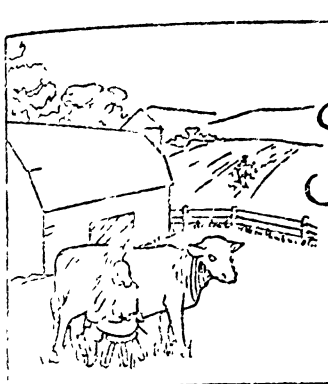

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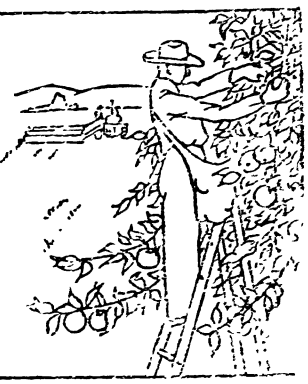

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Wage rates of hired farm workers in the United States on July 1 were 8 percent higher than a year earlier and the highest on record, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. Since April 1, wage rates have risen 10 percent, about double the usual increase during the quarter. Wage rates were 231 percent of the 1935-39 average for this date (390 percent of the 1910-14 average).

In the Nation as a whole, the number of hired workers on July 1 was about 7 percent larger than a year earlier. A total of 11,586,000 persons were employed on farms on July 1, including farm operators and family labor, 4 percent more than on July 1, 1945. The composition of the total farm labor force, however, was somewhat different from that of a year earlier. This year in contrast to the situation last year, about a million returned veterans were at work on farms. Substantially fewer foreign workers were employed than last year. The total of foreign nationals employed on July 1 was 58,000, compared with the July 1, 1945, total of 78,000 foreign workers and 70,000 prisoners of war. No prisoners of war were employed on farms on July 1 this year.

Wage rates have advanced rapidly since 1941. On July 1, 1941 daily wage rates without board averaged $1.98 compared with the present rate of $4.84. The advance in farm wage rates appeared to be slowing down in the last half of 1945 and the first quarter of 1946. However, along with the increases in industrial wage rates during recent months, farm wage rates have again climbed.

Wage rates in all geographic regions were higher on July 1 than on either April 1 or July 1 a year earlier. In only the East South Central region were wage rates on July 1 less than 3 times as high as in the 1910-14 period. In the Pacific Coast States they were over 4 times as high.

Farm work was proceeding on or slightly ahead of the usual schedule. Corn and soybeans had been planted in good season, whereas a year ago rains had seriously delayed planting. Cotton chopping and cultivation was well in hand despite the weedy condition of a month ago. Rain interferred somewhat with farm work in scattered areas in the last week of June, but there was little serious delay. Supplies of farm workers were

reported adequate in most areas.

The number of persons at work on farms increased seasonally from June 1 to July 1, except in the South Central States, where the peak of cotton chopping and much of the small grain harvest were past. More workers were employed on farms than a year earlier in all regions except New England, where there was little change.

With the peak of spring farm work behind in the South, the number of family workers on July 1 in the Nation as a whole totalled slightly less than a month earlier but more than on July 1 last year. The number of hired workers increased seasonally during June. In the Middle Atlantic and Pacific Coast States the number of hired workers increased by about one-third from June 1 to July 1.

In the New England States the number of persons employed on farms was about the same as a year earlier. The number of family workers was larger than on July 1, 1945, but there were fewer hired workers. Hay harvest and crop cultivation were the most important jobs.

The number of persons at work on farms in the Middle Atlantic States increased more than usual from June 1 to July 1 with the largest increase in hired workers. Both family and hired workers were more numerous than a year earlier. Weather late in June permitted steady field work. Crop cultivation and hay making were pushed in the entire region. In both New Jersey and Pennsylvania, barley harvest had started. Major truck crops being harvested in New Jersey were snapbeans and onions, with some early apples being picked. Picking of sour cherries was in progress in Pennsylvania, and in New York the Long Island potato crop was being harvested.

Hay-making and cultivation of row crops were also important jobs in the East North Central States about July 1. These jobs were being hurried along as fast as possible in Michigan and Wisconsin and the Northern half of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to clear the way for winter wheat harvest which was already underway in the Southern part of the region. The number of persons at work on farms was up only slightly from a month earlier, and was larger than on July 1 a year ago. The seasonal decrease in the number of family workers was about the same as a year ago, but the number of hired hands employed increased more than usual.

The number of both family and hired workers in the West North Central States on July 1 were well above a year earlier. Seasonal increases during June were larger than last year. With small grain harvest and hay making under way, wage rates per day without board averaged $6.18 on July 1, up about a half dollar from a year earlier. Wheat harvest had moved northward into southern Nebraska and was about half finished in Missouri and Kansas. In southern Kansas plowing of wheat stubble land was in progress. In the more northern sections of the region, hay-making and crop cultivation were major jobs.

In the South Atlantic States cotton chopping was generally completed early in June. The tobacco harvest on July 1 was about completed in Florida and was getting started in the Border Belt in North Carolina. In Virginia small grain harvest was under way. Hay making and crop cultivation were of major importance in Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia.

The number of persons employed on farms increased from June 1 to July 1, contrary to the usual seasonal pattern. Both family and hired workers showed the contraseasonal movement. The farm labor force on July 1 was larger than a year earlier but still much below the pre-war level. Daily wage rates without board averaged $3.48, an increase of 16 percent from last July.

With a lull in cotton crop operations about July 1, the number of persons at work on farms in the East South Central States decreased from June 1. Hired hands at work totaled about the same as a year ago but the number of family workers remained slightly in excess of a year earlier. Farm wage rates in this region were the lowest in the Nation at 292 percent of the 1910-14 average. Daily wages without board averaged $2.38, an increase of 20 cents from April 1, and 23 cents above those on July 1 a year ago. Small grain harvest was under way in most areas of the region. Cultivation of corn and tobacco was still requiring some time in Kentucky. Some hay was being made in all States.

In the West South Central States, the total number of persons employed on farms around July 1 was smaller than on June 1, owing to a decrease in the number of family workers. However, the number of family workers remained larger than a year earlier. The seasonal increase in the number of hired workers was greater than a year ago. The small grain harvest was about finished in the entire region, with much of the stubble plowed for fall seeded grains in Oklahoma and Texas. In the High Plains of Texas, cotton and sorghums were still being planted.

Farm work was well in hand in the Mountain States on July 1 and there was a slight decline in the total number of persons employed on farms. Crop cultivation, irrigation, hay making and other jobs were making use of fewer family workers than a month earlier, but more hired hands were being used. The number of family workers on July 1 was larger than a year earlier, but the number of hired workers showed little change.

Farm wage rates in the Pacific States on July 1 were the highest in the country and also showed the greatest increase from 1910-14. Daily wage rates without board were $8.23. The $9.00 per day wage rate without board in Washington was the highest for any State. The number of hired workers on July 1 increased sharply over a month earlier, but about maintained the increase of past months over the previous year. Family workers totalled about the same as a month ago and a little more than a year earlier.

In California major farm jobs were in the harvest of cherries, apricots, citrus, a few early peaches, and vegetables, and the cultivation and harvest of barley, wheat, oats and flax. Hay harvest and harvest of peas were important jobs in Oregon. Preparations for grain harvest were under way in eastern Washington, while in the western part of the State harvest of green peas for processing and harvest of raspberries were jobs of importance.

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

	Annual average 1910-14	Annual average 1935-39	July 1, 1945	April 1, 1946	July 1, 1946
FARM WAGE RATES					
Per month, with board	$22.09	$26.01	$85.80	$83.80	$ 92.00
Per month, without board	29.18	34.17	99.00	97.40	106.00
Per day, with board	1.16	1.23	3.86	3.81	4.25
Per day, without board	1.42	1.50	4.48	4.36	4.84
Composite rate per month 1/	24.76	29.15	89.58	87.80	96.50
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES					
Unadjusted	100	118	362	355	390
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	118	351	362	378
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES BY REGIONS:					
New England	100	143	347	354	367
Middle Atlantic	100	129	337	352	374
East North Central	100	115	310	330	342
West North Central	100	98	327	327	346
South Atlantic	100	111	294	327	336
East South Central	100	101	263	274	292
West South Central	100	102	321	322	350
Mountain	100	106	331	313	339
Pacific	100	129	405	400	426
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons)					
Total	12,052	10,920	11,100	9,121	11,586
Family labor	9,160	8,353	8,556	7,469	8,875
Hired labor	2,892	2,567	2,544	1,652	2,711
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation)					
Total	100	91	80	83	84
Family labor	100	91	83	85	87
Hired labor	100	89	69	73	74
RELATED INDEXES					
Prices received by farmers 2/	100	107	206	210	3/218
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	91	57	59	---
Average weekly factory earnings 4/	100	199	409	--	--

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

Based on reports from 17,920 farmers.

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Farm employment: Persons employed, United States and geographic division, July 1, 1946 with comparisons

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

	July 1 average 1935-39	June 1, 1945	July 1, 1945	June 1, 1946	July 1, 1946
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	12,458	10,994	11,100	11,422	11,586
New England	282	254	277	257	275
Middle Atlantic	723	626	734	637	760
East North Central	1,660	1,458	1,462	1,501	1,513
West North Central	1,909	1,654	1,725	1,713	1,816
South Atlantic	2,511	2,221	2,147	2,234	2,271
East South Central	2,048	1,870	1,759	1,950	1,776
West South Central	2,218	1,911	1,879	2,045	1,994
Mountain	509	462	443	476	473
Pacific	598	578	674	609	708
FAMILY WORKERS 1/					
United States	9,320	8,637	8,556	8,969	8,875
New England	175	168	175	170	182
Middle Atlantic	458	408	461	422	473
East North Central	1,248	1,208	1,193	1,248	1,233
West North Central	1,478	1,409	1,447	1,446	1,502
South Atlantic	1,907	1,728	1,703	1,761	1,790
East South Central	1,755	1,604	1,544	1,687	1,562
West South Central	1,657	1,488	1,441	1,593	1,502
Mountain	315	309	282	323	311
Pacific	327	315	310	319	320
HIRED WORKERS					
United States	3,138	2,357	2,544	2,453	2,711
New England	107	86	102	87	93
Middle Atlantic	265	218	273	215	287
East North Central	412	250	269	253	280
West North Central	431	245	278	267	314
South Atlantic	604	493	444	473	481
East South Central	293	226	215	263	214
West South Central	561	423	438	452	492
Mountain	194	153	161	153	162
Pacific	271	263	364	290	388

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

Based on reports from 17,920 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 - July 1946 1/

Year and month	Total farm employment	Family Workers 2/	Hired workers
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
1910-14 av.	13,052	9,160	2,892
1935-39 av.	10,920	8,353	2,567
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
January 1	8,202	6,622	1,580
February 1	8,383	6,702	1,681
March 1	8,562	6,935	1,627
April 1	9,080	7,401	1,679
May 1	10,068	8,079	1,989
June 1	11,285	8,845	2,440
July 1	11,355	8,623	2,732
August 1	10,608	7,914	2,694
September 1	11,040	8,223	2,817
October 1	11,839	8,928	2,911
November 1	10,690	8,168	2,522
December 1	9,337	7,289	2,048
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

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, July 1, 1946, with comparisons

Geographic division	Annual average 1910-14	April 1 1945	July 1, 1945	April 1, 1946	July 1, 1946
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	85.76	86.40	88.10	91.50
Middle Atlantic	22.25	74.82	78.00	83.30	87.70
East North Central	23.75	73.85	74.20	80.30	83.00
West North Central	26.32	86.17	89.90	90.50	94.00
South Atlantic	14.62	47.63	43.90	48.80	49.50
East South Central	14.71	39.04	39.50	40.40	43.20
West South Central	17.35	57.90	60.30	58.80	64.80
Mountain	32.48	98.53	111.00	105.00	114.00
Pacific	33.45	137.73	143.00	141.00	152.00
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	125.62	126.00	129.00	133.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	108.46	110.00	115.00	120.00
East North Central	32.80	101.22	100.00	108.00	111.00
West North Central	36.86	110.54	115.00	115.00	120.00
South Atlantic	20.97	59.47	59.40	65.80	66.90
East South Central	27.80	54.22	53.50	56.30	59.00
West South Central	24.93	81.07	80.10	80.50	87.30
Mountain	46.42	134.54	147.00	137.00	146.00
Pacific	48.16	177.68	182.00	180.00	190.00
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	4.00	4.36	4.62	4.88
Middle Atlantic	1.24	3.97	4.14	4.23	4.58
East North Central	1.31	3.95	4.06	4.18	4.49
West North Central	1.46	4.31	4.60	4.53	4.97
South Atlantic	.81	2.37	2.44	2.75	2.86
East South Central	.81	2.05	2.15	2.18	2.38
West South Central	.98	3.12	3.16	3.18	3.54
Mountain	1.50	4.62	5.00	4.86	5.24
Pacific	1.49	6.04	6.37	6.38	6.70
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	5.25	5.50	5.59	5.84
Middle Atlantic	1.63	4.90	5.11	5.21	5.63
East North Central	1.68	4.85	4.95	5.12	5.35
West North Central	1.88	5.39	5.64	5.60	6.18
South Atlantic	1.05	2.99	3.01	3.35	3.48
East South Central	1.05	2.69	2.70	2.82	3.03
West South Central	1.25	3.74	3.74	3.76	4.06
Mountain	2.05	5.50	5.97	5.72	6.08
Pacific	2.06	7.32	7.89	7.68	8.23

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by states, July 1, 1945, July 1, 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	92.00	92.00	128.00	130.00	4.80	5.30	5.90	6.20
N. H.	86.00	92.00	123.00	132.00	4.40	4.60	5.40	5.70
Vt.	82.00	89.00	120.00	129.00	4.30	5.00	5.50	6.00
Mass.	86.25	92.00	132.00	136.00	4.20	4.50	5.40	5.60
R. I.	85.75	90.00	130.00	135.00	4.20	4.40	5.40	5.60
Conn.	85.75	93.00	124.00	135.00	4.15	4.70	5.20	5.90
N. Y.	85.75	94.25	118.00	126.00	4.30	4.75	5.40	5.90
N. J.	87.50	97.00	128.00	133.00	4.65	4.80	5.45	6.00
Pa.	64.00	72.50	93.25	105.00	3.70	4.20	4.60	5.00
Ohio	62.25	73.25	85.50	98.25	3.70	4.20	4.45	5.00
Ind.	68.25	71.25	92.00	99.00	3.95	4.25	4.80	4.95
Ill.	82.50	89.25	106.00	113.00	4.40	4.70	5.20	5.50
Mich.	77.75	88.00	108.00	120.00	4.30	4.85	5.25	5.90
Wis.	79.50	90.25	109.00	122.00	4.05	4.50	5.10	5.50
Minn.	90.75	99.75	120.00	127.00	4.65	5.10	5.80	6.20
Iowa	98.50	103.00	121.00	127.00	5.10	5.40	6.00	6.50
Mo.	64.75	66.00	82.50	89.00	3.25	3.80	4.00	4.50
N. Dak.	110.00	118.00	140.00	146.00	5.20	5.20	6.80	6.80
S. Dak.	96.25	103.00	127.00	133.00	4.80	5.00	6.00	6.50
Nebr.	93.25	99.75	118.00	123.00	4.80	5.20	5.90	6.40
Kans.	84.00	90.00	109.00	116.00	4.90	5.80	6.00	7.20
Del.	68.50	78.00	92.00	100.00	4.60	4.75	5.60	5.85
Md.	65.75	73.25	88.00	97.75	3.80	4.30	4.65	5.20
Va.	50.25	61.00	68.00	80.75	2.90	3.50	3.40	4.20
W. Va.	49.00	53.25	70.00	73.75	2.55	2.80	3.40	3.55
N. C.	45.25	51.75	61.50	73.00	2.75	3.30	3.20	3.75
S. C.	33.00	37.25	46.00	51.00	1.70	2.15	2.20	2.65
Ga.	36.25	43.00	48.00	55.75	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.95
Fla.	58.00	58.00	80.00	80.00	3.10	3.10	4.10	4.20
Ky.	49.00	50.00	67.00	70.00	2.50	2.70	3.10	3.40
Tenn.	41.00	44.00	54.75	62.00	2.10	2.30	2.60	2.95
Ala.	35.50	40.00	48.00	52.00	2.00	2.15	2.60	2.80
Miss.	35.00	40.50	48.00	55.00	2.05	2.40	2.55	3.00
Ark.	46.25	51.00	61.25	71.00	2.50	2.80	3.00	3.40
La.	40.00	48.00	56.00	64.00	2.30	2.60	2.70	3.00
Okla.	67.50	74.75	92.75	98.00	3.90	4.40	4.85	5.00
Tex.	72.00	72.00	94.50	96.75	3.65	3.90	4.25	4.40
Mont.	125.00	127.00	155.00	156.00	5.70	5.90	6.70	6.90
Idaho	140.00	140.00	177.00	171.00	6.00	6.60	7.10	7.40
Wyo.	111.00	113.00	143.00	153.00	4.80	5.10	5.90	6.30
Colo.	99.50	100.00	131.00	137.00	4.70	4.80	5.70	5.90
N. Mex.	76.00	85.00	102.00	110.00	4.20	4.20	4.50	4.70
Ariz.	105.00	108.00	142.00	142.00	4.30	4.60	5.10	5.50
Utah	115.00	125.00	145.00	150.00	4.80	5.10	5.60	5.90
Nev.	120.00	120.00	150.00	150.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00
Wash.	145.00	149.00	195.00	195.00	6.60	7.00	8.40	9.00
Oreg.	141.00	141.00	172.00	178.00	6.30	6.70	7.20	7.60
Calif.	142.00	155.00	179.00	191.00	6.30	6.60	7.80	8.10
U. S.	85.80	92.00	99.00	106.00	3.86	4.25	4.48	4.84

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

State	April		July	
	1945 Dollars	1946 Dollars	1945 Dollars	1946 Dollars
Maine	107.00	109.00	113.00	114.00
N. H.	101.00	110.00	105.00	112.00
Vt.	104.00	106.00	103.00	112.00
Mass.	108.00	112.00	110.00	114.00
R. I.	109.00	112.00	108.00	112.00
Conn.	105.00	109.00	106.00	114.00
N. Eng.	106.00	110.00	108.00	114.00
N. Y.	97.30	106.00	99.80	108.00
N. J.	103.00	109.00	105.00	113.00
Penn.	76.90	82.20	78.60	88.30
M. Atl.	89.90	97.00	92.70	103.00
Ohio	71.70	81.60	74.30	85.70
Ind.	77.90	84.10	80.30	84.80
Ill.	91.60	96.60	93.20	99.90
Mich.	91.10	96.10	92.10	102.00
Wis.	91.40	97.80	91.70	102.00
E. N. Cent.	85.70	91.90	86.30	95.40
Minn.	91.90	99.30	98.10	107.00
Iowa	102.00	106.00	105.00	110.00
Mo.	67.20	70.60	69.10	73.90
N. Dak.	111.00	112.00	116.00	122.00
S. Dak.	101.00	105.00	104.00	110.00
Nebr.	97.60	103.00	100.00	106.00
Kans.	90.80	94.40	94.40	104.00
W. N. Cent.	92.10	96.50	96.50	102.00
Del.	90.20	93.50	87.50	95.40
Md.	80.10	86.40	81.40	90.90
Va.	58.80	69.00	62.20	75.00
W. Va.	58.90	62.60	60.80	65.00
N. C.	56.90	63.00	56.80	67.10
S. C.	39.30	42.70	40.50	46.80
Ga.	44.70	49.70	44.30	52.40
Fla.	69.70	72.60	72.20	72.90
S. Atl.	53.80	60.10	54.00	61.70
Ky.	59.30	61.30	59.20	63.10
Tenn.	46.80	49.80	49.10	55.20
Ala.	45.20	48.10	45.80	49.80
Miss.	47.70	46.70	45.40	52.70
E. S. Cent.	49.20	51.40	49.30	54.80
Ark.	54.70	59.80	56.60	64.30
La.	49.90	51.40	51.10	58.00
Okla.	86.50	85.70	87.90	93.10
Tex.	80.00	82.30	84.20	86.60
W. S. Cent.	71.90	72.50	72.40	78.80
Mont.	124.00	132.00	128.00	130.00
Idaho	k30.00	133.00	141.00	143.00
Wyo.	139.00	119.00	114.00	116.00
Colo.	101.00	103.00	104.00	105.00
N. Mex.	76.70	79.50	81.90	89.10
Ariz.	97.70	108.00	107.00	111.00
Utah	114.00	117.00	114.00	122.00
Nev.	115.00	113.00	120.00	115.00
Mount.	105.00	108.00	114.00	117.00
Wash.	151.00	155.00	164.00	168.00
Oreg.	142.00	147.00	149.00	153.00
Calif.	149.00	155.00	154.00	165.00
Pac.	149.00	154.00	156.00	164.00

Farm labor program: Foreign workers employed in agriculture, June 28, 1946 1/

State	Mexicans	Jamaicans	Bahamians	British Hondurans	Barbadians	Newfoundlanders	Total
Maine		33	20			55	108
N.H.	43 2/	20				40	103
Vt.	166 2/					102	268
Mass.		209		134		45	388
R.I.						7	7
Conn.		1,955				58	2,013
N.Y.	205 2/	1,931	225			198	2,559
N.J.		1,345				57	1,402
Pa.		342	30			59	431
Ohio		671					671
Ind.	89	297					386
Ill.	478	1,094	4				1,576
Mich.	1,821	408					2,229
Wis.	446	1,316	112	5	227		2,106
Minn.	1,393	539	101				2,033
Iowa	202						202
Mo.		47					47
N.Dak.	238						238
S.Dak.	668						668
Nebr.	1,156						1,156
Kans.	379						379
Del.		219	76		75	9	379
Md.		691	797			10	1,498
Va.			664				664
W.Va.							—
N.C.			612				612
S.C.							—
Ga.			702				702
Fla.		8	1,375		2,645		4,028
Ky.							—
Tenn.							—
Ala.							—
Miss.							—
Ark.							—
La.							—
Okla.							—
Tex.							—
Mont.	2,135						2,135
Idaho	2,202						2,202
Wyo.	1,591						1,591
Colo.	1,005						1,005
N.Mex.	38						38
Ariz.	1,378						1,378
Utah	629						629
Nev.	351						351
Wash.	2,465						2,465
Oreg.	1,775						1,775
Calif.	17,539						17,539
Total	37,978	11,125	4,718	139	2,947	640	57,961

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

Farm labor program: Farm labor placements, May 1946. 1/

State	May		January 1 - May 30	
	1945	1946	1945	1946
Maine	165	411	427	631
N. H.	176	183	491	607
Vt.	165	148	632	458
Mass.	488	522	1,248	1,094
R.I.	28	19	59	55
Conn.	2,157	1,601	4,233	4,097
N.Y.	6,496	6,248	17,464	22,865
N.J.	13,638	3,503	25,198	4,736
Pa.	1,254	726	2,837	1,893
Ohio	1,637	1,579	5,453	4,412
Ind.	1,489	640	3,019	1,525
Ill.	3,768	3,888	16,024	9,276
Mich.	1,040	659	2,308	2,951
Wis.	1,100	487	3,511	2,043
Minn.	1,776	1,599	3,959	4,184
Iowa	6,263	932	10,679	2,483
Mo.	3,324	1,147	8,884	1,859
N. Dak.	4,066	1,016	16,719	5,423
S. Dak.	408	748	1,441	2,102
Nebr.	7,707	674	15,582	1,855
Kans.	220	134	1,160	400
Del.	1,052	444	2,661	1,398
Md.	3,190	4,389	13,503	17,259
Va.	5,288	1,025	15,693	3,601
W.Va.	197	75	866	354
N. C.	9.253	9,876	22,963	21,507
S. C.	6,137	1,121	14,720	3,754
Ga.	15,886	7,961	36,011	23,010
Fla.	2,186	1,114	19,546	17,945
Ky.	5,892	5,962	17,134	9.056
Tenn.	33,483	7,849	58,699	22,960
Ala.	5,408	3,624	14,928	7,937
Miss.	14,595	9,259	48,416	54,899
Ark.	17,794	15,544	81,771	80,258
La.	8,048	5,659	22,025	18,047
Okla.	16,885	10,864	61,803	32,582
Tex.	41,288	13,558	97,551	47,438
Mont.	3,974	5,451	6,103	7,289
Idaho	19,949	43,471	22,782	46,666
Wyo.	1,159	807	2,532	2,179
Colo.	5,209	16,975	10,910	21,519
N.Mex.	2,617	865	17,808	6,087
Ariz.	1,654	711	34,570	25,194
Utah	4,314	8,027	5,022	8,487
Nev.	422	402	1,715	1,391
Wash.	22,388	11,915	40,469	24,104
Oreg.	8,585	13,218	15,620	22,418
Calif.	65,492	69,429	210,609	171,972
Total	379,310	296,459	1,033,758	774,260

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 - May 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

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

Area	As hired hands	As tenants or sharecroppers	All placements
New England	86	1	87
Middle Atlantic	245	25	270
East North Central	1,504	211	1,715
West North Central	555	49	604
South Atlantic	460	225	685
East South Central	422	252	674
West South Central	968	210	1,178
Mountain	745	14	759
Pacific	3,063	3	3,066
United States	8,048	990	9,038

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 JUNE 1946

OREGON

GENERAL FARM WORK. Performing general farm work other than shearing sheep and harvesting cranberries in Curry and Coas Counties. No. 90, issued June 10, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: General farm work other than shearing sheep and harvesting cranberries, $210.00 per month plus board and lodging or $1.00 per hour.

SHEARING SHEEP. Shearing sheep in Curry and Coas Counties No. 91, issued June 12, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Shearing sheep, piece rate basis, 25¢ per head plus board and lodging. Wages paid on any other basis shall not exceed the equivalent of the above rate.

PICKING CHERRIES. Picking cherries in Umatilla County. No. 92, issued June 11, 1946

Maximum wage rates: Picking cherries, 3-1/2 cents per pound.

PICKING CHERRIES. Picking sweet and sour cherries in Lane, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties, No. 93 amended June 18, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking cherries, sweet 3-1/2 cents per picked pound; sour, 2-1/2 cents per picked pound.

WASHINGTON

PICKING CHERRIES. Picking cherries in Walla Walla County. No. 94, issued June 14, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Picking cherries, 3-1/2 cents per pound.

CALIFORNIA

ALFALFA HAY AND FLAX STRAW. Mowing, raking, baling, hauling, and piling, and hauling and loading into railroad cars, alfalfa hay and mowing, raking and baling of flax straw in the Imperial Valley of Imperial County No. 2, revised June 20, 1946.

Maximum wage rates: Mowing alfalfa hay, 40 cents per acre. Raking alfalfa hay, 45 cents per acre. Baling alfalfa hay with 4-man crew, 40 cents per ton for 3 men and 45 cents per ton for lead man. Hauling and piling alfalfa hay with 2-man crew up to but not to exceed 9 bales high, 3 cents per bale per man. Hauling and piling alfalfa hay with 2-man crew where piling is in excess of 9 bales high and for hauling and loading alfalfa hay into railroad cars, 3½ cents per bale. Mowing flax straw, 45 cents per acre. Raking flax straw, 50 cents per acre. Baling flax straw with 4-man crew, 50 cents per ton for 3 men, and 55 cents per ton for lead man.

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