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## FARM WAGE RATES SHARPLY HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO

The general average of farm wage rates on January 1 was slightly higher than on October 1, and sharply higher than a year ago, the Department of Agriculture announced today. The farm wage rate index on January 1 was 166 percent of the 1910-14 average, compared with 124 a year earlier and 165 on October 1. The January 1942 index was the highest since April 1930.

Farm wage rates were higher than a year earlier in all regions with the largest advances in areas where the competition with industries engaged in the production of war materials is greatest. These areas include New England, the East North Central States, and the Pacific Coast. Seasonal declines in wage rates since October 1 were reported in the North Central States. Wages with board declined slightly from October to January on both the per day and per month basis, but wages without board increased more than enough to offset this.

Farming activities around January 1 consisted largely of chores with extra care being given to livestock because of higher prices for livestock and livestock products. Some corn was still being husked, some soybeans combined, and some cotton picked, but the great bulk of the 1941 production was housed by this time.

In nearly all areas where winter plowing is done, conditions were favorable and this work was being pushed. The citrus fruit harvest was progressing normally. Truck crops were being harvested in Florida and California at about the same rate as a year ago.

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## NUMBER OF FARM WORKERS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY A YEAR AGO

The total number of workers on farms was estimated at 8,665,000 on January 1. This was 51,000 more than the 8,614,000 estimated for January 1, 1941, but considerably lower than the December 1 total of 9,349,000 workers. In comparison with a year ago the number of family workers was slightly lower (6,954,000 on January 1, 1942, and 6,965,000 on January 1, 1941), but the number of hired workers increased from 1,649,000 a year ago to 1,711,000 on January 1 this year. With better demand for their products and higher prices, farmers seem to be able to increase the number of hired workers more than enough to offset the decrease in unpaid family workers.

Total farm employment was slightly higher on January 1 than a year earlier in all regions except the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, and East South Central States.

### Farm Labor Supply Reported Low

The supply of farm labor as reported by crop correspondents on January 1 was practically unchanged from October 1, but it is much lower than on January 1 last year. This drop in supply has not yet resulted in any serious depletion of the number of hired workers on farms nor in curtailment of agricultural production.

All regions report material declines from a year ago in the supply with the greatest declines in the Pacific and West North Central States. Relatively smaller declines were reported in the South Atlantic and South Central States. In comparison with October slight increases were reported in the northeastern portion of the country and slight declines in most other areas.

The demand for farm labor, though slightly smaller in January than in October, was reported to be somewhat larger than on January last year. The necessity of hiring help to replace family workers who had left the farm for factory jobs or who had joined the armed forces of the country, and larger scale or more intensive operations in order to produce more of the foods needed for war purposes have increased the demand for workers during the past year. Demand has increased most in the central and western parts of the country and least in the Atlantic Coast States. Declines in demand from October to January were shown in all regions except the South Atlantic and East South Central.

Farm wage rates and related data, United States, January 1, 1942, with comparisons

| | Annual average 1910-14 | Oct.1, 1940 | Jan.1, 1941 | Oct.1, 1941 | Jan.1, 1942 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES: | | | | | |
| Unadjusted | 100 | 129 | 124 | 165 | 166 |
| Adjusted for seasonal variation | 100 | 125 | 129 | 160 | 173 |
| FARM WAGE RATES: | | | | | |
| Per month, with board | $22.09 | $28.77 | $26.38 | $37.45 | $37.06 |
| Per month, without board | 29.18 | 36.84 | 36.61 | 45.47 | 47.77 |
| Per day, with board | 1.16 | 1.39 | 1.29 | 1.83 | 1.77 |
| Per day, without board | 1.42 | 1.61 | 1.59 | 2.00 | 2.12 |
| SUPPLY OF AND DEMAND FOR FARM LABOR: | | | | | |
| Supply, percentage of normal | --- | 85.6 | 85.7 | 64.0 | 64.2 |
| Demand, percentage of normal | --- | 88.1 | 86.6 | 96.2 | 94.1 |
| Supply, percentage of demand | --- | 97.2 | 99.1 | 66.8 | 68.2 |
| FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES: | | | | | |
| Total - | | | | | |
| Unadjusted | 100 | 97 | 71 | 96 | 72 |
| Adjusted for seasonal variation | 100 | 85 | 88 | 84 | 89 |
| Family labor - | | | | | |
| Unadjusted | 100 | 95 | 76 | 93 | 76 |
| Adjusted for seasonal variation | 100 | 86 | 90 | 84 | 90 |
| Hired labor - | | | | | |
| Unadjusted | 100 | 106 | 57 | 105 | 59 |
| Adjusted for seasonal variation | 100 | 86 | 91 | 85 | 94 |
| FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons) | | | | | |
| Total | 12,052 | 11,735 | 8,614 | 11,532 | 8,665 |
| Family labor | 9,160 | 8,683 | 6,965 | 8,482 | 6,954 |
| Hired labor | 2,892 | 3,052 | 1,649 | 3,050 | 1,711 |
| RELATED INDEXES: | | | | | |
| Prices received by farmers 1/ | 100 | 99 | 104 | 139 | 2/143 |
| Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates | 100 | 77 | 84 | 84 | 86 |
| Industrial wage rates 3/ | --- | 229 | 237 | 271 | --- |
| Industrial employment 4/ | --- | 5/114 | 115 | 135 | 6/134 |
| Industrial pay rolls 4/ | --- | 5/116 | 121 | 167 | 6/166 |

1/As of the 15th of the month. 2/Dec. 1941 - latest data available. 3/Average weekly earnings, New York State factories, June 1914 = 100. 4/Bureau of Labor Statistics indexes for manufacturing industries revised 1923-25 = 100. 5/Revised. 6/Nov. 1941 - latest data available.

Based on reports from approximately 21,390 correspondents. The data for previous quarters, by States, appear in Crops and Markets for Jan., Apr., July, and Oct.

Farm wage rates, by geographic divisions, January 1, 1942, by comparisons

| Geographic Division | Annual average 1910-14 | Oct. 1, 1940 | Jan. 1, 1941 | Oct. 1, 1941 | Jan. 1, 1942 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FARM WAGE RATES | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars |
| PER MONTH WITH BOARD | | | | | |
| New England | 24.13 | 34.23 | 34.29 | 46.31 | 47.70 |
| Middle Atlantic | 22.25 | 30.93 | 29.74 | 39.68 | 40.17 |
| East North Central | 23.75 | 30.54 | 28.22 | 39.67 | 38.71 |
| West North Central | 26.32 | 29.75 | 24.39 | 38.25 | 33.72 |
| South Atlantic | 14.62 | 17.75 | 18.26 | 21.75 | 22.34 |
| East South Central | 14.71 | 16.50 | 16.94 | 19.37 | 21.69 |
| West South Central | 17.35 | 20.13 | 20.24 | 25.43 | 28.20 |
| Mountain | 32.48 | 36.98 | 34.33 | 47.33 | 45.13 |
| Pacific | 33.45 | 44.86 | 43.45 | 59.65 | 62.38 |
| PER MONTH WITHOUT BOARD | | | | | |
| New England | 37.70 | 58.43 | 58.31 | 72.12 | 75.37 |
| Middle Atlantic | 33.41 | 47.35 | 46.70 | 57.75 | 59.53 |
| East North Central | 32.80 | 42.95 | 40.52 | 53.75 | 53.16 |
| West North Central | 36.86 | 40.42 | 35.70 | 50.23 | 46.93 |
| South Atlantic | 20.97 | 25.77 | 27.00 | 30.34 | 32.90 |
| East South Central | 20.80 | 23.00 | 24.30 | 27.33 | 30.10 |
| West South Central | 24.93 | 28.78 | 28.76 | 35.24 | 39.50 |
| Mountain | 46.42 | 52.39 | 50.45 | 64.01 | 62.46 |
| Pacific | 48.16 | 67.33 | 66.51 | 85.19 | 87.09 |
| PER DAY WITH BOARD | | | | | |
| New England | 1.27 | 1.35 | 1.34 | 2.45 | 2.57 |
| Middle Atlantic | 1.24 | 1.36 | 1.78 | 2.42 | 2.31 |
| East North Central | 1.31 | 1.72 | 1.57 | 2.29 | 2.16 |
| West North Central | 1.46 | 1.64 | 1.34 | 2.30 | 1.94 |
| South Atlantic | .71 | .95 | .97 | 1.17 | 1.19 |
| East South Central | .81 | .83 | .83 | 1.02 | 1.05 |
| West South Central | .98 | 1.02 | 1.01 | 1.36 | 1.43 |
| Mountain | 1.50 | 1.76 | 1.56 | 2.38 | 2.16 |
| Pacific | 1.49 | 2.10 | 2.01 | 2.97 | 2.86 |
| PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD | | | | | |
| New England | 1.71 | 2.70 | 2.67 | 3.39 | 3.43 |
| Middle Atlantic | 1.63 | 2.45 | 2.41 | 3.09 | 3.02 |
| East North Central | 1.68 | 2.23 | 2.05 | 2.89 | 2.73 |
| West North Central | 1.88 | 2.17 | 1.86 | 2.90 | 2.53 |
| South Atlantic | 1.05 | 1.24 | 1.27 | 1.54 | 1.56 |
| East South Central | 1.05 | 1.03 | 1.07 | 1.33 | 1.36 |
| West South Central | 1.25 | 1.28 | 1.27 | 1.72 | 1.78 |
| Mountain | 2.05 | 2.29 | 2.22 | 2.96 | 2.79 |
| Pacific | 2.06 | 2.92 | 2.74 | 3.73 | 3.64 |

Farm Labor supply, demand, and farm employment, January 1, 1942
with comparisons

| | Oct. 1, 1939 | Jan. 1, 1940 | Oct. 1, 1940 | Jan. 1, 1941 | Oct. 1, 1941 | Jan. 1, 1942 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SUPPLY OF FARM LABOR (Percentage of normal) | | | | | | |
| New England | 88.2 | 91.9 | 81.0 | 78.7 | 52.8 | 56.1 |
| Middle Atlantic | 88.5 | 91.2 | 79.0 | 80.6 | 53.9 | 57.1 |
| East North Central | 89.9 | 94.7 | 85.1 | 86.9 | 60.7 | 63.5 |
| West North Central | 92.5 | 95.6 | 88.6 | 91.4 | 67.2 | 66.4 |
| South Atlantic | 84.4 | 87.5 | 81.1 | 80.8 | 62.2 | 63.0 |
| East South Central | 88.1 | 88.9 | 86.5 | 84.3 | 65.4 | 67.6 |
| West South Central | 91.3 | 92.6 | 85.1 | 85.3 | 67.0 | 66.5 |
| Mountain | 95.8 | 99.8 | 91.5 | 91.6 | 67.2 | 67.8 |
| Pacific | 99.9 | 102.6 | 94.5 | 93.0 | 62.7 | 65.7 |
| DEMAND FOR FARM LABOR (Percentage of normal) | | | | | | |
| New England | 88.1 | 86.7 | 91.6 | 89.9 | 99.6 | 94.9 |
| Middle Atlantic | 86.3 | 82.4 | 90.3 | 88.2 | 98.1 | 92.3 |
| East North Central | 87.6 | 84.8 | 91.0 | 89.7 | 100.5 | 96.6 |
| West North Central | 79.9 | 77.8 | 86.1 | 85.9 | 97.6 | 95.4 |
| South Atlantic | 86.6 | 85.1 | 90.7 | 89.0 | 92.9 | 93.6 |
| East South Central | 81.6 | 80.8 | 88.9 | 85.0 | 94.2 | 95.4 |
| West South Central | 76.3 | 72.1 | 81.4 | 80.6 | 93.4 | 90.5 |
| Mountain | 83.6 | 81.9 | 87.0 | 85.6 | 101.4 | 94.0 |
| Pacific | 87.7 | 82.7 | 91.3 | 88.5 | 98.4 | 96.2 |
| SUPPLY OF FARM LABOR (Percentage of demand) | | | | | | |
| New England | 100.1 | 106.0 | 88.4 | 87.5 | 53.9 | 58.9 |
| Middle Atlantic | 102.5 | 110.7 | 87.5 | 91.4 | 55.1 | 61.9 |
| East North Central | 102.6 | 111.7 | 93.8 | 96.8 | 60.4 | 65.8 |
| West North Central | 115.8 | 122.9 | 102.9 | 106.8 | 68.9 | 69.7 |
| South Atlantic | 97.5 | 102.8 | 89.4 | 90.8 | 68.2 | 68.1 |
| East South Central | 108.0 | 110.0 | 103.1 | 99.3 | 69.5 | 70.6 |
| West South Central | 110.7 | 128.4 | 100.8 | 105.7 | 72.1 | 73.7 |
| Mountain | 114.6 | 121.8 | 105.2 | 107.1 | 66.2 | 72.1 |
| Pacific | 117.9 | 124.1 | 103.5 | 104.7 | 69.8 | 68.4 |
| FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons) | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | |
| New England | 265 | 227 | 273 | 223 | 258 | 231 |
| Middle Atlantic | 625 | 532 | 621 | 542 | 632 | 535 |
| East North Central | 1,516 | 1,329 | 1,492 | 1,325 | 1,462 | 1,345 |
| West North Central | 1,745 | 1,427 | 1,773 | 1,431 | 1,757 | 1,451 |
| South Atlantic | 2,353 | 1,569 | 2,332 | 1,562 | 2,199 | 1,543 |
| East South Central | 2,124 | 1,361 | 2,073 | 1,305 | 2,006 | 1,288 |
| West South Central | 2,191 | 1,377 | 2,141 | 1,426 | 2,115 | 1,431 |
| Mountain | 493 | 372 | 462 | 367 | 515 | 390 |
| Pacific | 574 | 447 | 568 | 423 | 588 | 451 |

Farm employment, by geographic divisions, January 1, 1942
with comparisons

| Geographic Division | Oct. 1, 1939 | Jan. 1, 1940 | Oct. 1, 1940 | Jan. 1, 1941 | Oct. 1, 1941 | Jan. 1, 1942 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons) | | | | | | |
| Family Labor | | | | | | |
| New England | 166 | 162 | 167 | 162 | 163 | 162 |
| Middle Atlantic | 403 | 399 | 402 | 400 | 401 | 400 |
| East North Central | 1,128 | 1,106 | 1,115 | 1,102 | 1,115 | 1,115 |
| West North Central | 1,305 | 1,208 | 1,305 | 1,190 | 1,307 | 1,198 |
| South Atlantic | 1,767 | 1,245 | 1,715 | 1,224 | 1,643 | 1,218 |
| East South Central | 1,839 | 1,213 | 1,783 | 1,162 | 1,678 | 1,139 |
| West South Central | 1,653 | 1,150 | 1,595 | 1,147 | 1,563 | 1,141 |
| Mountain | 284 | 279 | 281 | 277 | 288 | 280 |
| Pacific | 319 | 301 | 320 | 301 | 325 | 301 |
| Hired Labor | | | | | | |
| New England | 99 | 65 | 106 | 66 | 96 | 69 |
| Middle Atlantic | 222 | 133 | 219 | 142 | 231 | 135 |
| East North Central | 388 | 223 | 377 | 223 | 347 | 230 |
| West North Central | 440 | 219 | 468 | 241 | 450 | 253 |
| South Atlantic | 586 | 324 | 617 | 338 | 556 | 325 |
| East South Central | 285 | 148 | 290 | 143 | 328 | 149 |
| West South Central | 538 | 227 | 546 | 279 | 552 | 290 |
| Mountain | 209 | 93 | 181 | 90 | 227 | 110 |
| Pacific | 255 | 146 | 248 | 127 | 263 | 150 |

Persons employed in the United States, December 1941,
with comparisons

| | Oct., 1940 | Nov., 1940 | Dec., 1940 | Oct., 1941 | Nov., 1941 | Dec., 1941 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1,000's | 1,000's | 1,000's | 1,000's | 1,000's | 1,000's |
| Farm employment 1/ | 11,318 | 10,111 | 8,967 | 10,976 | 9,885 | 9,007 |
| Family workers | 8,411 | 7,676 | 7,089 | 8,162 | 7,480 | 7,035 |
| Hired workers | 2,907 | 2,435 | 1,878 | 2,814 | 2,405 | 1,972 |
| Nonagricultural employment 2/ 3/ | 37,375 | 37,528 | 3/38,161 | 3/40,776 | 40,693 | --- |
| Total employment 3/ | 48,693 | 47,639 | 3/47,128 | 3/51,752 | 50,578 | --- |

1/Average of estimates of farm employment as of the first of the given and the following month.

2/Estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Labor. Excludes persons employed on W.P.A. or N.Y.A. projects, enrollees in C.C.C. camps, and military and naval forces.

3/Revised

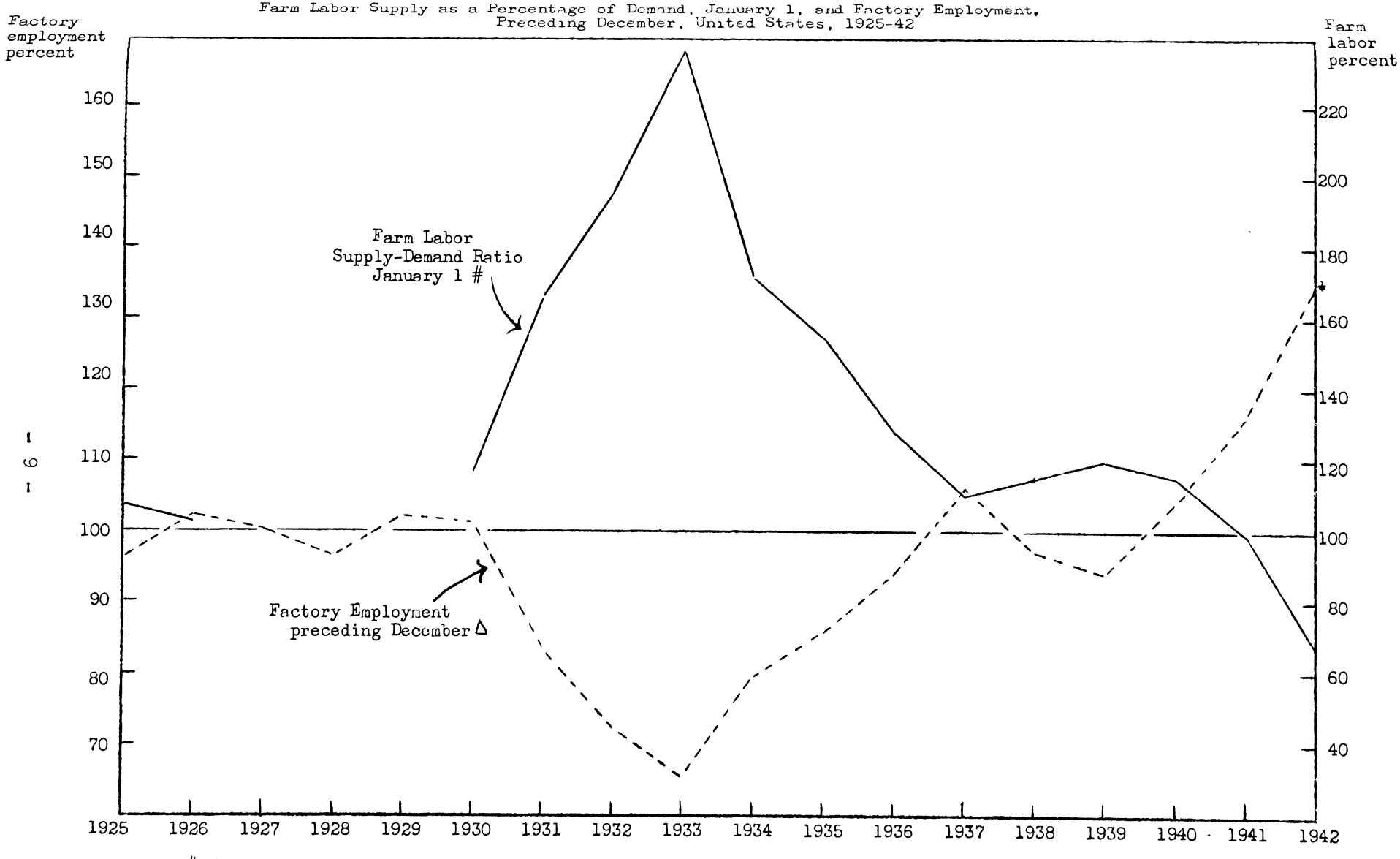
Farm employment: Annual averages of number of persons employed, and index numbers, United States, 1909-41

| Year | Total employment | | Family workers | | Hired workers | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Average number persons | Index 1910-14 = 100 | Average number persons | Index 1910-14 = 100 | Average number persons | Index 1910-14 = 100 |
| | 1,000's | | 1,000's | | 1,000's | |
| 1909 | 12,209 | 101 | 9,341 | 103 | 2,868 | 99 |
| 1910 | 12,146 | 101 | 9,269 | 101 | 2,877 | 99 |
| 1911 | 12,042 | 100 | 9,172 | 100 | 2,870 | 99 |
| 1912 | 12,038 | 100 | 9,149 | 100 | 2,889 | 100 |
| 1913 | 12,033 | 100 | 9,128 | 100 | 2,905 | 100 |
| 1914 | 12,000 | 100 | 9,081 | 99 | 2,919 | 101 |
| 1915 | 11,981 | 99 | 9,047 | 99 | 2,934 | 101 |
| 1916 | 12,016 | 100 | 9,050 | 99 | 2,966 | 103 |
| 1917 | 11,789 | 98 | 8,856 | 97 | 2,933 | 101 |
| 1918 | 11,343 | 94 | 8,507 | 93 | 2,841 | 98 |
| 1919 | 11,106 | 92 | 8,322 | 91 | 2,784 | 96 |
| 1920 | 11,362 | 94 | 8,479 | 93 | 2,883 | 100 |
| 1921 | 11,413 | 95 | 8,511 | 93 | 2,901 | 100 |
| 1922 | 11,443 | 95 | 8,528 | 93 | 2,915 | 101 |
| 1923 | 11,385 | 94 | 8,491 | 93 | 2,894 | 100 |
| 1924 | 11,362 | 94 | 8,488 | 93 | 2,874 | 99 |
| 1925 | 11,446 | 95 | 8,577 | 94 | 2,869 | 99 |
| 1926 | 11,534 | 96 | 8,507 | 93 | 3,027 | 105 |
| 1927 | 11,246 | 93 | 8,296 | 91 | 2,950 | 102 |
| 1928 | 11,296 | 94 | 8,340 | 91 | 2,956 | 102 |
| 1929 | 11,289 | 94 | 8,305 | 91 | 2,984 | 103 |
| 1930 | 11,175 | 93 | 8,323 | 91 | 2,850 | 99 |
| 1931 | 11,159 | 93 | 8,469 | 92 | 2,690 | 93 |
| 1932 | 11,069 | 92 | 8,571 | 94 | 2,498 | 86 |
| 1933 | 11,023 | 91 | 8,590 | 94 | 2,433 | 84 |
| 1934 | 10,852 | 90 | 8,506 | 93 | 2,346 | 81 |
| 1935 | 11,173 | 93 | 8,704 | 95 | 2,468 | 85 |
| 1936 | 10,997 | 91 | 8,502 | 93 | 2,495 | 86 |
| 1937 | 10,880 | 90 | 8,323 | 90 | 2,557 | 88 |
| 1938 | 10,745 | 89 | 8,216 | 90 | 2,529 | 87 |
| 1939 | 10,629 | 88 | 8,150 | 89 | 2,479 | 86 |
| 1940 | 10,445 | 87 | 7,995 | 87 | 2,450 | 85 |
| 1941 | 10,267 | 85 | 7,817 | 85 | 2,450 | 85 |

Farm wage rates and related data, by States, January 1, 1942

| | Per month | | Per day | | Supply of and demand for farm labor | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | With Board | Without Board | With Board | Without Board | Supply as percentage of normal | Demand as percentage of normal | Supply percent of dema |
| | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars | Percent | Percent | Percen |
| Maine | 45.75 | 68.00 | 2.55 | 3.25 | 54 | 95 | 57 |
| N. H. | 41.00 | 69.75 | 2.50 | 3.35 | 57 | 96 | 59 |
| Vt. | 44.25 | 66.00 | 2.35 | 3.20 | 58 | 102 | 57 |
| Mass. | 45.50 | 73.25 | 2.50 | 3.45 | 53 | 91 | 58 |
| R. I. | 52.50 | 82.50 | 2.80 | 3.55 | 60 | 91 | 66 |
| Conn. | 53.75 | 81.00 | 2.65 | 3.70 | 59 | 96 | 61 |
| N.Y. | 43.00 | 62.25 | 2.40 | 3.15 | 55 | 94 | 59 |
| N.J. | 45.75 | 70.00 | 2.50 | 3.25 | 55 | 94 | 59 |
| Pa. | 35.25 | 53.00 | 2.15 | 2.80 | 60 | 91 | 66 |
| Ohio | 34.75 | 49.50 | 2.15 | 2.70 | 55 | 93 | 59 |
| Ind. | 36.50 | 49.25 | 2.00 | 2.55 | 61 | 94 | 65 |
| Ill. | 41.25 | 53.00 | 2.30 | 2.80 | 70 | 95 | 74 |
| Mich. | 39.25 | 56.75 | 2.30 | 2.95 | 55 | 91 | 60 |
| Wis. | 39.50 | 56.00 | 2.05 | 2.65 | 68 | 105 | 65 |
| Minn. | 32.50 | 48.00 | 2.00 | 2.70 | 67 | 95 | 71 |
| Iowa | 39.50 | 51.50 | 2.20 | 2.80 | 71 | 97 | 73 |
| Mo. | 29.50 | 40.75 | 1.50 | 1.90 | 60 | 94 | 64 |
| N.Dak. | 28.00 | 44.25 | 1.75 | 2.55 | 66 | 93 | 71 |
| S.Dak. | 30.50 | 45.75 | 1.80 | 2.50 | 66 | 89 | 74 |
| Nebr. | 34.25 | 46.00 | 2.10 | 2.65 | 65 | 92 | 71 |
| Kans. | 34.25 | 48.25 | 1.95 | 2.60 | 67 | 101 | 66 |
| Del. | 34.25 | 48.00 | 2.05 | 2.65 | 58 | 100 | 58 |
| Md. | 34.25 | 43.75 | 1.85 | 2.40 | 60 | 96 | 62 |
| Va. | 28.00 | 39.50 | 1.45 | 1.90 | 58 | 96 | 60 |
| W.Va. | 27.50 | 40.25 | 1.35 | 1.80 | 59 | 94 | 63 |
| N.C. | 23.00 | 32.50 | 1.25 | 1.60 | 62 | 95 | 65 |
| S.C. | 16.25 | 23.50 | .80 | 1.05 | 63 | 96 | 73 |
| Ga. | 16.50 | 23.50 | .85 | 1.10 | 65 | 95 | 68 |
| Fla. | 21.75 | 37.50 | 1.20 | 1.65 | 63 | 95 | 68 |
| Ky. | 25.75 | 35.50 | 1.20 | 1.55 | 60 | 93 | 73 |
| Tenn. | 21.75 | 30.25 | 1.05 | 1.35 | 66 | 95 | 69 |
| Ala. | 13.75 | 26.00 | .95 | 1.20 | 63 | 98 | 64 |
| Miss. | 18.75 | 26.50 | .95 | 1.25 | 72 | 97 | 74 |
| Ark. | 22.75 | 31.75 | 1.10 | 1.40 | 63 | 87 | 72 |
| La. | 19.00 | 27.25 | 1.00 | 1.25 | 69 | 86 | 80 |
| Okla. | 28.25 | 40.25 | 1.55 | 2.00 | 63 | 94 | 72 |
| Tex. | 31.50 | 42.00 | 1.55 | 1.90 | 66 | 91 | 73 |
| Mont. | 46.80 | 62.00 | 2.40 | 3.25 | 70 | 92 | 76 |
| Idaho | 49.50 | 66.50 | 2.45 | 3.15 | 77 | 95 | 81 |
| Wyo. | 48.40 | 65.50 | 2.25 | 2.30 | 68 | 96 | 71 |
| Colo. | 39.75 | 56.50 | 2.05 | 2.65 | 67 | 94 | 71 |
| N.Mex. | 38.00 | 52.50 | 1.85 | 2.30 | 65 | 93 | 70 |
| Ariz. | 48.75 | 63.50 | 1.95 | 2.55 | 66 | 97 | 68 |
| Utah | 58.50 | 74.50 | 2.55 | 3.10 | 63 | 93 | 68 |
| Nev. | 50.00 | 71.50 | 2.15 | 2.95 | 63 | 97 | 65 |
| Wash. | 52.00 | 73.75 | 2.80 | 3.60 | 60 | 95 | 63 |
| Oreg. | 51.00 | 72.50 | 2.65 | 3.30 | 65 | 99 | 66 |
| Calif. | 66.25 | 93.75 | 2.90 | 3.70 | 67 | 96 | 70 |
| U. S. | 37.08 | 47.77 | 1.77 | 2.12 | 64.2 | 94.1 | 68.2 |

Farm Labor Supply as a Percentage of Demand, January 1, and Factory Employment, Preceding December, United States, 1925-42




# Supply as percentage of demand. "Normal" supply with "normal" demand = 100. 1927-29 data not available.
▲ Employment in manufacturing industries. Monthly average 1923-25 = 100.
* November 1941 - latest available data.

Decline in farm labor supply from January 1, 1941 to January 1, 1942
by crop-reporting districts 1/
(Percentage Changes)

| State | Price-reporting districts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | State |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 1-N | 1-S | 2 | 2-A | 3 | 4 | 4-A | 5 | 5-A | 6 | 6-A | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9-A | 10 | |
| Me. | 28 | - | - | 32 | - | 37 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N.H. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 29 |
| Vt. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 29 |
| Mass. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 29 |
| R.I. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| Conn. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| N.Y. | - | - | - | 20 | - | 15 | 12 | - | 21 | - | 29 | - | 29 | 21 | 27 | 20 | - | - |
| N.J. | - | - | - | 36 | - | - | - | - | 31 | - | - | - | - | 20 | - | - | - | - |
| Pa. | 31 | - | - | 34 | - | 24 | 36 | - | 29 | - | 29 | - | 32 | 21 | 23 | - | - | - |
| Ohio | 34 | - | - | 37 | - | 38 | 32 | - | 33 | - | 32 | - | 37 | 30 | 36 | - | - | - |
| Ind. | 21 | - | - | 32 | - | 32 | 37 | - | 28 | - | 35 | - | 31 | 33 | 34 | - | - | - |
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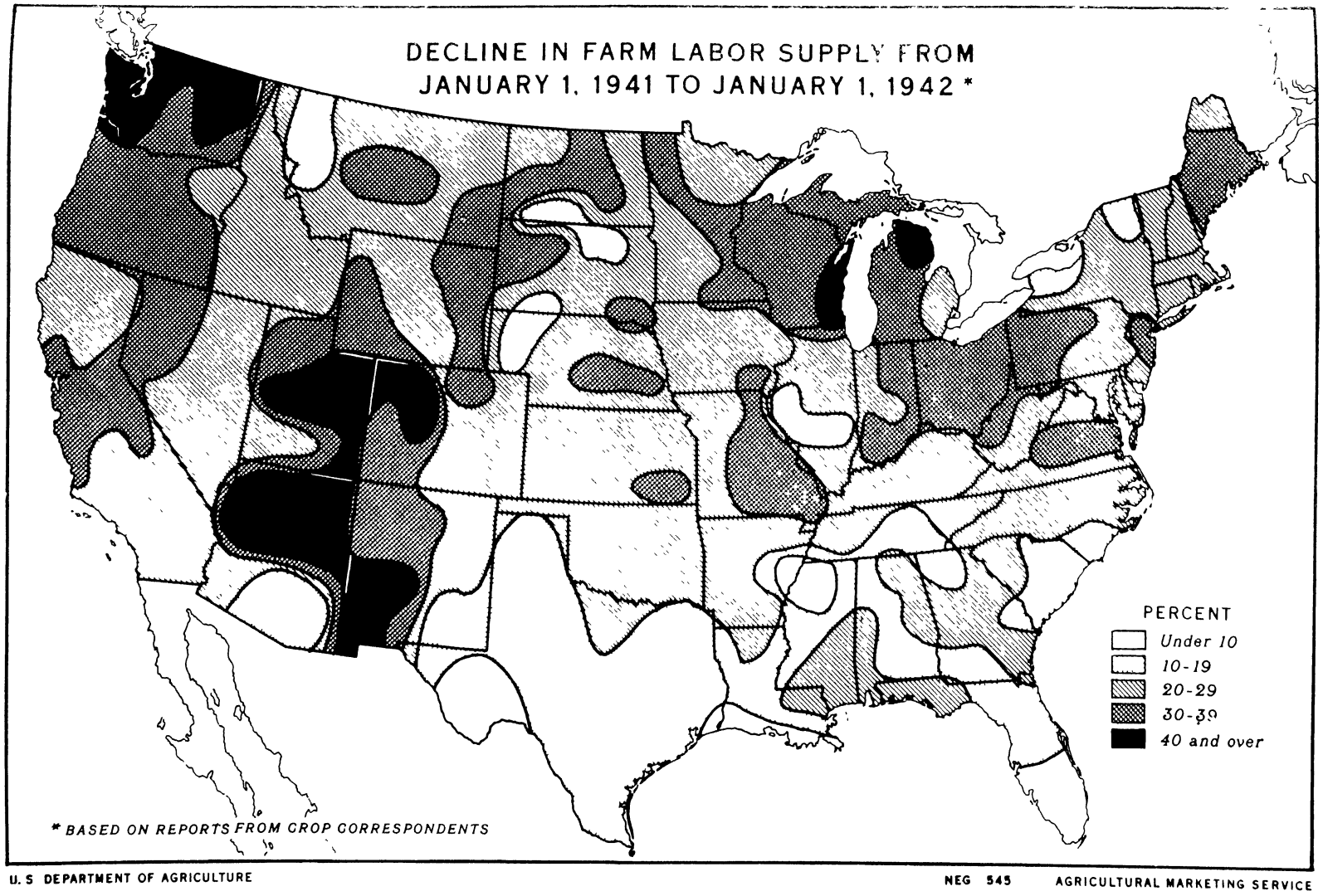


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