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FARM WAGE RATES UP 7 PERCENT FROM YEAR AGO; EMPLOYMENT SEASONALLY LOW

Sharp advances in farm wage rates during the first half of 1945 more than offset declines in the last half, leaving the general level on the first of January 7 percent or 23 points higher than a year ago, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today. At 347 percent of the 1910-14 average, rates were down 15 points from the peak registered during the mid-summer harvest season. There were 7,732,000 persons working on farms around the first of January, about a million and a half less than a month earlier, and about a quarter of a million less than a year earlier. Farm work was generally in its slackest season except for a few southern special crop areas.

Wage rates on January 1, converted to a monthly equivalent basis, averaged $85.90 for the entire country, compared with $80.30 a year ago. Individual rates on January 1, 1946 were $80.20 per month with board, $95.30 per month without board, $3.76 per day with board, and $4.40 per day without board. These rates were all higher than a year ago.

Monthly equivalent wage rates were higher than a year earlier in all regions. Increases were fairly large. The greatest increase was in the South Atlantic States. Highest farm wage rates were being paid in the Pacific States, with the Mountain States not much below. The Pacific States also showed the greatest increase in wage rates over the 1910-14 average. Wage rates were lowest in the East South Central States, where they also showed the least increase from the 1910-14 period.

The January 1 wage rate index was 8 points less than on October 1, a somewhat larger decline than in other recent years, but still considerably less than usual. The reduction in the number of seasonal harvest workers who command higher wages than regular workers, was largely responsible for the decline. The South Atlantic index was higher, the East and West South Central indexes were unchanged, and the indexes in all other regions were lower. The index for the West North Central States, where October 1 rates for harvest were high, was down most.

FARM EMPLOYMENT HITS NEW LOW

Employment on farms on January 1 was the lowest in the 21 years of record. The number of both family and hired workers was down from a year ago, family workers 2 percent and hired workers 8 percent. In the New England,

Middle Atlantic, and Pacific States, the number of persons employed was about the same as a year ago. The number of both family and hired workers showed little change. In the West Central and the Mountain States, total employment was down the most - about 6 percent. Decreases in family employment were also largest in these regions. Employment of unpaid family labor (including farm operators) was up slightly in the South Atlantic States, the only region to show an increase. The number of hired workers on January 1 showed the greatest decrease from a year ago in the West North Central States - - 19 percent. This decrease compares with 16 percent in the East South Central States, 14 percent in the South Atlantic States, and 12 percent in the Mountain States.

Total employment declined a little more than usual during December. There were 16 percent fewer persons working on farms on January 1 than a month earlier. Family employment dropped 11 percent and hired workers 35 percent. In the West South Central States, January 1 employment, at 1,207,000 persons, was 30 percent, or almost a half million, lower than a month earlier. More than half of the decrease was in the number of hired workers. In most regions, total employment decreased from 10 to 20 percent from the first of last month. New England States, where employment on dairy farms is predominantly important, were down least - - 6 percent. By regions, both family and hired workers followed the same pattern of decreases, except in the Pacific States where only the number of hired workers was lower. In the West South Central States employment was down most, 30 percent.

Decreases during December in the number of family workers were least in the Pacific States, less than 1 percent, and in New England, 3 percent. In other regions, family employment dropped from 8 to 18 percent. Hired workers employed on January 1 were from 20 to 36 percent fewer than a month earlier in all except 2 regions. In New England the number was down only 13 percent, the smallest decrease while in the West South Central States, the decrease was 59 percent from the relatively high level of December 1.

Family workers were able to handle much of the routine daily work on most general farms. Work consisted largely of livestock care and small repair and maintenance jobs. Dairy farms kept their year round workers busy with milking, feeding and cleaning barns. Butchering hogs for the year's supply of meat was general. Wood for fuel and lumber was being cut in regions where the supplies are available. In the mid-West, there was still a little corn left in the field to harvest, but this work was being completed as the weather permitted. Tobacco stripping was well along in the tobacco areas of Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. In Arkansas, considerable cotton and corn were not yet harvested. There were also some cotton

and corn and a little sorghum left to harvest in Oklahoma. Citrus fruit and winter vegetable areas in Florida and southern Texas were important users of hired labor around January 1. In California, the citrus, cotton and commercial vegetable harvest and the pruning of trees and vines were major jobs.

FOREIGN WORKERS AND POW'S FEWER -

The number of prisoners of war and foreign workers transported by the Department of Agriculture who were at work on January 1 was drastically reduced from the number kept busy during the harvest season. Foreign workers on January 1 totaled about 33,000, compared with about 88,000 in August and September, the peak months. These workers were largely in California (18,000), Florida (7,000), and Arizona (2,000). In California and Arizona, the foreign workers were Mexicans, and in Florida, Bahamians and Jamaicans. During harvest time, foreign workers were scattered over the entire country. Prisoners of war are being evacuated as soon as an alloted job is completed. The number at work on January 1, at 48,000, is much smaller than the November 1 total of 115,000. At present most of the war prisoners still employed are working in following States: California (11,000), Arizona (9,000), Arkansas (9,000), Louisiana (7,000), New Mexico (3,000) and Mississippi (2,000).

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

	Annual average 1910-14	Annual average 1935-39	Jan. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1945	Jan. 1, 1946
FARM WAGE RATES					
Per month, with board	$22.09	$26.01	$74.60	$84.00	$80.20
Per month, without board	29.18	34.17	88.90	95.70	95.30
Per day, with board	1.16	1.23	3.54	3.98	3.76
Per day, without board	1.42	1.50	4.15	4.39	4.40
Composite wage rates 1/	24.76	29.15	80.30	88.00	85.90
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES					
Unadjusted	100	118	324	355	347
Adjusted for seasonal variation	100	118	338	345	361
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES BY REGIONS					
New England	100	143	325	353	333
Middle Atlantic	100	129	307	336	325
East North Central	100	115	286	313	308
West North Central	100	98	282	352	290
South Atlantic	100	111	293	291	326
East South Central	100	101	261	268	268
West South Central	100	102	317	328	328
Mountain	100	106	286	336	305
Pacific	100	129	379	410	390
FARM EMPLOYMENT (thousands of persons):					
Total	12,052	10,920	8,005	11,052	7,732
Family labor	9,160	8,353	6,571	8,558	6,412
Hired labor	2,892	2,567	1,434	2,494	1,320
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation)					
Total	100	91	85	79	81
Family labor	100	91	86	84	83
Hired labor	100	89	79	64	73
RELATED INDEXES					
Prices received by farmers 2/	100	107	200	198 3/	207
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	100	91	62	56	60
Average weekly factory earnings 4/	100	200	430	366	- -

1/ Weighted average of monthly and daily rates with and without board.
2/ Average of the 15th of the given and the 15th of the previous month.
3/ December 15, 1945 - latest data available.
4/ Factory pay roll per employed worker; average of all weeks during the designated month.

Based on reports from 18,578 farmers.

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

Geographic division	Annual average 1910-14	Oct. 1, 1944	Jan. 1, 1945	Oct. 1, 1945	Jan. 1, 1946
FARM WAGE RATES	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH BOARD					
New England	24.18	82.00	80.70	89.00	83.20
Middle Atlantic	22.25	71.40	69.30	77.50	74.20
East North Central	23.75	68.90	67.70	75.10	73.70
West North Central	26.32	84.70	74.50	93.50	77.50
South Atlantic	14.32	39.20	43.60	43.50	47.80
East South Central	14.71	37.30	38.60	39.50	39.80
West South Central	17.35	54.00	56.50	61.50	60.80
Mountain	32.48	103.00	95.20	112.00	102.00
Pacific	33.45	135.00	133.00	143.00	137.00
PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	37.70	119.00	119.00	128.00	122.00
Middle Atlantic	33.41	102.00	101.00	110.00	106.00
East North Central	32.80	93.70	93.00	101.00	100.00
West North Central	36.86	106.00	99.30	118.00	103.00
South Atlantic	20.97	53.60	59.10	57.90	65.20
East South Central	20.80	51.40	53.10	54.30	53.90
West South Central	24.93	72.70	77.60	81.40	81.80
Mountain	46.42	135.00	124.00	143.00	134.00
Pacific	48.16	173.00	171.00	186.00	174.00
PER DAY WITH BOARD					
New England	1.27	4.32	4.10	4.41	4.08
Middle Atlantic	1.24	4.04	3.85	4.17	4.09
East North Central	1.31	3.95	3.80	4.16	4.06
West North Central	1.46	5.07	4.19	5.43	4.23
South Atlantic	.81	2.37	2.41	2.49	2.74
East South Central	.81	2.17	2.12	2.20	2.21
West South Central	.98	2.98	3.23	3.24	3.21
Mountain	1.50	5.04	4.43	5.33	4.69
Pacific	1.49	6.19	5.97	6.51	6.32
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD					
New England	1.71	5.34	5.15	5.59	5.25
Middle Atlantic	1.53	4.97	4.76	5.18	5.01
East North Central	1.68	4.82	4.70	5.00	4.92
West North Central	1.88	6.08	5.20	6.47	5.14
South Atlantic	1.05	2.77	3.01	3.05	3.40
East South Central	1.05	2.80	2.69	2.78	2.79
West South Central	1.25	3.54	3.77	3.83	3.83
Mountain	2.05	5.89	5.38	6.21	5.54
Pacific	2.06	7.65	7.43	8.00	7.67

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Farm wage rates: Wage rates, by States, January 1, 1945 and January 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	84.50	84.50	120.00	120.00	4.75	4.45	5.80	5.50
N.H.	77.00	89.00	116.00	124.00	4.10	4.40	5.10	5.40
Vt.	77.25	77.25	108.00	109.00	3.90	3.95	4.85	5.10
Mass.	83.75	82.75	124.00	124.00	4.10	4.00	6.10	5.10
R.I.	88.00	85.75	125.00	125.00	4.10	4.00	5.20	5.10
Conn.	76.00	85.75	119.00	128.00	4.10	4.15	5.00	5.20
N.Y.	78.00	81.75	110.00	113.00	4.10	4.35	5.10	5.30
N.J.	83.00	86.00	120.00	124.00	4.10	4.25	5.10	5.40
Pa.	89.00	92.75	86.25	92.50	3.50	3.75	4.30	4.60
Ohio	56.00	63.25	79.50	89.25	3.55	3.85	4.40	4.60
Ind.	60.00	66.50	82.00	91.50	3.60	3.85	4.35	4.65
Ill.	75.00	82.50	95.75	105.00	4.05	4.35	4.85	5.20
Mich.	69.75	73.75	99.50	105.00	4.10	4.25	5.00	5.20
Wis.	71.00	76.50	99.50	106.00	3.70	4.00	4.75	4.95
Minn.	72.00	78.75	99.25	102.00	3.95	4.20	5.10	5.30
Iowa	85.00	88.75	107.00	111.00	4.50	4.60	5.40	5.60
Mo.	57.25	62.00	76.75	83.00	3.15	3.20	3.90	4.00
N. Dak.	72.25	73.50	107.00	107.00	4.15	4.15	5.75	5.80
S. Dak.	81.00	84.75	107.00	112.00	4.55	4.65	5.70	5.70
Nebr.	83.50	86.75	107.00	111.00	4.95	4.95	5.95	6.00
Kans.	77.75	80.25	105.00	107.00	4.70	4.50	5.75	5.50
Del.	68.50	70.00	91.00	92.00	4.75	4.60	5.60	5.70
Md.	58.50	65.75	81.00	89.00	3.65	3.95	4.45	4.75
Va.	46.00	52.00	62.00	72.25	2.75	3.10	3.35	3.70
W. Va.	46.50	48.75	65.00	67.75	2.45	2.60	3.05	3.30
N.C.	42.50	48.50	58.00	65.00	2.55	2.95	3.10	3.40
S.C.	31.25	33.50	42.50	46.50	1.65	1.85	2.05	2.35
Ga.	32.00	36.25	44.75	48.75	1.95	2.25	2.40	2.70
Fla.	58.00	58.00	78.00	80.00	2.75	3.10	3.75	4.10
Ky.	46.50	46.75	63.50	63.50	2.50	2.55	3.10	3.20
Tenn.	40.00	40.00	53.50	55.00	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.50
Ala.	33.75	36.00	47.50	47.50	2.00	2.05	2.60	2.60
Miss.	34.25	36.50	48.00	50.50	2.00	2.30	2.60	2.90
Ark.	40.25	44.25	56.50	63.75	2.30	2.50	3.00	3.20
La.	39.00	39.00	53.75	55.50	2.20	2.25	2.75	2.80
Okla.	63.50	68.50	86.00	94.25	3.60	3.85	4.40	4.40
Tex.	63.00	68.65	87.25	91.75	3.60	3.60	4.10	4.15
Mont.	105.00	110.00	132.00	138.00	5.20	5.20	6.10	6.10
Idaho	111.00	130.00	142.00	169.00	5.40	5.75	6.50	6.60
Wyo.	99.75	105.00	132.00	138.00	4.55	4.80	5.70	6.20
Colo.	88.00	90.75	119.00	124.00	4.40	4.60	5.40	5.70
N. Mex.	79.50	69.50	105.00	96.00	3.60	3.60	4.50	4.30
Ariz.	96.50	105.00	128.00	142.00	3.90	4.45	4.90	5.20
Utah	112.00	115.00	140.00	140.00	4.50	5.00	5.40	5.50
Nev.	115.00	120.00	150.00	150.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00
Wash.	124.00	124.00	165.00	173.00	5.80	6.10	7.30	7.60
Oreg.	121.00	125.00	156.00	163.00	5.80	5.90	6.80	6.90
Calif.	135.00	140.00	173.00	175.00	6.00	6.40	7.50	7.70
U.S.	74.60	80.20	88.90	95.30	3.54	3.76	4.15	4.40

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

TOTAL FARM EMPLOYMENT

Geographic division	January 1 average 1935-39	December 1, 1944	January 1, 1945	December 1, 1945	January 1 1946
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	8,834	9,337	8,005	9,245	7,732
New England	213	215	200	215	202
Middle Atlantic	532	575	491	589	488
East North Central	1,316	1,346	1,201	1,341	1,138
West North Central	1,414	1,490	1,368	1,486	1,279
South Atlantic	1,643	1,628	1,435	1,586	1,410
East South Central	1,126	1,472	1,222	1,421	1,177
West South Central	1,498	1,706	1,282	1,725	1,207
Mountain	358	386	345	376	324
Pacific	444	519	455	506	457
FAMILY WORKERS 1/					
United States	7,159	7,289	6,571	7,217	6,412
New England	149	155	150	155	150
Middle Atlantic	386	394	367	405	366
East North Central	1,086	1,114	1,041	1,121	1,028
West North Central	1,223	1,277	1,204	1,278	1,146
South Atlantic	1,288	1,300	1,133	1,258	1,151
East South Central	1,238	1,240	1,069	1,220	1,044
West South Central	1,231	1,240	1,065	1,215	996
Mountain	271	286	261	283	250
Pacific	287	283	281	282	281
HIRED WORKERS					
United States	1,675	2,048	1,434	2,028	1,320
New England	64	60	50	60	52
Middle Atlantic	136	181	124	184	122
East North Central	230	232	160	220	160
West North Central	191	213	164	208	133
South Atlantic	355	328	302	328	259
East South Central	188	232	159	201	133
West South Central	267	466	217	510	211
Mountain	87	100	84	93	74
Pacific	157	236	174	224	176

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

Based on reports from 18,578 farmers who reported for their own farms the number of family and hired workers doing 3 or more days of work during the week of inquiry.

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Farm wage rates: Annual averages, United States and geographic divisions, 1944 and 1945

Geographic division	Per month				Per day			
	With board		Without board		With board		Without board	
	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
United States	74.00	82.30	85.70	95.40	3.46	3.80	3.93	4.34
New England	80.00	86.30	117.00	126.00	4.07	4.26	5.11	5.43
Middle Atlantic	69.20	76.20	99.30	109.00	3.81	4.09	4.74	5.05
East North Central	66.80	73.70	81.00	99.80	3.74	4.04	4.60	4.92
West North Central	78.30	87.90	99.70	112.00	4.33	4.75	5.31	5.71
South Atlantic	38.50	43.70	53.20	59.50	2.16	2.47	2.68	3.05
East South Central	36.10	39.40	49.70	53.90	1.98	2.15	2.53	2.73
West South Central	52.60	60.00	71.70	80.70	2.90	3.19	3.39	3.78
Mountain	96.90	107.00	127.00	138.00	4.53	4.96	5.44	5.87
Pacific	132.00	141.00	169.00	181.00	6.00	6.33	7.36	7.77

Farm employment: Annual averages, United States and geographic divisions, 1944 and 1945 1/

Geographic division	Total		Family		Hired	
	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945
	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's	1,000's
United States	10,037	9,843	7,810	7,726	2,227	2,117
New England	237	240	161	163	76	77
Middle Atlantic	606	610	412	410	194	200
East North Central	1,388	1,370	1,142	1,144	246	226
West North Central	1,580	1,548	1,321	1,319	259	229
South Atlantic	1,916	1,851	1,489	1,449	427	402
East South Central	1,609	1,552	1,378	1,350	231	202
West South Central	1,694	1,665	1,305	1,293	389	372
Mountain	426	421	297	293	129	128
Pacific	581	586	305	305	276	281

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

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rates per day with board, by States, 1909 - 44

State	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	1.28	1.23	1.23	1.28	1.35	1.37	1.32	1.60	2.02
N.H. 1/	1.18	1.07	1.14	1.19	1.26	1.22	1.21	1.45	1.74
Vt.	1.21	1.21	1.23	1.25	1.31	1.28	1.30	1.50	1.98
Mass. 1/	.99	1.16	1.23	1.30	1.32	1.28	1.31	1.57	1.90
R.I. 1/	1.15	1.15	1.18	1.24	1.28	1.33	1.39	1.60	1.95
Conn. 1/	1.03	.96	1.02	1.08	1.12	1.14	1.18	1.42	1.66
N.Y. 1/	1.21	1.23	1.25	1.28	1.35	1.32	1.32	1.56	1.86
N.J.	1.09	1.11	1.19	1.24	1.23	1.24	1.26	1.48	1.95
Pa.	1.04	1.04	1.09	1.12	1.17	1.17	1.15	1.42	1.80
Ohio 1/	1.24	1.26	1.27	1.30	1.40	1.38	1.41	1.59	1.97
Ind. 1/	1.04	1.05	1.09	1.13	1.15	1.13	1.13	1.24	1.52
Ill. 1/	1.20	1.18	1.18	1.26	1.26	1.18	1.23	1.36	1.67
Mich. 1/	1.20	1.16	1.23	1.31	1.34	1.31	1.31	1.53	1.87
Wis. 1/	1.28	1.28	1.30	1.38	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.57	1.89
Minn. 1/	1.40	1.35	1.40	1.45	1.53	1.52	1.51	1.69	1.98
Iowa 1/	1.43	1.46	1.47	1.55	1.59	1.56	1.57	1.73	2.08
Mo. 1/	.96	.98	.97	1.01	1.03	1.00	1.04	1.09	1.38
N.Dak.1/	1.72	1.66	1.66	1.98	1.92	1.81	1.86	2.01	2.54
S.Dak.1/	1.60	1.46	1.42	1.56	1.60	1.62	1.62	1.80	2.39
Nebr.1/	1.51	1.51	1.41	1.48	1.51	1.51	1.53	1.71	2.21
Kans. 1/	1.27	1.25	1.13	1.21	1.19	1.23	1.29	1.36	1.76
Del. 1/	.91	.94	.91	.96	.90	.99	1.02	1.20	1.68
Md. 1/	.83	.81	.81	.85	.84	.86	.88	1.02	1.40
Va. 1/	.68	.72	.72	.76	.80	.79	.77	.87	1.16
W. Va.	.89	.94	.96	1.01	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.19	1.55
N. C. 1/	.63	.65	.70	.73	.74	.73	.73	.77	1.06
S. C. 1/	.47	.54	.55	.57	.57	.50	.47	.54	.72
Ga. 1/	.63	.65	.71	.72	.73	.66	.65	.71	.89
Fla. 1/	.67	.75	.82	.75	.77	.75	.73	.74	.89
Ky. 1/	.75	.78	.78	.79	.80	.79	.77	.87	1.10
Tenn.1/	.68	.70	.69	.73	.74	.72	.69	.75	.93
Ala. 1/	.58	.72	.66	.69	.71	.62	.63	.64	.85
Miss.1/	.62	.69	.66	.66	.71	.60	.61	.66	.79
Ark. 1/	.76	.82	.83	.84	.84	.80	.78	.87	1.10
La. 1/	.59	.58	.61	.66	.64	.65	.63	.72	.83
Okla. 1/	1.06	1.05	1.01	1.04	1.04	1.07	1.11	1.19	1.57
Tex.	.93	1.04	1.00	1.06	1.08	1.03	1.03	1.05	1.28
Mont.	1.68	1.77	1.63	1.74	1.76	1.80	1.83	1.99	2.14
Idaho 1/	1.53	1.53	1.51	1.53	1.55	1.54	1.52	1.86	2.24
Wyo.	1.54	1.73	1.55	1.60	1.59	1.64	1.60	1.74	2.15
Colo.	1.44	1.47	1.43	1.35	1.36	1.42	1.43	1.65	2.15
N.Mex.1/	.95	1.00	1.01	.98	1.01	1.04	1.03	1.09	1.38
Ariz. 1/	1.20	1.19	1.33	1.33	1.29	1.33	1.28	1.59	1.97
Utah 1/	1.41	1.36	1.41	1.47	1.54	1.49	1.47	1.56	2.13
Nev. 1/	1.48	1.45	1.83	1.78	1.72	1.68	1.67	1.96	2.35
Wash. 1/	1.60	1.66	1.54	1.64	1.61	1.55	1.54	1.76	2.32
Oreg. 1/	1.36	1.45	1.43	1.45	1.42	1.42	1.35	1.55	2.06
Calif.	1.43	1.44	1.48	1.48	1.44	1.44	1.55	1.57	2.04

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rate per day with board, by States, 1909-44, continued

State	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	2.60	2.70	3.20	2.15	2.08	2.49	2.46	2.43	2.39
N.H. 1/	2.21	2.26	2.98	1.99	1.91	2.44	2.59	2.52	2.53
Vt.	2.35	2.60	2.90	2.10	1.96	2.50	2.49	2.46	2.44
Mass. 1/	2.28	2.47	2.94	2.14	2.19	2.80	2.77	2.85	2.70
R.I. 1/	2.26	2.46	2.77	2.51	2.43	2.72	2.89	2.88	2.86
Conn. 1/	1.90	2.33	2.73	1.88	1.84	2.51	2.67	2.67	2.69
N.Y. 1/	2.30	2.59	3.23	2.30	2.36	2.88	2.87	2.86	2.93
N.J.	2.40	2.58	3.10	2.20	2.25	2.52	2.68	2.66	2.77
Pa.	2.27	2.45	3.15	2.05	2.10	2.44	2.49	2.53	2.55
Ohio 1/	2.47	2.79	3.35	2.15	2.10	2.29	2.36	2.34	2.42
Ind. 1/	1.98	2.33	2.67	1.66	1.66	2.07	2.15	2.07	2.13
Ill. 1/	2.26	2.46	2.94	1.88	1.76	2.17	2.32	2.33	2.29
Mich. 1/	2.23	2.66	3.13	1.95	1.99	2.45	2.50	2.48	2.63
Wis. 1/	2.35	2.75	3.31	2.08	2.08	2.32	2.28	2.28	2.33
Minn. 1/	2.74	3.03	3.79	2.15	2.01	2.33	2.33	2.37	2.40
Iowa 1/	2.70	3.23	3.80	2.03	1.97	2.35	2.38	2.37	2.41
Mo. 1/	1.82	2.06	2.30	1.44	1.40	1.55	1.65	1.68	1.67
N.Dak. 1/	3.32	3.63	4.56	2.64	2.59	2.59	2.62	2.63	2.46
S.Dak. 1/	3.32	3.69	4.40	2.04	2.13	2.51	2.54	2.49	2.38
Nebr. 1/	2.97	3.69	4.12	2.06	2.06	2.32	2.28	2.30	2.31
Kans. 1/	2.41	3.26	3.78	2.11	1.93	2.04	2.26	2.25	2.26
Del. 1/	2.21	2.40	2.69	1.54	1.54	2.16	2.18	2.34	2.29
Md. 1/	1.87	2.07	2.48	1.47	1.41	1.79	1.99	2.13	2.12
Va. 1/	1.57	1.71	2.04	1.30	1.21	1.49	1.62	1.60	1.57
W. Va.	2.00	2.15	2.52	1.70	1.55	1.85	1.84	1.80	1.76
N. C. 1/	1.39	1.79	2.02	1.12	1.21	1.39	1.51	1.55	1.50
S. C. 1/	.82	1.24	1.40	.73	.66	.87	1.03	1.06	1.06
Ga. 1/	1.29	1.49	1.67	.84	.78	.89	.99	1.07	1.06
Fla. 1/	1.18	1.27	1.57	.94	.90	1.13	1.23	1.30	1.47
Ky. 1/	1.48	1.68	1.92	1.10	1.12	1.38	1.43	1.37	1.41
Tenn. 1/	1.23	1.49	1.69	1.04	.98	1.17	1.23	1.21	1.18
Ala. 1/	1.10	1.40	1.57	.83	.85	1.02	1.14	1.20	1.17
Miss. 1/	1.19	1.50	1.73	.83	.91	1.07	1.16	1.18	1.21
Ark. 1/	1.53	1.74	1.92	1.03	1.05	1.14	1.23	1.23	1.21
La. 1/	1.18	1.50	1.73	.86	.95	1.09	1.18	1.24	1.29
Okla. 1/	2.09	2.20	3.14	1.66	1.44	1.52	1.65	1.71	1.77
Tex.	1.70	2.50	2.65	1.33	1.30	1.42	1.55	1.48	1.54
Mont.	3.15	3.25	4.20	2.21	2.40	2.66	2.74	2.77	2.81
Idaho 1/	2.80	3.11	3.56	2.03	2.00	2.57	2.49	2.60	2.66
Wyo.	3.05	3.13	3.70	2.10	1.95	2.49	2.36	2.33	2.35
Colo.	2.80	3.00	3.70	2.11	1.90	2.19	2.21	2.13	2.25
N. Mex. 1/	1.74	1.96	2.23	1.34	1.16	1.41	1.56	1.53	1.62
Ariz. 1/	2.04	2.30	2.52	1.55	1.55	1.86	1.92	1.91	1.82
Utah 1/	2.28	2.72	3.07	2.02	1.90	2.17	2.50	2.51	2.46
Nev. 1/	2.72	2.98	3.66	2.35	2.51	2.56	2.56	2.42	2.59
Wash. 1/	3.04	3.43	3.86	2.32	2.30	2.85	2.47	2.59	2.71
Oreg. 1/	2.68	2.97	3.68	2.09	2.15	2.68	2.47	2.36	2.43
Calif.	2.60	2.99	3.60	2.55	2.53	2.79	2.43	2.53	2.57

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rate per day with board, by States, 1909-44, continued

State	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	2.49	2.48	2.49	2.38	2.02	1.39	1.24	1.46	1.49
N.H.	2.58	2.52	2.55	2.38	2.06	1.49	1.37	1.57	1.59
Vt.	2.47	2.49	2.48	2.34	1.76	1.35	1.20	1.35	1.36
Mass.	2.79	2.86	2.71	2.56	2.30	1.76	1.55	1.63	1.84
R.I.	2.82	2.88	2.80	2.74	2.35	1.87	1.76	1.88	1.89
Conn.	2.88	2.84	2.90	2.56	2.32	1.65	1.51	1.69	1.68
N.Y.	2.96	2.87	2.92	2.67	2.16	1.53	1.27	1.37	1.43
N.J.	2.84	2.83	2.73	2.67	2.04	1.68	1.38	1.60	1.56
Pa.	2.56	2.47	2.53	2.32	1.82	1.33	1.17	1.29	1.34
Ohio	2.40	2.43	2.36	2.07	1.53	1.12	.99	1.09	1.23
Ind.	2.18	2.06	2.16	1.90	1.42	1.01	.93	1.03	1.14
Ill.	2.25	2.22	2.28	2.00	1.54	1.09	.95	1.08	1.24
Mich.	2.62	2.60	2.64	2.10	1.43	1.01	.94	1.11	1.26
Wis.	2.36	2.37	2.42	2.04	1.46	1.04	.91	1.01	1.17
Minn.	2.36	2.33	2.35	2.08	1.53	1.08	.93	1.04	1.32
Iowa	2.42	2.44	2.48	2.25	1.68	1.07	.93	1.06	1.30
Mo.	1.66	1.63	1.68	1.56	1.22	.89	.80	.82	.91
N. Dak.	2.76	2.82	2.29	1.81	1.19	.98	.91	.99	1.21
S. Dak.	2.52	2.55	2.47	2.23	1.52	1.00	.84	1.93	1.19
Nebr.	2.38	2.41	2.42	2.26	1.67	1.10	.95	1.07	1.17
Kans.	2.34	2.34	2.47	2.18	1.51	1.08	.98	1.13	1.17
Del.	2.26	2.23	2.27	2.02	1.64	1.09	1.09	1.23	1.25
Md.	2.11	2.07	2.06	1.87	1.43	1.13	1.01	1.16	1.18
Va.	1.63	1.59	1.56	1.45	1.12	.84	.77	.90	.92
W. Va.	1.72	1.71	1.64	1.43	1.17	.89	.87	.94	.98
N. C.	1.42	1.45	1.40	1.20	.88	.61	.61	.78	.82
S. C.	1.00	.99	.97	.84	.59	.44	.46	.55	.55
Ga.	1.05	1.04	1.01	.91	.66	.47	.47	.58	.60
Fla.	1.27	1.20	1.16	1.08	.87	.68	.62	.77	.75
Ky.	1.32	1.34	1.35	1.21	1.01	.74	.68	.76	.81
Tenn.	1.14	1.15	1.15	1.11	.88	.62	.62	.71	.74
Ala.	1.14	1.13	1.10	.94	.62	.47	.47	.60	.62
Miss.	1.18	1.17	1.15	1.00	.65	.47	.50	.58	.61
Ark.	1.21	1.20	1.26	1.09	.78	.57	.55	.65	.68
La.	1.21	1.19	1.21	1.04	.83	.65	.60	.65	.68
Okla.	1.72	1.69	1.64	1.43	1.01	.79	.81	.92	.98
Tex.	1.47	1.47	1.46	1.28	.96	.71	.74	.89	.92
Mont.	3.01	3.04	2.79	2.31	1.66	1.25	1.16	1.33	1.48
Idaho	2.74	2.70	2.74	2.47	1.84	1.27	1.24	1.51	1.63
Wyo.	2.42	2.46	2.52	2.31	1.87	1.20	1.11	1.28	1.44
Colo.	2.21	2.24	2.37	2.19	1.56	1.08	1.02	1.06	1.27
N. Mex.	1.66	1.71	1.79	1.75	1.24	.93	.88	1.04	1.13
Ariz.	1.90	2.05	2.02	2.03	1.74	1.25	1.10	1.41	1.47
Utah	2.56	2.45	2.49	2.48	2.12	1.56	1.37	1.53	1.76
Nev.	2.62	2.42	2.53	2.35	1.88	1.52	1.34	1.40	1.69
Wash.	2.65	2.61	2.64	2.39	1.82	1.26	1.16	1.48	1.56
Oreg.	2.51	2.53	2.52	2.36	1.76	1.28	1.15	1.37	1.52
Calif.	2.63	2.60	2.59	2.51	1.95	1.43	1.27	1.52	1.65

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Farm wage rates: Annual average wage rate per day with board, by States, 1909-44, continued

State	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Maine	1.55	1.73	1.60	1.64	1.68	2.20	3.05	3.84	4.59
N.H.	1.60	1.91	1.87	2.06	2.02	2.32	2.87	3.60	4.02
Vt.	1.48	1.67	1.64	1.69	1.74	2.18	2.81	3.45	3.82
Mass.	1.88	2.03	1.84	1.88	1.76	2.15	2.85	3.50	3.93
R.I.	1.76	2.00	1.93	2.01	2.13	2.54	2.96	3.60	4.06
Conn.	1.71	1.93	1.95	1.85	1.98	2.39	2.92	3.37	4.05
N.Y.	1.55	1.81	1.74	1.69	1.77	2.31	2.94	3.56	4.10
N.J.	1.61	1.91	1.83	1.81	1.87	2.37	2.86	3.52	4.10
Pa.	1.46	1.72	1.71	1.69	1.74	2.03	2.50	3.01	3.38
Ohio	1.39	1.65	1.59	1.62	1.64	2.05	2.56	3.09	3.49
Ind.	1.26	1.52	1.49	1.49	1.56	1.97	2.47	3.09	3.52
Ill.	1.42	1.68	1.69	1.69	1.73	2.20	2.72	3.38	3.97
Mich.	1.44	1.81	1.63	1.63	1.70	2.18	2.71	3.38	4.01
Wis.	1.37	1.59	1.53	1.47	1.49	1.97	2.56	3.24	3.68
Minn.	1.44	1.73	1.70	1.63	1.64	2.09	2.85	3.63	4.22
Iowa	1.46	1.69	1.68	1.72	1.76	2.27	2.98	3.87	4.56
Mo.	.98	1.13	1.12	1.13	1.16	1.40	1.64	2.38	2.98
N. Dak.	1.16	1.38	1.38	1.34	1.51	2.37	3.59	4.75	5.62
S. Dak.	1.17	1.39	1.42	1.41	1.43	1.90	2.95	3.76	4.59
Nebr.	1.33	1.33	1.40	1.35	1.37	1.87	2.78	3.81	4.50
Kans.	1.39	1.57	1.44	1.44	1.43	1.95	2.71	3.67	4.55
Del.	1.27	1.57	1.46	1.52	1.51	2.05	2.72	3.28	4.14
Md.	1.25	1.45	1.41	1.39	1.45	1.80	2.42	2.98	3.56
Va.	.96	1.06	1.05	1.08	1.12	1.33	1.68	2.05	2.58
W. Va.	1.01	1.09	1.07	1.05	1.06	1.25	1.63	2.02	2.30
N. C.	.87	.93	.92	.93	.96	1.11	1.42	1.92	2.37
S. C.	.57	.62	.60	.60	.65	.74	.92	1.23	1.56
Ga.	.62	.69	.65	.68	.72	.81	1.03	1.37	1.79
Fla.	.77	.85	.87	.83	.88	1.05	1.38	1.84	2.43
Ky.	.84	.98	.98	.98	.99	1.11	1.49	1.91	2.14
Tenn.	.77	.83	.80	.80	.83	.97	1.21	1.56	1.97
Ala.	.65	.72	.68	.67	.68	.84	1.14	1.48	1.86
Miss.	.69	.76	.72	.72	.75	.87	1.12	1.50	1.90
Ark.	.71	.82	.79	.79	.82	1.03	1.38	1.80	2.21
La.	.73	.80	.77	.80	.80	.92	1.21	1.63	2.06
Okla.	1.01	1.16	1.10	1.13	1.14	1.41	1.99	2.75	3.55
Tex.	.98	1.11	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.34	1.84	2.54	3.30
Mont.	1.64	1.85	1.95	1.90	1.91	2.45	3.66	4.79	5.48
Idaho	1.88	2.06	1.95	1.89	2.00	2.56	3.53	4.60	5.45
Wyo.	1.58	1.69	1.62	1.62	1.70	2.12	2.98	3.78	4.26
Colo.	1.41	1.54	1.51	1.46	1.53	1.99	2.79	3.71	4.28
N. Mex.	1.21	1.30	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.59	2.14	2.84	3.59
Ariz.	1.53	1.63	1.56	1.57	1.52	1.76	2.46	3.23	3.87
Utah	1.96	2.13	2.15	2.14	2.16	2.51	3.19	3.82	4.33
Nev.	1.71	1.81	1.84	1.86	1.90	2.17	2.91	3.78	4.72
Wash.	1.76	2.05	1.92	1.91	2.07	2.75	4.00	5.58	6.45
Oreg.	1.70	1.88	1.81	1.86	1.91	2.54	3.87	5.19	5.94
Calif.	1.80	2.08	2.10	2.05	2.09	2.66	3.73	5.15	5.90

Farm labor program: Foreign workers and prisoners of war employed in agriculture, January 1, 1946

State	Mexicans 1/	Jamaicans 1/	Bahamians 1/	Newfoundlanders 1/	Prisoners of war 2/	Total
Maine		9		80		89
N.H.		10		54		64
Vt.				130		3/ 147
Mass.		29		62	150	241
R.I.				12		12
Conn.		786		81		867
N.Y.		171	4	263	110	548
N.J.		115		68	4/	183
Pa.		12		73	48	133
Ohio		73				73
Ind.		40	2		20	62
Ill.		6	14		236	256
Mich.	56	97			50	203
Wis.	22	4	10		350	386
Minn.			4			4
Iowa					95	95
Mo.		20			665	685
N. Dak.	5					5
S. Dak.	2					2
Nebr.	307				50	357
Kans.	3	9			70	82
Del.		85	46	10	196	337
Md.		130	62	15	347	554
Va.		40			655	695
W. Va.					114	114
N. C.					319	319
S. C.					99	99
Ga.					535	535
Fla.		3,079	4,026		237	7,342
Ky.						
Tenn.					425	425
Ala.						
Miss.					2,134	2,134
Ark.					8,784	8,784
La.					6,932	6,932
Okla.					509	509
Tex.					704	704
Mont.	10					10
Idaho	38					38
Wyo.	1					1
Colo.	86				300	386
N. Mex.					3,019	3,019
Ariz.	1,832				9,380	11,212
Utah	47					47
Nev.	773					773
Wash.	191					191
Oreg.	222					222
Calif.	19,300				11,230	30,530
Total	22,895	4,715	4,168	848	47,763	80,406

1/ As of December 28. Data provided by Requirements and Certifications Division, Labor, Branch, U.S.D.A. 2/ As of December 31. Data provided by Extension Service, U.S.D.A. 3/ Includes 17 Canadians in Vermont. 4/ No report.

Farm labor program: Farm labor placements 1/

	November		January 1 to November 31	
	1944	1945	1944	1945
Maine	37	86	21,344	24,379
N.H.	468	61	5,946	7,833
Vt.	73	41	6,346	3,538
Mass.	348	508	10,554	10,646
R.I.	10	9	701	841
Conn.	674	1,039	28,182	25,974
N.Y.	8,235	17,927	230,961	249,447
N.J.	5,801	1,173	59,172	129,394
Pa.	11,174	5,544	74,465	70,586
Ohio	1,666	22,378	76,595	69,821
Ind.	3,019	1,501	40,562	53,595
Ill.	1,624	3,437	77,450	73,231
Mich.	9,189	22,128	141,044	204,598
Wis.	1,394	3,683	40,068	57,804
Minn.	966	3,089	65,255	77,895
Iowa	1,238	630	56,890	35,012
Mo.	1,303	1,104	15,959	25,712
N. Dak.	1,014	4,825	84,249	155,000
S. Dak.	911	1,725	37,844	59,316
Nebr.	2,877	16,099	73,524	99,171
Kans.	289	27	29,891	16,206
Del.	2,706	1,208	32,352	20,872
Md.	15,307	18,054	152,311	170,762
Va.	8,558	8,704	82,869	109,041
W. Va.	293	51	3,961	2,244
N. C.	9,338	35,996	150,458	254,713
S. C.	10,337	6,752	92,621	98,237
Ga.	19,760	14,998	165,155	161,527
Fla.	2,682	3,590	71,090	40,002
Ky.	4,677	4,356	71,782	157,285
Tenn.	8,061	16,849	90,111	173,069
Ala.	4,300	7,752	78,983	152,959
Miss.	45,510	33,614	160,567	217,629
Ark.	97,297	17,115	428,839	306,086
La.	11,694	27,395	86,422	127,226
Okla.	36,986	29,032	205,428	184,568
Tex.	90,788	94,988	544,763	527,517
Mont.	281	11,096	20,465	114,979
Idaho	16,663	42,637	197,148	324,723
Wyo.	2,949	11,565	14,549	66,444
Colo.	6,424	30,805	78,047	158,613
N. Mex.	10,514	7,821	68,407	57,697
Ariz.	10,926	15,460	43,170	74,919
Utah	5,341	15,207	80,698	154,281
Nev.	483	144	6,869	6,290
Wash.	9,536	5,671	299,645	303,621
Oreg.	4,496	8,664	189,078	181,381
Calif.	58,360	73,273	621,463	717,372
Total	546,577	649,811	5,174,250	6,374,256

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-November 1945 1/

Month	As hired hands		As tenants or sharecroppers		All	
	During month Number	Cumulative total Number	During month Number	Cumulative total Number	During month Number	Cumulative total Number
January	513	513	80	80	593	593
February	730	1,243	116	196	846	1,439
March	910	2,153	167	363	1,077	2,516
April	1,149	3,302	140	503	1,289	3,805
May	1,229	4,531	85	588	1,314	5,119
June	1,718	6,249	76	664	1,794	6,913
July	3,024	9,273	86	750	3,110	10,023
August	3,791	13,064	140	890	3,931	13,954
September	3,873	16,937	196	1,086	4,069	18,023
October	5,529	22,466	378	1,464	5,907	23,930
November	4,892	27,358	663	2,127	5,555	29,485

1/ Revised-data from monthly reports of Extension Farm Labor Program, Extension Service, USDA, Washington, D. C.

Farm Labor Program: Placements of World War II veterans on farms by geographic divisions, November 1945 and January-November 1945 1/

Area	As hired hands		As tenants or sharecroppers		All	
	During November Number	January-November Number	During November Number	January-November Number	During November Number	January-November Number
New England	58	278	---	8	58	286
Middle Atlantic	84	459	2	34	86	493
East North Central	137	824	35	125	172	949
West North Central	491	3,182	39	145	530	3,327
South Atlantic	123	1,225	52	253	175	1,478
East South Central	302	1,397	240	787	542	2,184
West South Central	594	4,180	104	477	698	4,657
Mountain	305	2,239	184	229	489	2,468
Pacific	2,798	13,574	7	69	2,805	13,643
United States	4,892	27,358	663	2,127	5,555	29,485

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

SPECIFIC WAGE CEILING REGULATIONS ISSUED OR AMENDED IN DECEMBER

ARKANSAS

COTTON. Harvesting American Upland cotton in the counties of Clay, Greene, Craighead, Mississippi, Poinsett, Cross, Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, Monroe, Prairie, Lonoke, Pulaski, Jefferson, Arkansas, Lincoln, Desha, Drew, Ashley and Chicot. No. 83, amended December 21, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking American Upland Cotton, $2.05 per 100 pounds of well picked clean seed cotton. Pulling or snapping, $1.40 per 100 pounds of seed cotton.

CALIFORNIA

COTTON. Picking and snapping American upland seed cotton in the counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, and Merced. No. 36, amended December 29, 1945.

Maximum wage rates: Picking seed cotton: $2.25 per 100 pounds; second picking, $2.50 per 100 pounds, snapping, $1.50 per 100 pounds.