.42	143.00	143.00	146.00	148.00
Pacific	48.16	182.00	186.00	190.00	186.00
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	4.36	4.41	4.88	5.18
Middle Atlantic	1.24	4.14	4.17	4.58	4.90
East North Central	1.31	4.06	4.16	4.49	4.61
West North Central	1.46	4.60	5.43	4.97	5.44
South Atlantic	.81	2.44	2.49	2.86	2.95
East South Central	.81	2.15	2.20	2.38	2.64
West South Central	.98	3.16	3.24	3.54	3.52
Mountain	1.50	5.00	5.33	5.24	5.66
Pacific	1.49	6.37	6.51	6.70	6.95
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	5.50	5.59	5.84	6.33
Middle Atlantic	1.63	5.11	5.18	5.63	6.08
East North Central	1.68	4.95	5.00	5.35	5.60
West North Central	1.88	5.64	6.47	6.18	6.60
South Atlantic	1.05	3.01	3.05	3.48	3.65
East South Central	1.05	2.70	2.78	3.03	3.29
West South Central	1.25	3.74	3.83	4.06	4.17
Mountain	2.05	5.97	6.21	6.08	6.41
Pacific	2.06	7.89	8.00	8.23	8.51

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by states, October 1945 and October 1946

State	Per month with board		Per month without board		Per day with board		Per day without board	
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	95.75	92.00	130.00	130.00	4.90	5.40	6.10	6.80
N. H.	90.00	97.00	134.00	136.00	4.40	5.00	5.40	6.20
Vt.	85.00	94.00	120.00	131.00	4.35	5.30	5.50	6.40
Mass.	86.25	100.00	132.00	144.00	4.25	5.00	5.40	6.20
R. I.	85.75	97.00	130.00	142.00	4.25	4.90	5.40	6.00
Conn.	85.75	100.00	124.00	142.00	4.15	5.00	5.20	6.10
N. Y.	85.75	96.75	118.00	129.00	4.35	5.10	5.50	6.50
N. J.	87.50	97.00	128.00	134.00	4.85	5.40	5.60	6.70
Penn.	64.00	77.00	93.25	106.00	3.75	4.50	4.60	5.40
Ohio	65.75	73.75	89.25	103.00	3.85	4.20	4.70	5.20
Ind.	67.25	77.25	92.00	101.00	3.85	4.30	4.75	5.20
Ill.	82.50	90.25	105.00	113.00	4.40	4.80	5.20	5.60
Mich.	77.75	88.50	108.00	120.00	4.45	4.95	5.30	6.00
Wis.	79.50	92.75	109.00	123.00	4.25	4.75	5.10	5.90
Minn.	90.75	99.75	120.00	130.00	5.40	6.10	6.40	7.40
Iowa	94.75	104.00	117.00	127.00	5.10	5.80	6.00	6.70
Mo.	64.75	72.00	82.50	93.00	3.35	3.80	4.00	4.55
N. Dak.	113.00	115.00	140.00	146.00	7.20	6.20	8.50	7.60
S. Dak.	97.75	105.00	127.00	134.00	5.70	5.70	7.10	7.40
Nebr.	98.50	101.00	118.00	128.00	5.40	5.50	6.30	6.60
Kans.	85.00	90.00	111.00	118.00	5.00	5.20	6.00	6.40
Del.	70.00	78.00	92.00	100.00	4.60	5.50	5.80	6.50
Md.	65.75	73.25	89.00	101.00	4.10	5.00	5.00	5.90
Va.	50.25	61.50	68.00	82.75	3.10	3.80	3.65	4.40
W. Va.	49.00	53.50	70.00	73 75	2.65	3.05	3.50	3.75
N. C.	47.75	54.00	65.00	74.25	2.85	3.30	3.40	3.95
S. C.	33.00	39.25	46.00	54.50	1.80	2.15	2.30	2.90
Ga.	36.25	41.00	48.00	58.00	2.25	2.60	2.60	3.20
Fla.	58.00	58.00	80.00	84.00	3.10	3.05	4.10	4.25
Ky.	49.00	57.00	67.00	77.00	2.60	3.20	3.30	4.00
Tenn.	41.50	45.25	57.00	65.00	2.10	2.40	2.60	3.15
Ala.	36.00	41.50	49.50	54.75	2.10	2.60	2.65	3.20
Miss.	36.50	41.75	50.50	57.50	2.15	2.55	2.75	3.10
Ark.	46.25	51.00	64.75	72.50	2.50	3.15	3.20	3.95
La.	40.00	42.00	56.00	59.00	2.30	2.70	2.85	3.10
Okla.	72.50	74.75	96.00	99.25	4.20	4.40	4.85	5.00
Tex.	75.00	75.00	97.25	102.00	3.85	4.00	4.40	4.65
Mont.	125.00	132.00	155.00	156.00	6.20	6.80	6.80	7.70
Idaho	145.00	143.00	177.00	176.00	6.30	6.80	7.40	7.70
Wyo.	112.00	118.00	143.00	156.00	5.10	5.60	6.50	6.60
Colo.	99.50	104.00	131.00	141.00	5.40	5.50	6.40	6.30
N. Mex.	76.00	85.25	102.00	110.00	4.20	4.50	4.70	4.85
Ariz.	105.00	110.00	142.00	145.00	4.55	4.60	5.30	5.50
Utah	115.00	128.00	145.00	156.00	5.00	5.30	5.80	6.10
Nev.	120.00	125.00	150.00	150.00	5.00	5.00	6.10	6.00
Wash.	145.00	146.00	195.00	194.00	6.60	7.00	8.80	9.00
Oreg.	141.00	143.00	174.00	178.00	6.40	7.20	7.60	8.30
Calif.	142.00	152.00	185.00	185.00	6.50	6.90	7.80	8.40
U. S.	84.00	91.40	95.70	104.00	3.98	4.36	4.39	4.94

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Farm wage rates: Composite wage rate per month by states, and geographic divisions, July and October 1945 and 1946

State	July		October	
	1945	1946	1945	1946
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Maine	113.00	114.00	116.00	117.00
N. H.	105.00	112.00	107.00	118.00
Vt.	103.00	112.00	104.00	116.00
Mass.	110.00	114.00	109.00	123.00
R. I.	108.00	112.00	113.00	120.00
Conn.	106.00	114.00	106.00	121.00
N. Eng.	108.00	114.00	110.00	120.00
N. Y.	99.80	108.00	100.00	112.00
N. J.	105.00	113.00	106.00	115.00
Penn.	78.60	88.30	78.70	92.20
M. Atl.	92.70	103.00	92.50	105.00
Ohio	74.30	85.70	77.70	87.70
Ind.	80.20	84.80	79.20	88.70
Ill.	93.20	99.90	92.70	101.00
Mich.	92.10	102.00	91.70	103.00
Wis.	91.70	102.00	92.30	106.00
E. N. Cent.	86.30	95.40	87.20	97.00
Minn.	98.10	107.00	103.00	113.00
Iowa	105.00	110.00	102.00	113.00
Mo.	69.10	73.90	69.50	77.80
N. Dak.	116.00	122.00	128.00	125.00
S. Dak.	104.00	110.00	110.00	116.00
Nebr.	100.00	106.00	106.00	110.00
Kans.	94.40	104.00	95.70	102.00
W. N. Cent.	96.50	102.00	104.00	107.00
Del.	87.50	95.40	92.40	104.00
Md.	81.40	90.90	84.50	97.00
Va.	62.20	75.00	63.60	77.70
W. Va.	60.80	65.00	62.50	67.40
N. C.	56.30	67.10	60.00	69.00
S. C.	40.50	46.80	41.30	49.70
Ga.	44.30	52.40	45.40	54.10
Fla.	72.30	72.90	72.10	74.00
S. Atl.	54.00	61.70	53.50	63.00
Ky.	59.20	63.10	60.90	72.10
Tenn.	49.10	55.20	50.20	58.10
Ala.	45.80	49.80	46.90	54.70
Miss.	45.40	52.70	48.20	54.90
E. S. Cent.	49.30	54.80	50.40	58.40
Ark.	56.60	64.30	59.30	69.70
La.	51.10	58.00	52.20	56.20
Okla.	87.90	93.10	89.90	93.10
Tex.	84.20	86.60	87.20	91.00
W. S. Cent.	72.10	78.80	73.90	78.50
Mont.	128.00	130.00	129.00	133.00
Idaho	141.00	143.00	146.00	147.00
Wyo.	114.00	116.00	115.00	122.00
Colo.	104.00	105.00	107.00	112.00
N. Mex.	81.90	89.10	82.60	90.70
Ariz.	107.00	111.00	107.00	111.90
Utah	114.00	122.00	115.00	126.00
Nev.	120.00	115.00	113.00	117.00
Mount.	111.00	117.00	116.00	121.00
Wash.	164.00	168.00	165.00	167.00
Oreg.	149.00	153.00	152.00	159.00
Calif.	154.00	165.00	156.00	164.00
Pac.	156.00	164.00	158.00	164.00

Farm labor program: Foreign workers employed in agriculture, September 27, 1946 1/

State	Mexicans	Jamaicans	Bahamians	Hondurans	British Barbadians	Newfoundlanders	Total
Maine	2/ 4,370	116	20		19	43	4,568
N. H.	2/ 144	164			10	36	354
Vt.	2/ 37					80	117
Mass.		222	3			36	261
R. I.						6	6
Conn.		1,945	1		16	58	2,020
N. Y.	2/ 258	2,514	378	119	221	168	3,658
N. J.		1,508	52		70	48	1,678
Penn.		287	298		65	29	679
Ohio		1,295					1,295
Ind.	207	217					424
Ill.	513	549	4				1,066
Mich.	2,060	940					3,000
Wis.	1,238	1,052	30	5	132		2,457
Minn.	1,861						1,861
Iowa	236						236
Mo.		43					43
N. Dak.	308						308
S. Dak.	208	199					407
Nebr.	687						687
Kans.	152						152
Del.		292	210		62	4	568
Md.		424	744		30	8	1,206
Va.			941				941
W. Va.							---
N. C.			772				772
S. C.							---
Ga.							---
Fla.		139	1,453		1,740		3,332
Ky.							---
Tenn.							---
Ala.			193				193
Miss.							---
Ark.							---
La.		373					373
Okla.							---
Tex.							---
Mont.	2,347						2,347
Idaho	2,685						2,685
Wyo.	884						884
Colo.	725						725
N. Mex.	6						6
Ariz.	951						951
Utah	836						836
Nev.	252						252
Wash.	2,048						2,048
Oreg.	1,604						1,604
Calif.	18,736						18,736
U. S.	38,544	12,279	5,099	124	2,365	516	63,736

1/ Data provided by Requirements and Certifications Sections, Program Division, Labor Branch, P.M.A. 2/ Canadians

Farm labor program: Farm labor placements, August 1946 1/

State	August		January 1 to August 31	
	1945	1946	1945	1946
Maine	8,311	19,914	10,490	26,365
N. H.	2,604	9,087	4,694	13,160
Vt.	1,405	1,323	2,958	2,416
Mass.	1,599	481	5,828	2,591
R. I.	49	17	304	142
Conn.	6,631	5,974	19,183	21,610
N. Y.	56,029	56,043	141,985	144,260
N. J.	26,616	7,657	95,075	26,892
Penn.	16,455	8,965	32,738	15,912
Ohio	5,897	5,040	20,906	27,014
Ind.	13,422	3,788	34,733	15,197
Ill.	29,693	9,420	60,868	40,655
Mich.	27,284	48,528	83,299	102,150
Wis.	18,837	10,611	33,293	27,944
Minn.	37,984	7,247	52,423	18,961
Iowa	47,892	9,350	85,749	31,542
Mo.	4,324	942	20,651	6,643
N. Dak.	43,844	50,080	70,499	72,019
S. Dak.	25,133	7,493	44,036	24,186
Nebr.	13,710	3,316	61,194	15,681
Kans.	540	27	14,645	3,571
Del.	4,630	2,621	13,018	8,550
Md.	32,225	9,454	101,206	51,601
Va.	19,096	1,929	69,473	28,549
W. Va.	336	191	1,871	773
N. C.	45,874	10,073	115,935	84,233
S. C.	9,464	1,854	62,721	16,380
Ga.	19,590	16,861	89,014	70,116
Fla.	2,975	117	27,382	18,375
Ky.	37,790	1,399	71,889	12,644
Tenn.	19,352	10,431	115,319	49,392
Ala.	4,269	1,688	22,777	15,897
Miss.	16,017	8,809	95,216	85,453
Ark.	47,612	14,123	246,962	137,452
La.	4,925	4,302	43,680	36,967
Okla.	16,045	2,546	122,668	61,731
Tex.	64,583	50,259	268,009	170,321
Mont.	10,675	1,909	67,030	39,191
Idaho	36,788	18,510	153,357	162,775
Wyo.	11,680	1,761	21,558	13,419
Colo.	14,044	23,451	49,326	81,340
N. Mex.	5,998	10,514	36,875	28,438
Ariz.	3,073	463	48,597	26,395
Utah	22,416	6,793	88,346	56,022
Nev.	1,113	794	4,847	3,544
Wash.	73,569	71,745	226,249	207,479
Oreg.	47,739	56,554	117,353	137,494
Calif.	91,678	79,307	434,568	385,566
Total	1,051,815	673,761	3,610,767	2,627,008

1/ Data from monthly reports of Extension Farm Labor Program, Extension Service, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.

Farm labor Program: Placements of World War II veterans on farms, United States, by months, January 1945 - August 1946 1/

Month	As hired hands	As tenants or sharecroppers	All placements
1945			
January	513	80	593
February	730	116	846
March	910	167	1,077
April	1,149	140	1,289
May	1,229	85	1,314
June	1,718	76	1,794
July	3,024	86	3,110
August	3,791	140	3,931
September	3,873	196	4,069
October	5,529	378	5,907
November	4,892	663	5,555
December	4,378	505	4,883
Total	31,736	2,632	34,368
1946			
January	3,186	1,750	4,936
February	3,544	1,844	5,388
March	4,538	1,527	6,065
April	5,707	1,627	7,334
May	8,048	990	9,038
June	12,569	974	13,543
July	16,062	824	16,886
August	21,097	874	21,971

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Farm labor program: Placements of World War II veterans on farm, by geographic divisions, August 1946 1/

Area	As hired hands	As tenants or sharecroppers	All placements
New England	170	13	183
Middle Atlantic	242	17	259
East North Central	534	286	820
West North Central	9,561	55	9,616
South Atlantic	253	105	358
East South Central	500	174	674
West South Central	1,257	209	1,466
Mountain	1,966	11	1,977
Pacific	6,614	4	6,618
United States	21,097	874	21,971

1/ Data from monthly reports of Extension Farm Labor Program, Extension Service, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.

SPECIFIC WAGE CEILINGS ISSUED, AMENDED OR REVOKED SEPTEMBER 1946 1/

FLORIDA

CITRUS FRUIT. Picking of grapefruit, oranges, and tangerines, loading of "bunch" or "goat" trucks in grape fruit, oranges and tangerine groves and driving "bunch" or "goat" trucks in grapefruit, or oranges, or tangerine groves in Florida. No. 21, amended August 12, 1946, issued Sept. 10, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking tangerines, 30 cents per standard field box. Picking seedling oranges, 25 cents per standard field box. Picking oranges from canopy-type budded orange trees, requiring use of ladder 30 feet or more in length, 25 cents per standard field box. Picking budded oranges, 15 cents per standard field box. Picking grapefruit, 9 cents per standard field box. Provided, that in cases of sparse crops, where the trees are large enough to require the use of a ladder for picking and the entire grove or portions of the grove consisting of solid blocks of trees and covering 5 or more acres is less than 40 field boxes per acre, a wage rate not to exceed 75 cents per hour may be paid for picking tangerines, oranges, or grapefruit on such grove or portion of grove in place of the piece rates above, if the employer has advised the chairman of the Florida USDA Wage Board of his intention to use this alternative rate, before the beginning of picking, and shall have made proper showing to said chairman, that the foregoing conditions exist. Loading tangerines, oranges, and grapefruit loaders, including customary distribution and picking up of empty boxes, 70 cents per hour, or 1 cent per box stacking on "bunch" or "goat" trucks in grove, when fruit is stacked in boxes; $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per box for unloading from "bunch" or "goat" trucks at roadside to roadside truck; $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per box for stacking on roadside trucks when fruit is stacked in boxes, 2 cents per standard field box or equivalent measure or weight for loading in truck in bulk in grove. Driving "bunch" or "goat" trucks 70 cents per hour.

MISSISSIPPI

COTTON. Picking and pulling cotton in the Delta Area, the counties of Bolivar, Ceahoma, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tunica, Washington and the counties of Carroll, DeSoto, Grenada, Holmes, Panola, Tallahatchie, Tate, Warren and Yazoo except that wherever streams enter from the hills of the counties last named above, the "Delta Area" shall terminate at aline drawn from the base of the first such hill (counting from the Mississippi River) on the south to the base of the same hill on the north of such stream. No. 96, issued Sept. 6, 1946, effective Sept. 5, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking cotton, $2.60 per hundred pounds of seed cotton.

WASHINGTON

BLACKBERRIES. Picking Evergreen blackberries in Pierce County, except in the island and peninsula areas. No. 23, amended Sept. 10, 1946, effective Sept. 9, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking Evergreen blackberries, piece rate, $1.00 per 30-pound crate plus a bonus of 25 cents per crate if the worker continues to pick Evergreen blackberries throughout the season.

HARVEST AND GENERAL FARM LABOR. Harvesting potatoes, hay, onions, wheat, barley, and other grains and general farm labor for all farming operations in Klamath County. No. 25, amended Sept. 19, 1946, effective Sept. 16, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: General farm labor, $1.00 per hour when no housing or other perquisites are furnished, or $200 per month plus housing and other perquisites exclusive of board. Harvesting all varieties of potatoes: picking potatoes, 5 cents per half sack of 60 pounds; all other potato harvest labor, $1.25 per hour. Harvesting hay: Hay stackers, $1.25 per hour; other hay harvest labor, $1.00 per hour. Harvesting wheat, barley, and all other kinds of grains: header tender, $8.00 per day and board; jigger and cartman $9.00 per day and board; sack sewers, $10.00 per and board; truck drivers, $10.00 per day and board; machine men (combine or separator operator) $12.00 per day and board; caterpillar drivers, (single combine) $9.00 per day and board: caterpillar drivers (2 or more combines) $10.00 per day and board; bucking sacks, $10.00 per day and board. When board not furnished to grain harvest labor rates may be increased $1.00 per day. Harvesting onions; hand topping and sacking, 15 cents per 50 pound sack loading, bucking, swamping, $1.25 per hour. The rate for all services not specified in connection with harvesting of grains and onions and for harvesting other crops except potatoes and hay shall be that specified for general farm labor.

POTATOES. Picking and other harvesting of potatoes in the counties of Crook and Deschutes. No. 28, amended Sept. 25, 1946, effective Sept. 23, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking potatoes, 6½ cents per half sack of 60 pounds. All other potato harvest labor, $1.00 per hour.

HOPS. Harvesting hops in the counties of Marion and Polk. No. 80, amended Sept. 5, 1946, effective Aug. 30, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking hops, 4 cents per pound. No perquisites shall be paid in addition except the furnishing of cabins, tents, fuel, lights and water.

PLUMS AND PRUNES. Harvesting plums and prunes in Washington, Yamhill, Polk and Marion counties. No. 95, amended Sept. 12, 1946, effective Sept. 12. 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking plums or prunes or both from the ground, 25 cent per lug box of 56 pounds. Picking and shaking plums or prunes or both, 35 cents per lug box of 56 pounds. Other harvest labor, $1.00 per hour. ("other harvest labor" means all labor incident to the harvesting of plums and prunes, or both, except picking, packing and shaking, and prune dryermen and shall include, but not be limited to shakers, buckers, tractor drivers, truck drivers and loaders of sleds and trucks.)

CALIFORNIA

COTTON. Picking and snapping American upland seed cotton in the counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, and Merced. No. 36, amended Sept. 27, 1946, effective Sept. 13, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking seed cotton: $3.00 per 100 pounds: snapping, $1.30 per 100 pounds.

1/ Data from Wage Stabilization Division, Labor Branch, P. M. A.

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