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FARM WORKERS UP SLIGHTLY FROM YEAR AGO

The labor force in the United States numbered 3.4 million workers during the week of December 23-29, 1973, up 1 percent from the comparable week a year ago. There were 2,709,400 working farm operators and unpaid family workers and 683,100 hired farm laborers. Each total was above a year ago. The 1973 annual average of 4,395,100 workers was less than 1 percent above the 1972 average, but 1 percent under 1971.

Farm workers averaged 33.3 hours during the December survey week which included Christmas Day. A month ago the average was 35.9 hours but December 1972 averaged 33.1. Farm operators averaged 34.0 hours, unpaid family 29.5, and hired workers 35.1 hours during the week of December 23-29, 1973.

WAGE RATES INCREASE

Wages of farm workers on Jnauary 1, 1974 were up 10 percent from a year ago and 8 percent above October 1, 1973. The hourly rate without board and room averaged $2.17, compared with $1.98 on January 1, 1973. Pay rates for the day, week, and month were up similarly. Wage rates for the calendar year 1973 averaged $2.00 per hour without board and room, up 9 percent from the 1972 average of $1.84.

FARM WORK LIMITED BY HOLIDAYS AND WEATHER

Supplemental feeding of livestock was the major farm activity throughout most of the Nation during the week of December 23-29. Despite the cold and snow, livestock were rated in good condition. Farm workers were also busy with normal chores and repairing equipment.

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Farm employment and indexes, December 1973, with comparisons, United States

Item	Annual average 1972	Annual average 1973	December 19-25, 1971	December 24-30 1972	December 22-29, 1973
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/					
(Thousands)					
Total	4,373.4	4,395.1	3,390.4	3,357.8	3,392.5
Family labor	3,227.7	3,232.1	2,693.9	2,691.2	2,709.4
Hired labor	1,145.7	1,163.0	696.5	666.6	683.1
INDEXES 2/					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	32	32	34	33	34
Family labor	32	32	32	32	32
Hired labor	34	34	40	38	39
(1967=100)					
Total	89	89	92	91	92
Family labor	89	89	89	89	89
Hired labor	89	89	105	100	103

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.

Farm wage rates and indexes, January 1, 1974, United States

Item	Annual average 1973	January 1, 1972	January 1, 1973	January 1, 1974
FARM WAGE RATES				
Composite rate per hour 1/	$ 1.73	1.63	1.77	1.94
Per month with house	393	349	372	401
Per month with board and room	309	277	294	323
Per week with board and room	74.00	64.00	68.75	75.75
Per week without board or room	94.75	81.00	85.50	96.50
Per day with house	12.30	11.00	12.10	13.40
Per day with board and room	13.10	11.40	12.40	13.60
Per day without board or room	14.50	12.50	13.80	15.10
Per hour with house	1.81	3/1.50	1.63	1.84
Per hour without board or room	2.00	1.82	1.98	2.17
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	1,331	3/1,143	1,237	1,360
(1967=100)	157	3/135	146	161

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 1973 1/

State	January through December 1971			January through December 1972			January through December 1973		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	18.1	11.6	6.5	17.6	12.0	5.6	17.1	11.4	5.7
N. H.	5.7	3.9	1.8	5.0	3.5	1.5	5.0	3.4	1.6
Vt.	14.1	10.8	3.3	13.1	10.2	2.9	12.9	9.7	3.2
Mass.	17.2	9.4	7.8	16.6	9.4	7.2	16.9	9.4	7.5
R. I.	2.0	1.3	.7	1.6	.9	.7	1.5	.9	.6
Conn.	12.5	6.7	5.8	13.7	7.2	6.5	13.0	6.9	6.1
N. Y.	98	72	26	95	70	25	94	69	25
N. J.	19	9.0	10	20	9.0	11	19	9.0	10
Pa.	112	96	16	110	94	16	109	93	16
Ohio	147	130	17	148	130	18	149	132	17
Ind.	134	122	12	142	129	13	144	131	13
Ill.	160	135	25	161	136	25	165	138	27
Mich.	129	106	23	125	101	24	125	102	23
Wis.	186	167	19	179	159	20	180	160	20
Minn.	178	157	21	171	151	20	177	155	22
Iowa	209	179	30	208	181	27	208	178	30
Mo.	188	157	31	183	154	29	184	155	29
N. Dak.	58	47	11	59	49	10	58	48	10
S. Dak.	64	57	7.0	61	54	7.0	63	55	8.0
Nebr.	109	93	16	112	95	17	110	93	17
Kans.	109	94	15	108	94	14	109	94	15
Del.	7.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	3.0
Md.	32	24	8.0	31	24	7.0	31	24	7.0
Va.	110	80	30	107	79	28	108	82	26
W. Va.	36	31	5.0	34	30	4.0	34	29	5.0
N. C.	226	169	57	210	158	52	198	147	51
S. C.	74	55	19	72	54	18	71	54	17
Ga.	98	78	20	96	78	18	98	79	19
Fla.	112	34	78	114	35	79	115	35	80
Ky.	152	124	28	153	125	28	148	122	26
Tenn.	151	123	28	153	125	28	153	125	28
Ala.	86	68	18	82	65	17	81	65	16
Miss.	125	93	32	113	85	28	110	84	26
Ark.	135	80	55	131	79	52	134	78	56
La.	75	49	26	73	46	27	75	46	29
Okla.	124	107	17	125	107	18	128	109	19
Texas	268	184	84	275	187	88	285	197	88
Mont.	41	29	12	41	29	12	40	28	12
Idaho	45	33	12	45	33	12	43	32	11
Wyo.	14	9.0	5.0	15	10	5.0	15	10	5.0
Colo.	55	35	20	53	34	19	55	35	20
N. Mex.	22	14	8.0	20	12	8.0	20	12	8.0
Ariz.	36	6.0	30	36	6.0	30	37	6.0	31
Utah	22	16	6.0	20	15	5.0	21	16	5.0
Nev.	4.7	2.4	2.3	4.8	2.5	2.3	4.7	2.4	2.3
Wash.	78	50	28	75	48	27	76	47	29
Oreg.	64	43	21	57	38	19	61	39	22
Calif.	274	70	204	281	70	211	286	71	215
U. S.	4,436.3	3,275.1	1,161.2	4,373.4	3,227.7	1,145.7	4,395.1	3,232.1	1,163.0

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

Workers on Farms, December 1973

State	December 1971 week of 19-25			December 1972 week of 24-30			December 1973 week of 23-29		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	12.8	9.6	3.2	13.6	11	2.6	13.8	11	2.8
N.H.	5.1	3.6	1.5	4.4	3.2	1.1	4.4	3.3	1.1
Vt.	13.2	10	3.2	14	11	3.0	12.2	9.3	2.9
Mass.	13.2	8.4	4.8	14.6	9.0	5.6	13.6	8.0	5.6
R.I.	1.7	1.1	.6	1.3	.8	.5	1.4	.9	.5
Conn.	8.9	6.3	2.6	9.4	6.4	3.0	8.6	6.0	2.6
N.Y.	81	64	17	80	63	17	80	63	17
N.J.	13	9.0	4.0	12	8.0	4.0	13	8.0	5.0
Pa.	87	76	11	83	73	10	87	76	11
Ohio	118	112	6.0	115	108	7.0	121	113	8.0
Ind.	118	110	8.0	127	119	8.0	124	118	6.0
Ill.	135	121	14	136	122	14	135	120	15
Mich.	99	85	14	83	72	11	95	84	11
Wis.	159	145	14	157	144	13	154	140	14
Minn.	115	107	8.0	123	115	8.0	129	122	7.0
Iowa	155	142	13	163	151	12	158	146	12
Mo.	155	141	14	154	142	12	156	145	11
N. Dak.	33	29	4.0	36	33	3.0	36	32	4.0
S. Dak.	48	44	4.0	49	45	4.0	50	45	5.0
Nebr.	82	77	5.0	91	82	9.0	83	76	7.0
Kans.	84	78	6.0	86	80	6.0	81	76	5.0
Del.	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
Md.	23	19	4.0	22	19	3.0	22	19	3.0
Va.	80	67	13	78	67	11	84	72	12
W. Va.	29	26	3.0	29	26	3.0	27	25	2.0
N. C.	145	125	20	129	113	16	121	106	15
S. C.	49	40	9.0	50	41	9.0	47	39	8.0
Ga.	77	61	16	74	62	12	71	59	12
Fla.	123	28	95	121	29	92	121	31	90
Ky.	124	117	7.0	121	116	5.0	125	118	7.0
Tenn.	125	111	14	120	109	11	122	110	12
Ala.	74	61	13	66	55	11	68	57	11
Miss.	71	60	11	63	56	7.0	68	60	8.0
Ark.	76	58	18	85	65	20	69	56	13
La.	49	41	8.0	44	37	7.0	47	39	8.0
Okla.	102	95	7.0	103	96	7.0	109	100	9.0
Texas	196	149	47	193	148	45	221	163	58
Mont.	29	23	6.0	29	24	5.0	28	22	6.0
Idaho	29	25	4.0	30	25	5.0	30	25	5.0
Wyo.	11	8.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0
Colo.	40	31	9.0	38	30	8.0	37	30	7.0
N. Mex.	19	13	6.0	17	12	5.0	15	10	5.0
Ariz.	38	5.0	33	40	6.0	34	41	7.0	34
Utah	16	14	2.0	14	13	1.0	15	13	2.0
Nev.	3.5	1.9	1.6	3.5	1.7	1.8	3.5	1.9	1.6
Wash.	51	39	12	51	38	13	48	36	12
Oreg.	43	37	6.0	41	34	7.0	37	32	5.0
Calif.	227	57	170	229	59	170	245	65	180
U. S.	3,390.4	2,693.9	696.5	3,357.8	2,691.2	666.6	3,392.5	2,709.4	683.1

Farm Work: Weekly hours worked per worker: Average for reporting farms.
week of December 23-29, 1973

State	Farm operators	Other family members 1/	All family 1/	Hired workers	All workers 1/
			Hours		
Maine	60.8	34.5	52.0	34.6	45.3
N. H.	55.2	26.3	45.6	39.6	43.4
Vt.	58.3	35.8	50.9	44.2	48.4
Mass.	55.8	33.4	49.8	37.6	44.1
R. I.	60.6	30.0	50.4	40.0	45.8
Conn.	60.0	37.8	51.9	42.2	48.7
N. Y.	49.8	32.1	44.2	37.8	42.0
N. J.	30.9	34.1	31.6	31.3	31.5
Pa.	44.5	29.4	40.0	37.4	39.5
Ohio	31.2	29.3	30.7	31.1	30.8
Ind.	30.3	29.5	30.2	30.3	30.2
Ill.	29.6	29.6	29.6	31.6	29.9
Mich.	34.6	34.5	34.6	37.8	35.1
Wis.	49.2	30.4	42.1	34.4	40.6
Minn.	44.0	34.3	41.3	32.8	40.4
Iowa	37.2	30.6	35.4	31.4	34.8
Mo.	33.0	26.4	31.7	29.8	31.4
N. Dak.	30.4	29.1	30.1	26.0	29.6
S. Dak.	37.8	28.7	35.4	25.9	34.1
Nebr.	38.8	28.4	36.3	34.7	36.1
Kans.	33.4	32.3	33.2	32.3	33.0
Del.	28.7	33.2	29.7	33.8	30.7
Md.	36.8	32.2	35.5	31.9	34.6
Va.	32.9	31.9	32.7	28.4	31.3
W. Va.	33.9	26.5	31.8	24.2	30.8
N. C.	25.9	29.4	26.6	25.1	26.2
S. C.	28.3	27.4	28.1	24.7	27.1
Ga.	31.8	28.0	30.9	27.0	29.6
Fla.	35.5	21.9	31.6	42.0	37.6
Ky.	27.4	28.3	27.6	26.7	27.3
Tenn.	26.0	28.2	26.4	23.1	25.7
Ala.	26.7	24.7	26.3	32.7	28.0
Miss.	25.3	25.2	25.3	27.1	26.0
Ark.	23.3	31.5	24.6	23.2	24.2
La.	27.1	29.3	27.6	29.8	28.3
Okla.	37.2	31.8	35.7	33.0	35.2
Texas	39.1	26.5	35.9	29.4	33.7
Mont.	34.0	35.2	34.3	37.4	34.9
Idaho	30.9	27.5	30.1	33.1	30.6
Wyo.	38.1	32.3	36.5	40.3	37.4
Colo.	35.0	33.4	34.6	33.9	34.5
N. Mex.	30.8	25.0	29.8	42.2	33.7
Ariz.	46.9	29.0	41.8	44.0	43.0
Utah	32.9	23.8	30.0	28.5	29.7
Nev.	33.7	23.5	31.1	33.0	31.7
Wash.	29.8	29.4	29.7	24.1	27.6
Oreg.	25.7	26.2	25.8	28.6	26.4
Calif.	39.0	36.5	38.3	39.0	38.8
U.S.	34.0	29.5	32.6	35.1	33.3

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, 1974 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.	--	--	--	--	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
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.	--	--	--	--	11.70	--	13.00	1.51	1.67
Md.	285	216	64.00	88.00	--	--	12.50	--	1.85
Mich.	460	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	--	--	--	14.60	18.50	--	2.14
Nev.	450	330	--	--	--	--	18.00	--	2.30
N. J.	400	300	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
Oregon	438	347	--	--	--	--	--	2.06	2.14
Pa.	398	288	71.75	96.00	--	--	16.20	--	1.99
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
Texas	--	--	--	--	14.00	--	15.00	1.69	1.86
Utah	380	320	--	--	--	--	15.20	--	2.10
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
N. Eng.	440	343	88.00	121.25	--	--	19.90	--	2.33
U. S.	401	323	75.75	96.50	13.40	13.60	15.10	1.84	2.17

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, 1973 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.	--	--	--	--	9.80	--	10.80	1.27	1.45
Ariz.	467	360	--	--	--	--	16.80	--	1.78
Ark.	--	--	--	--	12.80	--	13.50	1.45	1.60
Calif.	470	320	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	2.18
Colo.	391	279	--	--	--	--	16.00	1.80	1.94
Del.	273	--	--	--	--	--	11.50	--	1.72
Fla.	--	--	--	--	13.50	--	14.50	1.48	1.70
Ga.	--	--	--	--	10.10	--	11.60	1.35	1.55
Idaho	430	345	--	--	--	--	16.80	1.89	2.01
Ill.	385	280	--	--	--	13.30	16.80	--	2.00
Ind.	312	235	--	--	--	11.80	14.80	--	1.86
Iowa	419	341	--	--	--	15.20	17.90	--	2.05
Kans.	387	302	--	--	--	13.20	16.20	--	1.90
Ky.	--	--	--	--	9.00	--	11.30	1.28	1.57
La.	--	--	--	--	11.00	--	11.60	1.36	1.54
Md.	273	200	55.00	76.00	--	--	11.40	--	1.77
Mich.	430	320	87.00	110.00	--	--	18.00	--	2.04
Minn.	380	300	--	--	--	13.50	16.40	--	1.93
Miss.	--	--	--	--	10.50	--	11.40	1.38	1.47
Mo.	325	235	--	--	--	11.00	15.00	--	1.85
Mont.	375	310	--	--	--	--	15.70	1.81	1.95
Nebr.	410	316	--	--	--	13.30	16.60	--	1.94
Nev.	355	275	--	--	--	--	14.00	--	1.95
N. J.	385	285	75.00	95.00	--	--	17.00	--	2.10
N. Mex.	335	271	--	--	--	--	12.90	--	1.43
N. Y.	401	285	76.00	99.00	--	--	15.50	--	1.98
N. C.	--	--	--	--	10.80	--	12.10	1.44	1.57
N. Dak.	356	284	--	--	--	12.40	15.50	--	1.78
Ohio	356	262	--	--	--	11.90	15.10	--	1.91
Okla.	--	--	--	--	12.70	--	14.70	1.57	1.78
Oreg.	412	308	--	--	--	--	--	1.95	1.97
Pa.	360	267	67.25	84.75	--	--	14.20	--	1.81
S. C.	--	--	--	--	9.50	--	10.60	1.29	1.48
S. Dak.	363	296	--	--	--	12.00	14.90	--	1.80
Tenn.	--	--	--	--	9.40	--	11.30	1.25	1.49
Texas	--	--	--	--	12.60	--	14.20	1.50	1.66
Utah	380	300	--	--	--	--	14.70	1.74	1.88
Va.	--	--	--	--	10.80	--	12.60	1.39	1.62
Wash.	475	375	--	--	--	--	--	2.05	2.20
W. Va.	210	165	--	--	--	8.20	10.40	--	1.39
Wisc.	401	300	--	--	--	13.10	16.30	--	2.03
Wyo.	397	304	--	--	--	--	14.70	1.93	1.99
N. Eng.	395	300	79.75	105.25	--	--	17.40	--	2.08
U. S.	372	294	68.75	85.50	12.10	12.40	13.80	1.63	1.98

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Average Farm Wage Rates, 1973 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								
Maine	379	283	73.75	104.75	--	--	17.20	--	2.01
N. H.	411	317	80.50	112.25	--	--	17.90	--	2.19
Vt.	416	311	81.75	103.75	--	--	17.30	--	2.14
Mass.	438	337	89.00	121.00	--	--	19.80	--	2.22
R. I.	433	326	87.50	120.75	--	--	19.00	--	2.21
Conn.	448	319	87.00	119.75	--	--	19.00	--	2.24
N. Y.	418	307	80.25	104.50	--	--	16.20	--	2.00
N. J.	397	297	79.00	105.00	--	--	18.10	--	2.20
Pa.	383	284	70.75	93.25	--	--	15.50	--	1.92
Ohio	364	267	--	--	--	11.50	15.10	--	1.93
Ind.	351	269	--	--	--	11.90	16.40	--	2.03
Ill.	408	307	--	--	--	14.20	18.00	--	2.14
Mich.	441	325	91.00	114.75	--	--	18.80	--	2.12
Wis.	418	318	--	--	--	13.60	17.10	--	2.06
Minn.	398	316	--	--	--	14.70	17.70	--	2.03
Iowa	452	373	--	--	--	16.10	19.00	--	2.21
Mo.	345	254	--	--	--	12.00	16.00	--	1.95
N. Dak.	390	334	--	--	--	14.60	17.80	--	1.94
S. Dak.	389	314	--	--	--	13.30	16.20	--	1.86
Nebr.	440	337	--	--	--	14.50	17.60	--	2.07
Kans.	417	328	--	--	--	14.50	17.60	--	2.03
Del.	289	--	--	--	--	--	12.30	--	1.85
Md.	287	218	58.25	83.25	--	--	13.00	--	1.87
Va.	--	--	--	--	11.50	--	13.30	1.48	1.71
W. Va.	231	170	--	--	--	9.30	11.70	--	1.56
N. C.	--	--	--	--	11.80	--	13.30	1.51	1.70
S. C.	--	--	--	--	10.10	--	11.10	1.34	1.53
Ga.	--	--	--	--	11.00	--	12.40	1.42	1.65
Fla.	--	--	--	--	13.30	--	14.30	1.54	1.69
Ky.	--	--	--	--	9.70	--	12.30	1.39	1.89
Tenn.	--	--	--	--	9.80	--	12.10	1.33	1.65
Ala.	--	--	--	--	10.40	--	11.50	1.38	1.59
Miss.	--	--	--	--	10.90	--	11.70	1.46	1.53
Ark.	--	--	--	--	13.60	--	14.20	1.50	1.67
La.	--	--	--	--	11.70	--	12.50	1.43	1.58
Okla.	--	--	--	--	14.10	--	16.30	1.66	1.87
Texas	--	--	--	--	13.30	--	14.60	1.55	1.75
Mont.	414	331	--	--	--	--	17.10	--	2.05
Idaho	458	366	--	--	--	--	18.30	--	2.09
Wyo.	423	318	--	--	--	--	16.90	--	2.04
Colo.	419	302	--	--	--	--	17.00	--	2.02
N. Mex.	351	275	--	--	--	--	13.70	--	1.58
Ariz.	480	366	--	--	--	--	17.20	--	1.86
Utah	393	312	--	--	--	--	15.20	--	2.00
Nev.	432	315	--	--	---	--	17.10	--	2.13
Wash.	491	395	--	--	--	--	--	2.20	2.26
Oregon	446	348	--	--	--	--	--	2.02	2.06
Calif.	493	363	--	--	--	--	--	2.13	2.24
U. S.	393	309	74.00	94.75	12.30	13.10	14.50	1.81	2.00

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Average Farm Wage Rates, 1972 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								
Maine	343	282	70.50	97.00	--	--	15.75	--	1.90
N. H.	382	309	78.75	104.25	--	--	17.60	--	2.09
Vt.	396	298	76.50	95.00	--	--	16.10	--	2.04
Mass.	417	312	85.00	108.00	--	--	17.30	--	2.12
R. I.	410	305	84.25	111.25	--	--	17.80	--	2.09
Conn.	412	305	83.50	110.00	--	--	17.90	--	2.08
N. Y.	393	281	75.00	2/98.25	--	--	15.70	--	1.95
N. J.	381	281	72.50	92.75	--	--	16.60	--	2.01
Pa.	331	253	66.25	82.00	--	--	13.90	--	1.76
Ohio	334	251	--	--	--	11.00	14.10	--	1.77
Ind.	311	226	--	--	--	11.10	14.80	--	1.83
Ill.	374	277	--	--	--	13.10	16.00	--	1.99
Mich.	418	313	83.00	107.00	--	--	17.25	--	1.96
Wisc.	387	295	--	--	--	12.30	15.70	--	1.92
Minn.	361	286	--	--	--	13.40	16.30	--	1.88
Iowa	410	332	--	--	--	14.80	17.60	--	2.01
Mo.	312	228	--	--	--	11.00	14.40	--	1.77
N. Dak.	360	301	--	--	--	13.50	16.90	--	1.81
S. Dak.	349	278	--	--	--	12.20	14.70	--	1.69
Nebr.	395	297	--	--	--	13.10	16.10	--	1.88
Kans.	376	291	--	--	--	13.10	15.80	--	1.86
Del.	276	--	--	--	--	--	12.70	--	1.75
Md.	269	209	57.50	78.25	--	--	12.70	--	1.75
Va.	--	--	--	--	10.30	--	12.10	1.36	1.56
W. Va.	200	163	--	--	--	8.10	10.20	--	1.35
N. Car.	--	--	--	--	10.50	--	12.10	1.36	1.53
S. Car.	--	--	--	--	9.40	--	10.50	1.24	1.39
Ga.	--	--	--	--	9.90	--	11.30	1.35	1.52
Fla.	--	--	--	--	2/11.90	--	2/13.00	2/1.37	1.55
Ky.	--	--	--	--	8.60	--	10.90	1.25	1.82
Tenn.	--	--	--	--	9.10	--	11.00	1.22	1.48
Ala.	--	--	--	--	9.20	--	10.30	1.23	1.43
Miss.	--	--	--	--	10.10	--	11.40	1.34	1.42
Ark.	--	--	--	--	12.60	--	13.10	1.38	1.53
La.	--	--	--	--	10.70	--	11.50	1.33	1.46
Okla.	--	--	--	--	12.20	--	14.30	1.48	1.68
Texas	--	--	--	--	12.40	--	13.60	1.44	1.59
Mont.	376	298	--	--	--	--	15.70	--	1.87
Idaho	423	337	--	--	--	--	16.30	--	1.96
Wyo.	384	270	--	--	--	--	14.60	--	1.84
Colo.	378	278	--	--	--	--	15.90	--	1.89
N. Mex.	326	259	--	--	--	--	12.80	--	1.46
Ariz.	437	324	--	--	--	--	15.30	--	1.70
Utah	362	287	--	--	--	--	13.50	--	1.83
Nev.	349	264	--	--	--	--	14.00	--	1.82
Wash.	466	365	--	--	--	--	--	2.02	2.12
Oregon	404	310	--	--	--	--	--	1.87	1.90
Calif.	467	336	--	--	--	--	--	1.96	2.07
U. S.	361	280	2/67.75	2/85.75	11.20	12.00	13.20	1.65	1.84

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2/ Revised.

In Florida, citrus harvest was in full swing. Navel orange and grapefruit harvests were active in California. Citrus picking continued in Arizona and Texas. The pecan harvest was limited in Georgia, but virtually complete in Mississippi and Texas.

Cotton harvesting reached the final stages during the survey week in Texas and continued in Arizona. There was only limited picking of cotton in Louisiana and California. The remainder of the producing areas were about finished harvesting prior to the survey week.

The sugarcane harvest in Florida remained active. Tobacco bed preparation continued from Florida through North Carolina. Tobacco stripping in Kentucky and Maryland was a major activity.

Vegetable harvesting was slow during the holidays in Florida. Many Texas vegetables were set back by the extreme cold weather. In California, lettuce, cabbage, carrots, and celery harvest continued.

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.

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