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HIRED FARM EMPLOYMENT REACHES LARGEST MARCH TOTAL

IN FOUR YEARS, WAGE RATES REACH RECORD LEVEL

Warm weather over extensive central areas and a keen drive to push spring plantings sharply increased farm employment during late March. The total of nearly 6.5 million workers estimated for the week of March 22-28 exceeds the March 1958 period by 3 percent. Hired workers during this period reached an estimated total of nearly 1.4 million, the largest March total since 1955 and 10 percent higher than in the same but slow starting period in March 1958. Farm family workers numbering 5.1 million exceeded a year earlier by 2 percent. Cash farm wage rates on April 1 reflected a strong demand for qualified farm workers and averaged sharply above April 1958. Composite farm wage rates on April 1, 1959 advanced to a National index of 620, seasonally adjusted, the highest level of record.

General Farm Wage Rate Advance Led by North Central States

Farm wage rates reported on April 1 were notably higher than a year earlier in most States and generally for each method of payment, reaching new high averages for April in almost all States. The weighted U.S. composite wage rate per hour, cash only, at $0.718 was 9 percent above the $0.657

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average on April 1, 1958. This increase, while generally reported, appears to reflect a strong demand for regular and reliable workers on the increasingly important commercial farms which may somewhat enlarge operations in 1959.

The prospective increase in plantings of some important spring planted crops indicated by advance reports furnish underlying strength for the early farm labor demand. The March 18 Prospective Plantings Report of the Crop Reporting Board pointed out the likelihood of a corn acreage increase over 1958 of almost one-eighth. Considerably more tobacco, spring wheat, barley and rice acreage is in prospect. Land available for cotton also is sharply increased for 1959, without the Soil Bank acreage reserve program which reduced cotton acreage last year. The sizeable wage rate advances reported this spring in North Central and some other areas emphasize farmers' awareness of the importance of adequate power, man as well as machine, in getting work done at the right time.

Compared with January 1 levels, wage rates for different methods of payment advanced generally in most States with the seasonally adjusted indexes increasing moderately. The national farm wage rate index moved from the previous high of 610 for January 1 to 620 on April 1. Comparisons of unadjusted average rates per hour between April and January are complicated by the sharply changing seasonal consist of the farm hired labor force which brings increased numbers of shorter term and lower paid workers, especially in some southern areas.

Open Weather during Late March Spurs Farm Employment Gain

The total estimated farm employment of 6,493,000 during the survey week of March 22-28 exceeded the comparable week of last year by 3 percent, and also represented a larger than average gain over the February level. The March spurt brought the January-March average about 1 percent above last year's. Comparisons of farm employment estimates by States and regions showed that total worker numbers exceeded a year earlier mainly in South Atlantic, South Central, and some Western States. In most of these sections, March 1958 was extremely slow and cold or soils were too wet or cold to work. Farm family workers in late March exceeded a year earlier by 2 percent, with regional advances scored only in southern and Pacific regions.

Hired farm worker numbers made even more significant and more general increases over March 1958 than family labor with important percentage increases in the Western Corn Belt, South Atlantic States other than Florida, all South Central States, and most Western States. The percentage of total farm employment represented by hired workers, nationally, was larger than usual for the time of year, exceeding comparable March periods in a 20-year span. Favorable farming weather doubtless was a major factor in the hired labor increase.

Farming Progress Near Normal; Ahead of 1958 Stages

Farmers pushed farm work ahead rapidly during the week of March 22-28 in many South Central areas and elsewhere during some unusually mild weather which preceded the Easter Season over large areas east of the Rockies. The springtime

feeling was abruptly ended, however, by storms which surged across parts of the Great Plains from the Southwest toward New England, blocking many roads with snowdrifts and bringing cold weather to most of the Central States and northeastward. In the East, however, this storm was much less disastrous than one almost exactly a year earlier which knocked out powerlines and blocked roads for days through Mid-Atlantic areas.

By late March many field activities in Southern States were making rapid strides. South Central areas especially were distinctly ahead of last year's slow progress. Farmers in much of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana got in some very good field days. Texas corn was almost three-fourths planted, sorghum planting was active and rice seeding was starting in east Texas and southern Louisiana. In Oklahoma, seeding of spring grains neared completion and half the corn land was ready to plant. Land preparation advanced in Alabama as corn plantings became general and Baldwin County potatoes made fast growth toward a probably early May harvest. Activity was general in Kentucky and Tennessee: most tobacco bed seeding was finished and much plowing done. Farmers were busy with field work in the South Atlantic States with early progress evident in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, and about on normal schedule in the Carolinas. Wet soils slowed farming in Georgia. Florida had some warm days which dried fields flooded by earlier March rains and permitted renewed citrus harvest and work on spring vegetables. Florida citrus harvest reached nearly two-thirds completion for oranges, nearly three-fourths for grapefruit and vegetable shipments increased more than a fourth over the previous week.

California and Arizona harvests of citrus and vegetables continued and cutting of alfalfa hay gained prominence. In California, the fast-moving changes also included planting of early potatoes in the south, planting, thinning, weeding and irrigating vegetables in the different areas, planting early cotton, harvesting some overwintered sugar beets and planting and cultivating spring beets. Irrigation requirements have been heavy on both field and fruit crops. Washington and Oregon had wet soil handicaps in western sections but drier weather and more active field work east of the Cascades.

Field work in most West North Central States was limited by winter or wet soils. Little had been done in Iowa and northern Missouri but there was some activity in parts of South Dakota and Minnesota. A small start had been made on spring grain seeding in Nebraska but this job was nearly three-fourths complete in Kansas. East of the Mississippi River spring planting preparation advanced, with considerable field activity in southern to central parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Winter influence held over in much of Michigan. Potatoes were being planted in New Jersey. Preparations were at normal stage in Pennsylvania but slowed in New York by cold which also held sway over most of New England, retarding maple sap flow and sugaring activities.

Livestock work continued relatively important in total farm work on many northern and western farms as young livestock made further gains in a reportedly successful spring start. In Texas, sheep shearing was active during the survey week and on the Edwards Plateau of that State shearing of most of the Nation's goats neared completion.

Farm employment and indexes for week of March 22-28, 1959, United States, with comparisons

	March average 1954-58 1/	March 23-29, 1958	February 15-21, 1959	March 22-28, 1959
FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons):				
Total	6,921	6,287	5,656	6,493
Family labor	5,586	5,051	4,597	5,134
Hired labor	1,335	1,236	1,059	1,359
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation, 1910-14=100)				
Total	59	54	55	56
Family labor	60	54	54	55
Hired labor	57	53	58	58

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, April 1, 1959, United States, with comparisons 1/

	January 1, 1958	April 1, 1958	January 1, 1959	April 1, 1959
FARM WAGE RATES				
Per month with house	$172.00	$165.00	$185.00	$179.00
Per month with board and room	138.00	132.00	147.00	140.00
Per week with board and room	32.50	33.00	34.00	34.50
Per week without board or room	41.00	41.25	45.00	44.25
Per day with house	4.85	4.65	5.20	5.00
Per day with board and room	5.80	5.40	6.00	5.80
Per day without board or room	6.00	5.80	6.40	6.20
Per hour with house	.73	.68	.78	.73
Per hour without board or room	.97	.94	1.03	.99
Composite rate per hour 2/	.804	.657	.865	.718
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Adjusted for seasonal variation	567	567	610	620
RELATED INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Prices received by farmers 3/	244	264	244	244*
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	43	47	40	39

1/ Wage rates on the average refer to a date two or three 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.
* March 15, 1959

Total workers on farms during week of March 22-28, 1959
by regions and States, with comparisons

Region and State	March average 1954-58 1/	February 16-22, 1958	March 23-29, 1958	February 15-21, 1959	March 22-28, 1959
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
New England	161	137	152	130	148
New York	170	145	157	139	150
New Jersey	43	40	39	37	39
Pennsylvania	213	182	189	180	189
Middle Atlantic	426	367	385	356	378
Ohio	275	234	261	228	257
Indiana	238	203	225	194	219
Illinois	262	207	241	196	245
Michigan	214	201	203	195	194
Wisconsin	301	275	290	269	282
East North Central	1,290	1,120	1,220	1,082	1,197
Minnesota	266	223	256	216	245
Iowa	276	232	270	234	256
Missouri	263	223	242	218	250
North Dakota	94	67	86	66	87
South Dakota	97	77	92	75	93
Nebraska	146	125	137	124	144
Kansas	161	138	151	132	151
West North Central	1,303	1,085	1,234	1,065	1,226
Delaware-Maryland	66	50	59	50	64
Virginia	196	160	169	167	199
West Virginia	74	57	64	59	67
North Carolina	339	257	280	284	313
South Carolina	164	126	146	128	154
Georgia	197	151	159	150	166
Florida	145	120	139	125	132
South Atlantic	1,181	921	1,016	963	1,095
Kentucky	222	190	201	193	214
Tennessee	201	171	174	175	206
Alabama	138	95	116	102	120
Mississippi	238	163	198	155	215
East South Central	799	619	689	625	755
Arkansas	223	155	171	151	197
Louisiana	156	128	134	132	152
Oklahoma	199	165	174	157	177
Texas	394	290	363	302	391
West South Central	972	738	842	742	917
Montana	49	43	49	39	47
Idaho	54	43	54	44	53
Colorado	64	49	57	45	61
New Mexico-Arizona	67	66	68	70	68
Wyoming-Utah-Nevada	51	44	46	41	48
Mountain	285	245	274	238	277
Washington	98	84	96	83	97
Oregon	90	68	87	72	83
California	316	290	292	299	320
Pacific	504	442	475	454	500
UNITED STATES	6,921	5,674	6,287	5,656	6,493

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 March 22-28, 1959, by regions and States, with comparisons

Region and State	Family 1/				Hired 2/			
	March average 1954-58 3/	Mar. 23-29, 1958	Feb. 15-21, 1959	Mar. 22-28, 1959	March average 1954-58 3/	Mar. 23-29, 1958	Feb. 15-21, 1959	Mar. 22-28, 1959
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
New England	110	102	88	98	51	50	42	50
New York	121	109	101	104	49	48	38	46
New Jersey	31	28	26	28	12	11	11	11
Pennsylvania	181	164	154	161	32	25	26	28
Middle Atlantic	333	301	281	293	93	84	75	85
Ohio	245	231	210	227	30	30	18	30
Indiana	220	207	182	201	18	18	12	18
Illinois	213	192	163	197	49	49	33	48
Michigan	191	181	175	171	23	22	20	23
Wisconsin	272	262	248	258	29	28	21	24
East North Central	1,141	1,073	978	1,054	149	147	104	143
Minnesota	241	230	198	219	25	26	18	26
Iowa	254	247	218	236	22	23	16	20
Missouri	238	221	202	224	25	21	16	26
North Dakota	83	76	58	76	11	10	8	11
South Dakota	90	85	68	86	7	7	7	7
Nebraska	132	123	115	126	14	14	9	18
Kansas	148	139	121	135	13	12	11	16
West North Central	1,186	1,121	980	1,102	117	113	85	124
Delaware-Maryland	47	43	38	46	19	16	12	18
Virginia	161	144	138	161	35	25	29	38
West Virginia	62	54	48	54	12	10	11	13
North Carolina	297	242	247	272	42	38	37	41
South Carolina	116	100	95	106	48	46	33	48
Georgia	154	123	112	126	43	36	38	40
Florida	61	60	51	53	84	79	74	79
South Atlantic	898	766	729	818	283	250	234	277
Kentucky	190	173	174	181	32	28	19	33
Tennessee	169	148	150	171	32	26	25	35
Alabama	115	96	86	98	23	20	16	22
Mississippi	190	156	128	168	48	42	27	47
East South Central	664	573	538	618	135	116	87	137
Arkansas	157	120	115	134	66	51	36	63
Louisiana	107	91	94	97	49	43	38	55
Oklahoma	182	157	143	156	17	17	14	21
Texas	302	267	226	274	92	96	76	117
West South Central	748	635	578	661	224	207	164	256
Montana	41	40	34	39	8	9	5	8
Idaho	44	42	36	42	10	12	8	11
Colorado	57	51	40	53	7	6	5	8
New Mexico-Arizona	32	31	28	30	35	37	42	38
Wyoming-Utah-Nevada	39	36	33	36	12	10	8	12
Mountain	213	200	171	200	72	74	68	77
Washington	77	75	69	73	21	21	14	24
Oregon	70	66	58	66	20	21	14	17
California	146	139	127	151	170	153	172	169
Pacific	293	280	254	290	211	195	200	210
UNITED STATES	5,586	5,051	4,597	5,134	1,335	1,236	1,059	1,359

1/ 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.
2/ Includes all persons doing one or more hours of farm work during the survey week for pay.
3/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Average number of persons working on farms, January through March 1959, by regions and States, with comparisons 1/

Region and State	Average 1954-58			1958			1959		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
New England	146	103	43	137	96	41	132	90	42
New York	159	117	42	146	106	40	141	102	39
New Jersey	41	30	11	39	28	11	37	26	11
Pennsylvania	199	168	31	179	154	25	176	151	25
Middle Atlantic	399	315	84	364	288	76	354	279	75
Ohio	243	221	22	231	210	21	226	205	21
Indiana	215	201	14	204	190	14	197	184	13
Illinois	230	191	39	214	176	38	209	172	37
Michigan	204	182	22	195	174	21	189	166	23
Wisconsin	284	260	24	275	252	23	269	248	21
East North Central	1,176	1,055	121	1,119	1,002	117	1,090	975	115
Minnesota	246	226	20	231	211	20	223	203	20
Iowa	250	232	18	242	223	19	235	218	17
Missouri	247	227	20	227	209	18	228	209	19
North Dakota	80	71	9	73	64	9	72	63	9
South Dakota	85	79	6	81	75	6	80	73	7
Nebraska	137	126	11	129	118	11	129	117	12
Kansas	147	136	11	139	129	10	135	124	11
West North Central	1,192	1,097	95	1,122	1,029	93	1,102	1,007	95
Del.- Md.	56	40	16	53	39	14	53	39	14
Virginia	181	150	31	161	135	26	175	143	32
West Virginia	66	56	10	59	50	9	60	50	10
North Carolina	306	270	36	261	228	33	282	247	35
South Carolina	147	110	37	131	97	34	135	98	37
Georgia	165	130	35	146	114	32	145	112	33
Florida	124	54	70	117	54	63	121	51	70
South Atlantic	1,045	810	235	928	717	211	971	740	231
Kentucky	206	184	22	190	169	21	196	174	22
Tennessee	190	164	26	171	149	22	183	157	26
Alabama	119	101	18	100	85	15	106	89	17
Mississippi	196	162	34	168	139	29	168	138	30
East South Central	711	611	100	629	542	87	653	558	95
Arkansas	187	144	43	152	116	36	160	120	40
Louisiana	137	100	37	124	89	35	131	91	40
Oklahoma	181	168	13	160	148	12	158	143	15
Texas	353	278	75	319	243	76	335	246	89
West South Central	858	690	168	755	596	159	784	600	184
Montana	44	38	6	43	37	6	40	35	5
Idaho	46	39	7	46	38	8	46	38	8
Colorado	53	47	6	49	44	5	49	43	6
N.Mex.-Ariz.	68	32	36	68	29	39	71	29	42
Wyo.-Utah-Nev.	45	35	10	43	33	10	43	34	9
Mountain	256	191	65	249	181	68	249	179	70
Washington	88	74	14	87	73	14	86	70	16
Oregon	75	62	13	73	59	14	72	59	13
California	312	138	174	297	135	162	313	137	176
Pacific	475	274	201	457	267	190	471	266	205
UNITED STATES	6,258	5,146	1,112	5,760	4,718	1,042	5,806	4,694	1,112

1/ Average of number during survey week of each month.

Farm wage rates by geographic regions, April 1, 1959, with comparisons

Geographic region	January 1, 1958	April 1, 1958	January 1, 1959	April 1, 1959
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH HOUSE				
New England	194.00	198.00	202.00	202.00
Middle Atlantic	187.00	191.00	194.00	196.00
East North Central	178.00	180.00	183.00	186.00
West North Central	170.00	173.00	172.00	182.00
Mountain	212.00	215.00	222.00	226.00
Pacific	264.00	257.00	269.00	273.00
PER MONTH WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	146.00	148.00	150.00	151.00
Middle Atlantic	134.00	136.00	138.00	141.00
East North Central	132.00	132.00	134.00	138.00
West North Central	130.00	135.00	132.00	142.00
Mountain	157.00	164.00	164.00	167.00
Pacific	206.00	198.00	203.00	206.00
PER WEEK WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	39.25	40.50	40.25	40.50
Middle Atlantic	34.75	35.50	36.75	37.50
PER WEEK WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	52.50	54.00	54.50	55.25
Middle Atlantic	48.00	48.00	50.25	50.50
PER DAY WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	4.65	4.80	4.90	4.75
East South Central	3.65	3.70	3.75	3.70
West South Central	5.30	5.20	5.40	5.40
PER DAY WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
East North Central	6.60	6.50	6.80	6.80
West North Central	6.60	6.80	6.60	7.00
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	9.10	9.30	9.50	9.40
Middle Atlantic	8.40	8.50	8.60	8.70
East North Central	8.10	8.10	8.50	8.60
West North Central	8.30	8.50	8.30	8.80
South Atlantic	5.50	5.50	5.60	5.40
East South Central	4.35	4.30	4.50	4.40
West South Central	6.00	5.90	6.00	6.00
Mountain	7.90	8.30	8.20	8.50
PER HOUR WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	.60	.58	.61	.59
East South Central	.51	.48	.51	.49
West South Central	.64	.62	.64	.64
Pacific	1.05	1.08	1.09	1.10
PER HOUR WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	1.12	1.14	1.15	1.13
Middle Atlantic	1.07	1.07	1.09	1.09
East North Central	1.06	1.04	1.07	1.06
West North Central	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.05
South Atlantic	.72	.72	.73	.71
East South Central	.61	.58	.61	.60
West South Central	.75	.73	.75	.74
Mountain	.94	1.00	.94	1.00
Pacific	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.17

Farm wage rates by regions and States April 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 board and room	Without board or room		With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	190.00	141.00	36.50	52.50	-	-	8.70	-	1.02	.864	553
N. H.	198.00	142.00	39.00	54.00	-	-	9.10	-	1.10	.909	636
Vt.	182.00	144.00	36.00	48.50	-	-	8.60	-	1.09	.860	596
Mass.	209.00	156.00	45.50	57.50	-	-	10.00	-	1.24	1.005	684
R. I.	218.00	160.00	46.00	59.50	-	-	10.00	-	1.21	1.009	738
Conn.	220.00	157.00	46.00	59.50	-	-	10.10	-	1.28	1.028	739
New Eng.	198.00	148.00	40.50	54.00	-	-	9.30	-	1.14	.928	639
N. Y.	199.00	140.00	36.00	49.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.09	.766	529
N. J.	214.00	152.00	40.00	53.00	-	-	9.20	-	1.15	.820	658
Pa.	173.00	124.00	33.00	44.00	-	-	7.80	-	1.01	.691	626
Mid. Atl.	191.00	136.00	35.50	48.00	-	-	8.50	-	1.07	.745	585
Ohio	169.00	127.00	-	-	-	6.30	7.70	-	1.04	.656	585
Ind.	165.00	120.00	-	-	-	5.90	7.50	-	1.02	.634	580
Ill.	187.00	144.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.60	-	1.06	.714	608
Mich.	194.00	129.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.20	-	1.05	.686	574
Wis.	185.00	138.00	-	-	-	6.40	8.20	-	1.04	.690	550
E.N.Cent.	180.00	132.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.10	-	1.04	.677	579
Minn.	177.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.20	9.20	-	1.09	.758	545
Iowa	181.00	146.00	-	-	-	7.60	9.40	-	1.08	.771	528
Mo.	141.00	106.00	-	-	-	5.30	6.70	-	.93	.595	610
N.Dak.	182.00	146.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.50	-	1.01	.731	477
S.Dak.	171.00	139.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.10	-	1.00	.704	485
Nebr.	190.00	141.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.90	-	1.03	.746	558
Kans.	181.00	135.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.70	-	1.03	.727	677
W.N.Cent.	173.00	135.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.50	-	1.03	.718	556
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.70	-	8.60	.91	1.00	.830	818
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.00	-	7.40	.87	.95	.765	859
Va.	-	-	-	-	4.80	-	5.90	.60	.76	.582	711
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	4.15	-	5.40	.65	.74	.554	484
N.C.	-	-	-	-	4.55	-	5.50	.54	.68	.535	661
S.C.	-	-	-	-	3.35	-	3.90	.42	.48	.387	562
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.90	-	4.40	.52	.62	.462	571
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.10	.62	.80	.616	691
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.80	-	5.50	.58	.72	.554	669
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.00	-	4.95	.56	.70	.482	542
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.45	-	4.30	.47	.58	.414	475
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.35	.48	.57	.428	534
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.55	-	4.00	.45	.54	.400	478
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.70	-	4.30	.48	.58	.425	498
Ark.	-	-	-	-	4.80	-	5.20	.55	.65	.536	545
La.	-	-	-	-	4.30	-	4.70	.53	.61	.490	580
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.10	-	7.10	.76	.88	.715	613
Tex.	-	-	-	-	5.70	-	6.50	.66	.79	.652	592
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.20	-	5.90	.62	.73	.597	593
Mont.	208.00	165.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	1.09	.831	458
Idaho	240.00	190.00	-	-	-	-	9.70	-	1.13	.925	569
Wyo.	209.00	152.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	1.08	.812	467
Colo.	203.00	148.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	1.00	.785	568
N.Mex.	165.00	122.00	-	-	-	-	6.40	-	.81	.626	569
Ariz.	240.00	172.00	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	.87	.794	562
Utah	215.00	194.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.15	.899	616
Nev.	230.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	8.60	-	1.15	.857	501
Mountain	215.00	164.00	-	-	-	-	8.30	-	1.00	.807	538
Wash.	257.00	202.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.19	1.31	1.248	615
Oreg.	231.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.08	1.15	1.101	554
Calif.	261.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.06	1.14	1.106	522
Pacific	257.00	198.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.08	1.16	1.122	537
U. S.	165.00	132.00	33.00	41.25	4.65	5.40	5.80	.68	.94	.657	567

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Farm wage rates by regions and States, April 1, 1959 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	195.00	142.00	37.00	51.00	-	-	8.70	-	1.06	.869	551
N. H.	200.00	146.00	40.00	55.50	-	-	9.20	-	1.11	.924	640
Vt.	185.00	145.00	36.50	50.00	-	-	8.70	-	1.06	.863	592
Mass.	211.00	158.00	44.00	59.50	-	-	10.10	-	1.21	1.005	677
R. I.	217.00	162.00	46.00	61.00	-	-	10.20	-	1.20	1.018	736
Conn.	216.00	162.00	46.00	60.50	-	-	10.40	-	1.24	1.032	734
New Eng.	202.00	151.00	40.50	55.25	-	-	9.40	-	1.13	.937	638
N. Y.	202.00	147.00	39.25	52.75	-	-	8.90	-	1.12	.799	551
N. J.	210.00	151.00	38.00	53.00	-	-	9.40	-	1.13	.810	643
Pa.	182.00	128.00	34.25	46.00	-	-	8.10	-	1.04	.717	649
Mid. Atl.	196.00	141.00	37.50	50.50	-	-	8.70	-	1.09	.774	608
Ohio	172.00	127.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.20	-	1.07	.673	600
Ind.	170.00	125.00	-	-	-	6.20	7.90	-	1.03	.655	607
Ill.	192.00	151.00	-	-	-	7.30	9.00	-	1.07	.737	635
Mich.	201.00	131.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.70	-	1.05	.702	587
Wis.	188.00	140.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.60	-	1.07	.709	565
E.N.Cent.	186.00	138.00	-	-	-	6.80	8.60	-	1.06	.704	602
Minn.	184.00	143.00	-	-	-	7.30	9.20	-	1.09	.767	551
Iowa	195.00	156.00	-	-	--	7.90	9.80	-	1.10	.807	553
Mo.	151.00	114.00	-	-	-	5.90	7.30	-	.96	.635	659
N.Dak.	192.00	157.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.90	-	1.02	.762	498
S.Dak.	179.00	146.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.60	-	1.06	.745	514
Nebr.	204.00	156.00	-	-	-	7.30	9.40	-	1.05	.788	590
Kans.	184.00	140.00	-	-	-	6.90	8.90	-	1.06	.747	687
W.N.Cent.	182.00	142.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.80	-	1.05	.744	583
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.80	-	8.60	.92	.99	.836	825
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.20	-	7.40	.92	.97	.785	871
Va.	-	-	-	-	5.10	-	6.20	.63	.79	.612	756
W. Va.	-	-	-	-	4.80	-	5.60	.65	.75	.576	502
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.60	.56	.69	.546	683
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.45	-	4.05	.44	.52	.407	598
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.95	-	4.50	.53	.63	.471	582
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.50	-	5.80	.61	.77	.594	659
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.75	-	5.40	.59	.71	.550	665
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.05	-	4.95	.56	.72	.486	545
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.60	-	4.45	.47	.60	.430	505
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.25	.49	.59	.426	526
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.55	-	4.00	.45	.53	.399	482
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.70	-	4.40	.49	.60	.432	511
Ark.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	5.50	.59	.68	.563	578
La.	-	-	-	-	4.50	-	4.90	.53	.64	.511	611
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.50	-	7.50	.80	.92	.755	655
Tex.	-	-	-	-	5.80	-	6.50	.70	.79	.659	599
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.40	-	6.00	.64	.74	.611	608
Mont.	220.00	171.00	-	-	-	-	8.70	-	1.10	.854	476
Idaho	235.00	178.00	-	-	-	-	9.70	-	1.14	.911	561
Wyo.	217.00	157.00	-	-	-	-	8.80	-	1.12	.844	480
Colo.	209.00	148.00	-	-	-	-	8.80	-	1.03	.807	584
N.Mex.	172.00	125.00	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	.81	.640	582
Ariz.	250.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	.92	.833	591
Utah	225.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.12	.881	597
Nev.	240.00	170.00	-	-	-	-	8.60	-	1.20	.887	519
Mountain	226.00	167.00	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	1.00	.824	549
Wash.	256.00	198.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.14	1.25	1.197	584
Oreg.	238.00	182.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	1.16	1.114	560
Calif.	279.00	210.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	1.16	1.133	540
Pacific	273.00	206.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	1.17	1.138	550
U. S.	179.00	140.00	34.50	44.25	5.00	5.80	6.20	.73	.99	.718	620

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