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SEASONAL GAIN IN FARM EMPLOYMENT LESS THAN USUAL
WAGE RATES AT RECORD HIGH

Farm employment during the week of September 21-27, totaled 9,383,000 persons, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. The increase of 200,000 workers from August represents a 2-percent rise but is considerably less than the normal seasonal gain. The average increase in farm employment from August to September is 9 percent or about 875,000 persons.

Family workers showed a 6-percent increase over the August level compared with the average seasonal increase of 11 percent. The 6,507,000 family workers, including farm operators, employed on farms throughout the Nation in September were 3 percent fewer than at this time last year. Total number of farm workers in September 1958 was 2 percent below September 1957. Hired workers in September 1958 numbered 3 percent more than in September 1957 but were 5 percent below August 1958 levels. The average number of hired workers in September is usually 3 percent above August levels. Curtailment of field activities due to wet weather in several important cotton States played an important part in limiting the increase in farm employment from August to September.

Wage Rates

Farm wage rates around October 1 were at record high levels. The seasonally adjusted wage rate index on October 1, 1958 reached the all-time high of 594 percent of the 1910-14 average. This compares with the July index of 566 percent and the previous record of 567 percent set in January 1958 and equaled in April. Competition with industry in many areas continues to force farmers to increase their pay scale to attract farm workers. Harvesting was at its peak throughout much of the country and labor was in short supply in some places, accounting for the increase in October wage rates.

Farm wage rates for the Nation increased for the following categories: per day with house, per day without board or room, per hour with house, per month with board and room, and per week with board and room. However, there was a decline in wage rates for per month with house, per week without board or room, per day with board and room, and per hour without board or room. The Farm Wage Rate Index is computed in such a way that each of these various categories are considered according to their importance in the different regions of the country. Thus, it is possible to get a fair measure of overall trends in wage rates even though there are many different types of rates with some increasing and some declining.

The composite hourly wage rate on October 1, 1958 was $0.795 which was about 4 cents per hour above last year. The composite hourly rate varied by regions from a low of $0.566 in the East South Central to a high of $1.151 in the Pacific region.

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The adjusted index of composite rates, while at a record high for the United States, reached this level only in the Middle Atlantic, East South Central, and Pacific regions although at near record levels in the other regions.

The highest regional index on October 1 was the 667 percent of the 1910-14 base for the South Atlantic region. The next two high regions were New England and the Middle Atlantic. The lowest adjusted index of composite rates was recorded for the East South Central region where it was 517 percent. However, this was a record high for the region. The 667 percent in the South Atlantic region was very close to the regional record high of 669 percent reached in April 1958.

Agricultural Activities

Weather during the survey week, September 21-27, varied from mostly mild and sunny in many areas to the intense wind and rain brought about by Hurricane Helene in a limited area along the Eastern Coast on the 26th and 27th. Heavy rains earlier in the week slowed harvesting in some areas especially in the West South Central region, but fair weather generally favored fall harvesting operations for the Nation as a whole. Major crops being harvested were cotton, corn, soybeans, peanuts, hay, fruits, and vegetables.

Temperatures in the areas east of a line joining Williston, North Dakota, Denver, Colorado, and Del Rio, Texas averaged above normal during the week. West of this line temperatures were generally below normal, except for Coastal California. Freezing was general in middle and northern interior sections of the Far West early in the week. Snow fell in the middle and northern Rockies. Freezing extended into the northern Great Plains on the 25th and frost and freezing were reported in central Nebraska and parts of northwestern Kansas on the 27th.

Farmers across the Nation were generally busy harvesting the fruits of the summer's labor. But for many farmers, the week was also a time to plant, consequently the sowing of winter grains and forage crops was common in most States.

Weather generally favored cotton picking in the eastern portion of the Cotton Belt. Continued rains in the lower Mississippi Valley and southwestern areas, particularly Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas slowed harvesting and in some instances resulted in deterioration of quality. By the end of the week, cotton was 37 percent picked in North Carolina, about half-finished in South Carolina and Virginia, two-thirds picked in Georgia, and three-fourths completed in Florida. In contrast to these States, cotton picking in States to the west averaged less than 10 percent completed.

Harvesting of corn had started in Corn Belt States by the 27th, but general harvesting was still about 2 or 3 weeks off. In southern States, corn harvesting was a major activity on many farms with 10 to 25 percent of the crop already harvested in some States.

Soybean combining was an important job in Illinois during the survey week with 45 percent of the crop harvested by the weekend. Fifteen percent of the soybeans in Indiana had been harvested but combining was just starting in Ohio and only 4 percent had been finished. Harvesting of soybeans was 10 percent completed in Missouri but was just getting underway in South Dakota and Minnesota.

Sugar beet harvesting had started in western States but the peak was still several weeks off. Flax harvesting made good progress in North Dakota.

Most of the tobacco crop had been harvested by the survey week, especially in the South Atlantic area. Many farmers in North Carolina and other States were busy preparing their crops for marketing. Tobacco auctions were common in major producing areas of North Carolina.

Vegetable and fruit harvesting were important activities in major producing States. Winter vegetables were being planted in California, Florida, and Texas but wet fields delayed planting activities in the Coastal Bend area of Texas, and field work moved slowly between rains in other areas of the State.

Among the many other agricultural activities that required farm labor during the survey week were fall plowing, seed bed preparation, thinning of vegetables, and feeding and care of livestock. In Western States, many ranchers were busy bringing livestock off summer ranges.

Employment by Geographic Regions

The total number of persons working on farms during the survey week in late September was lower than a month earlier in 5 of the 9 geographic regions. However, a 26-percent increase in the East South Central and a 14-percent increase in the West South Central although less than usual more than offset the declines in some of the other regions and resulted in the 2 percent increase over late August for the Nation as a whole. The Pacific region showed a 2-percent increase in total farm employment over late August and New England showed a 5-percent increase. The five geographic regions showing a decline from late August in total farm employment were the Middle Atlantic, down 7 percent; East North Central, 5 percent; South Atlantic, 5 percent; West North Central, 4 percent; and the Mountain region, 2 percent.

There were more family workers on farms in late September than in late August, in 6 of the geographic regions while in New England there was no change in number of family workers from August. In the Middle Atlantic and East North Central regions, there was a 4-percent decline from August in number of family workers. Five percent fewer hired workers were on the Nation's farms in late September than in August and only in New England, the East South Central, the West South Central, and the Pacific regions were there any increases in hired workers over the previous month.

The 36 percent increase in hired labor in the East South Central region was largely due to harvesting of the cotton crop although some labor was being used for harvesting other crops. The increase in hired labor from August to September in that region last year was only 32 percent while the average increase has been 61 percent. The West South Central region also showed an increase in hired labor in September over August but this amounted to only 7 percent compared to 14 percent last year and the average of 28 percent. Wet weather seriously hampered harvesting in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas in the West South Central region and Mississippi in the East South Central.

Farm labor in New England totaled more persons in September than for both the previous month and September 1957. Potato harvesting was at its peak in Maine with some schools dismissed for the occasion. Cranberries were being harvested in Massachusetts.

Farm labor in the Pacific States region, while needed for harvesting the routine feed and food grains, is of prime importance in harvesting the fruits and vegetables and other specialized crops grown in Washington, Oregon, and California. September is one of the major harvesting months in these States, especially California.

Farm employment and indexes for week of September 21-27, 1958, United States, with comparisons 1/

	September average 1953-57	September 22-28, 1957	August 24-30, 1958	September 21-27, 1958
FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons)				
Total	10,635	9,526	9,183	9,383
Family labor	7,548	6,721	6,143	6,507
Hired labor	3,087	2,805	3,040	2,876
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation, 1910-14=100)				
Total	60	53	57	53
Family labor	61	54	56	52
Hired labor	57	52	59	53

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

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Farm wage rates, indexes, and related data, October 1, 1958, United States, with comparisons 1/

	July 1, 1957	October 1, 1957	July 1, 1958	October 1, 1958
FARM WAGE RATES				
Per month with house	$177.00	$168.00	$181.00	$176.00
Per month with board and room	133.00	134.00	135.00	138.00
Per week with board and room	34.25	33.75	34.00	34.25
Per week without board or room	42.50	41.00	42.75	42.25
Per day with house	4.50	4.75	4.60	5.10
Per day with board and room	6.20	5.80	6.40	6.00
Per day without board or room	5.70	6.30	5.80	6.70
Per hour with house	.86	.94	.87	.96
Per hour without board or room	.93	.84	.94	.88
Composite rate per hour 2/	.717	.757	.728	.795
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Adjusted for seasonal variation	552	565	566	594
RELATED INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Prices received by farmers 3/	246	242	254	258*
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	45	43	45	43

1/ Wage rates on the average refer to a date 2 or 3 days before the first of the month.
2/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis.
3/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
* September 15, 1958.

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

(Thousands of persons)

State and region	September average 1953-57 1/	August 18-24, 1957	September 22-28, 1957	August 24-30, 1958	September 21-27, 1958
New England	234	206	211	202	213
New York	253	237	231	240	228
New Jersey	74	68	65	69	70
Pennsylvania	279	263	243	275	247
Middle Atlantic	606	568	539	584	545
Ohio	307	282	281	293	287
Indiana	271	249	250	252	247
Illinois	310	268	285	280	291
Michigan	268	290	247	290	252
Wisconsin	343	358	325	366	329
East North Central	1,499	1,447	1,388	1,481	1,406
Minnesota	331	350	302	337	309
Iowa	350	334	332	340	325
Missouri	426	354	396	382	405
North Dakota	137	145	126	145	125
South Dakota	123	123	119	125	118
Nebraska	184	180	173	175	170
Kansas	204	197	193	209	201
West North Central	1,755	1,683	1,641	1,713	1,653
Delaware-Maryland	100	99	93	101	94
Virginia	262	238	240	259	255
West Virginia	106	84	86	93	90
North Carolina	649	679	588	702	575
South Carolina	329	283	285	282	254
Georgia	366	240	302	224	288
Florida	115	96	106	101	113
South Atlantic	1,927	1,719	1,700	1,762	1,669
Kentucky	313	303	285	311	282
Tennessee	396	271	349	281	318
Alabama	369	154	269	161	264
Mississippi	628	401	525	318	485
East South Central	1,706	1,129	1,428	1,071	1,349
Arkansas	405	263	346	282	341
Louisiana	309	187	282	188	227
Oklahoma	235	181	203	190	216
Texas	715	539	590	540	586
West South Central	1,664	1,170	1,421	1,200	1,370
Montana	67	62	63	59	59
Idaho	91	94	86	97	85
Colorado	104	97	99	91	94
New Mexico- Arizona	141	120	143	131	129
Wyoming- Utah -Nevada	93	79	90	81	85
Mountain	496	452	481	459	452
Washington	134	157	126	162	133
Oregon	115	114	105	118	105
California	499	444	486	431	488
Pacific	748	715	717	711	726
UNITED STATES	10,635	9,089	9,526	9,183	9,383

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

Family and hired workers on farms during week of September 21-27, 1958 by regions and selected States, with comparisons 1/

(Thousands of persons)

State and region	Family 2/				Hired 3/			
	Sept. average 1953-57	Sept. 22-28, 1957	Aug. 24-30, 1958	Sept. 21-27, 1958	Sept. average 1953-57	Sept. 22-28, 1957	Aug. 24-30, 1958	Sept. 21-27, 1958
New England	128	112	112	112	106	99	90	101
New York	156	134	125	134	97	97	115	94
New Jersey	38	36	35	34	36	29	34	36
Pennsylvania	208	187	207	185	71	56	68	62
Middle Atlantic	402	357	367	353	204	182	217	192
Ohio	238	220	221	222	69	61	72	65
Indiana	221	201	205	197	50	49	47	50
Illinois	248	224	208	231	62	61	72	60
Michigan	211	194	209	194	57	53	81	58
Wisconsin	288	273	317	275	55	52	49	54
East North Central	1,206	1,112	1,160	1,119	293	276	321	287
Minnesota	279	253	271	256	52	49	66	53
Iowa	297	281	277	276	53	51	63	49
Missouri	329	307	283	309	97	89	99	96
North Dakota	105	95	99	93	32	31	46	32
South Dakota	105	98	97	99	18	21	28	19
Nebraska	157	146	142	141	27	27	33	29
Kansas	178	165	156	166	26	28	53	35
West North Central	1,450	1,345	1,325	1,340	305	296	388	313
Delaware-Maryland	63	59	58	58	37	34	43	36
Virginia	189	171	166	175	73	69	93	80
West Virginia	92	75	76	75	14	11	17	15
North Carolina	545	480	477	464	104	108	225	111
South Carolina	261	222	182	192	68	63	100	62
Georgia	269	224	160	212	97	78	64	76
Florida	69	62	57	69	46	44	44	44
South Atlantic	1,488	1,293	1,176	1,245	439	407	586	424
Kentucky	252	232	219	222	61	53	92	60
Tennessee	302	263	208	233	94	86	73	85
Alabama	267	202	125	197	102	67	36	67
Mississippi	453	378	246	326	175	147	72	159
East South Central	1,274	1,075	798	978	432	353	273	371
Arkansas	243	204	136	187	162	142	146	154
Louisiana	185	153	95	126	124	129	93	101
Oklahoma	171	154	125	145	64	49	65	71
Texas	380	323	288	319	335	267	252	267
West South Central	979	834	644	777	685	587	556	593
Montana	51	47	40	45	16	16	19	14
Idaho	61	56	59	59	30	30	38	26
Colorado	65	63	61	61	39	36	30	33
New Mexico-Arizona	46	46	36	39	95	97	95	90
Wyoming-Utah-Nevada	63	58	54	57	30	32	27	28
Mountain	286	270	250	261	210	211	209	191
Washington	90	81	88	85	44	45	74	48
Oregon	74	68	67	68	41	37	51	37
California	171	174	156	169	328	312	275	319
Pacific	335	323	311	322	413	394	400	404
UNITED STATES	7,548	6,721	6,143	6,507	3,087	2,805	3,040	2,876

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

2/ Includes farm operators doing one or more hours of farm work and members of their families working 15 hours or more during the survey week without cash wages.

3/ Includes all persons doing one or more hours of farm work during the survey week for pay.

Average number of persons working on farms, by months, January through September 1958, United States and geographic regions, with comparisons 1/

(Thousands of persons)

Class of workers and geographic region	1953-57	1955	1956	1957	1958
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT					
United States	8,489	8,588	8,056	7,778	7,684
New England	196	195	184	178	176
Middle Atlantic	516	520	480	461	462
East North Central	1,448	1,465	1,394	1,341	1,338
West North Central	1,573	1,595	1,492	1,454	1,452
South Atlantic	1,533	1,556	1,444	1,403	1,358
East South Central	1,057	1,064	982	948	899
West South Central	1,165	1,197	1,093	1,032	1,036
Mountain	378	375	374	361	361
Pacific	623	621	613	600	602
FAMILY 2/					
United States	6,374	6,460	6,013	5,767	5,632
New England	124	122	116	109	108
Middle Atlantic	368	375	344	330	326
East North Central	1,230	1,245	1,185	1,136	1,131
West North Central	1,332	1,353	1,266	1,228	1,217
South Atlantic	1,121	1,139	1,040	1,000	952
East South Central	848	855	779	759	710
West South Central	795	813	733	684	665
Mountain	242	241	240	223	223
Pacific	314	317	310	298	300
HIRED 3/					
United States	2,115	2,128	2,043	2,011	2,052
New England	72	73	68	69	68
Middle Atlantic	148	145	136	131	136
East North Central	218	220	209	205	207
West North Central	241	242	226	226	235
South Atlantic	412	417	404	403	406
East South Central	209	209	203	189	189
West South Central	370	384	360	348	371
Mountain	136	134	134	138	138
Pacific	309	304	303	302	302

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

2/ Includes farm operators doing one or more hours of farm work and members of their families working 15 hours or more during the survey week without cash wages.

3/ Includes all persons doing one or more hours of farm work during the survey week for pay.

Farm wage rates by geographic regions,
October 1, 1958, with comparisons

	July 1, 1957	October 1, 1957	July 1, 1958	October 1, 1958
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH HOUSE				
New England	192.00	191.00	197.00	200.00
Middle Atlantic	185.00	188.00	194.00	194.00
East North Central	177.00	177.00	178.00	180.00
West North Central	170.00	168.00	177.00	172.00
Mountain	210.00	209.00	212.00	218.00
Pacific	258.00	263.00	260.00	266.00
PER MONTH WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	147.00	147.00	149.00	150.00
Middle Atlantic	133.00	133.00	138.00	137.00
East North Central	133.00	132.00	131.00	131.00
West North Central	134.00	132.00	140.00	135.00
Mountain	162.00	159.00	166.00	165.00
Pacific	200.00	209.00	200.00	205.00
PER WEEK WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	40.25	40.50	39.75	39.75
Middle Atlantic	35.50	35.25	36.25	36.25
PER WEEK WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	53.50	54.25	54.00	54.25
Middle Atlantic	48.75	48.25	49.25	49.25
PER DAY WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	4.45	4.55	4.45	4.65
East South Central	3.70	3.75	3.75	3.75
West South Central	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.50
PER DAY WITH BOARD AND ROOM	–	–	–	
East North Central	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70
West North Central	7.00	6.90	7.20	6.90
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	9.10	9.50	9.20	9.70
Middle Atlantic	8.60	8.50	8.60	8.70
East North Central	8.40	8.30	8.30	8.30
West North Central	8.70	8.50	9.00	8.60
South Atlantic	5.20	5.30	5.20	5.50
East South Central	4.35	4.40	4.45	4.45
West South Central	5.80	6.10	6.20	6.20
Mountain	8.50	8.40	8.70	8.50
PER HOUR WITH HOUSE				
Pacific	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.10
PER HOUR WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12
Middle Atlantic	1.06	1.08	1.08	1.10
East North Central	1.06	1.06	1.05	1.06
West North Central	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.04
South Atlantic	.66	.68	.65	.68
East South Central	.57	.58	.59	.60
West South Central	.71	.74	.73	.74
Mountain	1.02	1.00	1,01	.99
Pacific	1.16	1.15	1.17	1.18

Farm wage rates by States and regions, October 1, 1957 1/

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	182.00	141.00	38.50	54.00	-	-	9.50	-	1.03	.929	533
N. H.	195.00	144.00	38.00	54.00	-	-	9.40	-	1.08	.948	606
Vt.	179.00	144.00	36.50	50.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.10	.926	586
Mass.	204.00	154.00	46.00	56.00	-	-	9.90	-	1.24	1.048	665
R. I.	213.00	158.00	46.00	58.00	-	-	10.00	-	1.21	1.047	706
Conn.	218.00	160.00	46.50	58.00	-	-	10.10	-	1.26	1.071	717
New Eng.	191.00	147.00	40.50	54.25	-	-	9.50	-	1.12	.970	616
N. Y.	193.00	137.00	36.50	50.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.10	.869	524
N. J.	211.00	146.00	36.25	50.75	-	-	9.00	-	1.14	.900	618
Pa.	173.00	122.00	33.00	44.50	-	-	7.80	-	1.02	.792	626
Mid. Atl.	188.00	133.00	35.25	48.25	-	-	8.50	-	1.08	.845	574
Ohio	165.00	125.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.10	-	1.07	.854	573
Ind.	164.00	125.00	-	-	-	6.30	8.00	-	1.05	.841	586
Ill.	186.00	145.00	-	-	-	7.30	8.80	-	1.07	.887	603
Mich.	197.00	134.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.60	-	1.07	.877	574
Wis.	180.00	136.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.50	-	1.06	.867	540
E.N.Cent.	177.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.30	-	1.06	.862	576
Minn.	175.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.70	9.30	-	1.08	.842	512
Iowa	179.00	146.00	-	-	-	7.80	9.40	-	1.09	.856	517
Mo.	144.00	107.00	-	-	-	5.60	6.90	-	.93	.687	613
N.Dak.	185.00	155.00	-	-	-	7.30	9.20	-	1.07	.854	450
S.Dak.	171.00	139.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.50	-	1.02	.798	465
Nebr.	185.00	142.00	-	-	-	7.00	9.00	-	1.04	.823	549
Kans.	177.00	137.00	-	-	-	7.40	9.20	-	1.06	.829	656
W.N.Cent.	168.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.50	-	1.02	.790	551
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.50	-	8.30	-	.95	.873	770
Md.	-	-	-	-	5.90	-	7.30	-	.93	.826	802
Va.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	6.10	-	.76	.666	718
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	4.40	-	5.40	-	.76	.635	494
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.80	-	5.60	-	.68	.606	690
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.40	-	4.00	-	.49	.435	576
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.90	-	4.45	-	.61	.516	563
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.40	-	6.00	-	.76	.668	669
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.55	-	5.30	-	.68	.590	656
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.20	-	5.40	-	.75	.692	527
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.55	-	4.40	-	.59	.550	488
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.30	-	.55	.523	509
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.15	-	.55	.519	494
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.40	-	.58	.545	502
Ark.	-	-	-	-	4.95	-	5.40	-	.67	.649	567
La.	-	-	-	-	4.40	-	5.00	-	.68	.645	612
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.30	-	7.30	-	.88	.855	594
Tex.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.50	-	.76	.743	574
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.30	-	6.10	-	.74	.717	577
Mont.	207.00	172.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.12	.944	453
Idaho	233.00	188.00	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	1.13	.999	551
Wyo.	209.00	155.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.12	.934	466
Colo.	201.00	151.00	-	-	-	-	8.80	-	1.03	.882	556
N.Mex.	164.00	116.00	-	-	-	-	6.50	-	.84	.698	569
Ariz.	250.00	175.00	-	-	-	-	7.90	-	.85	.824	550
Utah	225.00	190.00	-	-	-	-	9.30	-	1.12	.975	591
Nev.	230.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.15	.962	499
Mountain	209.00	159.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	1.00	.869	519
Wash.	258.00	218.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.18	1.25	1.221	595
Oreg.	232.00	187.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	1.16	1.130	556
Calif.	267.00	210.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.07	1.14	1.120	518
Pacific	263.00	209.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.08	1.15	1.131	531
U. S.	168.00	134.00	33.75	41.00	4.75	5.80	6.30	.94	.84	.757	565

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

State and region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	197.00	147.00	36.50	51.50	-	-	9.50	-	1.04	.920	528
N. H.	196.00	144.00	39.00	54.50	-	-	9.20	-	1.08	.948	612
Vt.	182.00	150.00	37.00	50.00	-	-	9.00	-	1.10	.929	593
Mass.	209.00	154.00	45.00	58.50	-	-	10.10	-	1.21	1.048	672
R. I.	215.00	156.00	45.00	60.00	-	-	10.00	-	1.18	1.041	709
Conn.	215.00	157.00	45.50	60.00	-	-	10.50	-	1.28	1.092	731
New Eng.	200.00	150.00	39.75	54.25	-	-	9.70	-	1.12	.975	625
N. Y.	197.00	137.00	37.00	50.50	-	-	9.00	-	1.12	.882	543
N. J.	215.00	156.00	40.00	52.75	-	-	9.50	-	1.15	.925	654
Pa.	177.00	127.00	33.25	45.25	-	-	7.90	-	1.03	.803	642
Mid. Atl.	194.00	137.00	36.25	49.25	-	-	8.70	-	1.10	.865	593
Ohio	167.00	124.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.00	-	1.06	.846	572
Ind.	165.00	120.00	-	-	-	5.90	7.60	-	1.03	.820	587
Ill.	188.00	145.00	-	-	-	7.30	8.80	-	1.09	.898	616
Mich.	194.00	129.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.60	-	1.06	.867	578
Wis.	183.00	138.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.60	-	1.07	.876	556
E.N.Cent.	180.00	131.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.30	-	1.06	.862	582
Minn.	177.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.70	9.50	-	1.11	.857	537
Iowa	187.00	151.00	-	-	-	7.80	9.50	-	1.10	.869	535
Mo.	144.00	108.00	-	-	-	5.60	7.20	-	.95	.700	619
N.Dak.	188.00	158.00	-	-	-	7.20	9.00	-	1.05	.845	454
S.Dak.	176.00	143.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.60	-	1.03	.809	480
Nebr.	193.00	146.00	-	-	-	7.10	9.20	-	1.05	.838	559
Kans.	184.00	142.00	-	-	-	7.40	9.20	-	1.07	.840	665
W.N.Cent.	172.00	135.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.60	-	1.04	.803	560
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.70	-	8.60	-	.97	.893	819
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.10	-	7.60	-	.98	.862	846
Va.	-	-	-	-	5.20	-	6.30	-	.78	.684	745
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	5.60	-	.74	.640	493
N.C.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.50	-	.65	.585	659
S.C.	-	-	-	-	3.35	-	4.00	-	.49	.433	579
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.95	-	4.55	-	.61	.519	567
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.00	-	.75	.664	665
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.50	-	.68	.600	667
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.30	-	5.60	-	.77	.711	555
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.50	-	.60	.560	496
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.30	-	.57	.537	518
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.10	-	.56	.525	504
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.45	-	.60	.566	517
Ark.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	5.50	-	.66	.643	551
La.	-	-	-	-	4.60	-	5.00	-	.63	.608	561
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	7.50	-	.91	.883	613
Tex.	-	-	-	-	5.80	-	6.60	-	.78	.761	582
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.50	-	6.20	-	.74	.719	578
Mont.	216.00	174.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.12	.951	461
Idaho	237.00	188.00	-	-	-	-	10.10	-	1.16	1.016	566
Wyo.	218.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.12	.944	463
Colo.	206.00	158.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.01	.882	566
N.Mex.	178.00	130.00	-	-	-	-	6.70	-	.79	.698	569
Ariz.	245.00	175.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	.91	.859	573
Utah	220.00	190.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.14	.976	598
Nev.	240.00	170.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.16	.981	519
Mountain	218.00	165.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	.99	.874	532
Wash.	255.00	209.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.18	1.27	1.237	603
Oreg.	236.00	186.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.12	1.18	1.150	572
Calif.	271.00	207.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.08	1.16	1.138	532
Pacific	266.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	1.18	1.151	545
U. S.	176.00	138.00	34.25	42.25	5.10	6.00	6.70	.96	.88	.795	594

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