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JUNE WEATHER HELPS FARMERS MEET WORK DEMANDS
FARM WAGE RATES AT RECORD LEVEL

Extended periods of dry sunny weather in June helped farmers make good use of labor and machinery to catch up with crop cultivation needs and push harvests of early grains and other crops. Total number of workers on farms in the week of June 21-27 at 8,651,000 was largest for the year, but was 1 percent less than the 1958 comparable week. Farmers and other family members at farm work were estimated at 5,942,000 or 2 percent less than a year earlier. Hired workers were estimated to number 2,709,000 or 1 percent more than the comparable week last year.

Near the usual seasonal gains in farm employment were shown in most areas in response to close to normal crop development. The increase in numbers over the last week in May amounted to 7 percent in total workers and 33 percent in hired workers. The large gain in hired workers reflects the added heavy use of hand labor in clearing out cotton and other fields threatened by weeds in South Central and South Eastern States and the rapid push of wheat and barley harvests in southern and central plains areas. The number of farm operators and family members working decreased 2 percent from the May level when the planting push was more intense. The table on page 6 shows the relationships between family workers and hired workers in different States and regions. California as usual is outstanding in predominance of the number of hired workers as compared with family labor.

Farm Wages Continue Rise to Record Levels

Wages for hired farm labor on July 1 were reported at record levels for the date in nearly all parts of the Nation. The estimated averages shown on pages 9 and 10 represent crop reporter's appraisals of wages, cash payments only, for different bases of payment. The National average for each reported rate shows a significant rise above a year earlier. Values of important additional perquisites such as house, or room and board furnished many workers are not included. The U.S. average for the composite hourly rate for cash wages at $0.796 is about 9 percent higher than on July 1, 1958, and reaches a seasonally adjusted index of 618 (1910-14=100) or virtually at the same index level as three months earlier. The averages for different classes of payments by States show the considerable range in farm wage levels reported, in some measure indicating the large differences in skill and responsibility of farm wage earners in modern farming. Some have little more effect than the limited scope of hand-harvesting or hoeing performed, important as that may be; other's efforts are multiplied through skilled management of valuable machinery or high producing livestock.

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In the six years since the Korean Armistice was signed (July 1953) farm wage rates have increased from a July index of 514 percent of the 1910-14 base period to the present 618, or a gain of a fifth. Recent prices for farm products have been less favorable than in the earlier period. The index of prices received by farmers for June 15, 1959 was 242, down from the 251 of six years earlier. During this period, there have been many important changes in farm practices affecting both output and labor use. Crop yields and total production have risen sharply while less farm labor is required. The average number of hired workers during the first six months was 6 percent less this year than in 1953.

June Work Pushes Crop Tillage, Hay-making, and Small Grain Harvest

Crop tillage and advancing harvest for small grains, hay, vegetable crops, and early fruits pushed into main focus in the June farm work scene, shouldering aside the planting activities that had been of vital importance earlier. Much of the month, especially the last half, was mainly favorable for field work, except in New England, and many struggling new stands of cotton, corn, soybeans, and other row crops were rescued from being choked by weeds and grass. Small grain harvest surged ahead to near completion in the Southeastern and South Central States. Spectacular progress was made in the southern and central plains. Each week, millions of acres were eaten off in plains areas by combines which converged on the golden ripe fields and then moved north as the grain ripened in other sections. Kansas wheat harvest moved from only well started in southern counties during the first week of June to about two-thirds finished at the month's end. More than a third of the State's ten million acres was swept over in a single week. Deployment of adequate numbers of combines, trucks and labor was aided by placement and information sources. In many fields tractors followed soon after combines, turning the stubble to start the cycle for another crop.

The past month brought much excellent haymaking weather in important forage States and millions of tons of alfalfa, and clover and mixed grass hays went into bales, barns, and stacks packed with leafy values sure to boost bovine contentment next winter. Haymaking remains no little job on many farms. Even though the work has been greatly eased by improved mowers, rakes, balers, loaders, crushers, driers, and pelleting machines, nothing helps haying like fair weather. Livestock work generally was made easier in June by abundant pasturage. However, in southern Utah drought forced many stockmen to the discouraging task of hauling water for livestock.

Fruit and vegetable harvests during June moved ahead rapidly. The strawberry harvest peak passed in most States and cherries ripened. Southern peaches gained in volume and were joined in the markets by western apricots and plums. Cantaloupes from many sections and early grapes from Western deserts vied with southern watermelons, all representing seasonal increases in farm labor. Vegetable supplies from Florida decreased during the month and peaks from some other early vegetable areas were passed as harvests developed elsewhere.

Farm work near the end of June showed many other notable highlights by geographic areas.

New England States had cloudy, rainy weather during the last half of June which hindered haymaking and crop cultivation. The good season enjoyed earlier, however, has helped farm work and crop progress.

In Middle Atlantic States, harvest of processing peas was active in western and central New York. Sweet cherry harvest was progressing in Hudson Valley and starting in Lake Ontario region. A wide range of vegetable harvests continued in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Barley harvest progressed and first alfalfa cutting was mostly done and the second cutting starting. Planting of buckwheat just started in Pennsylvania and New York. New Jersey blueberry harvest was going strong requiring a large increase in seasonal labor.

In the East North Central region, Ohio barley harvest continued and the earliest wheat harvest in several years was well started. Half of Illinois wheat was already combined, and over 40 percent of corn in Illinois and Indiana "laid-by" --cultivation done. First cutting alfalfa was virtually finished and most clover and mixed grass hay made. Michigan and Wisconsin crop progress was only slightly less advanced. Wisconsin pea vining was underway.

Among West North Central States, Iowa and Minnesota corn and soybean cultivation was well along. Almost half of corn fields were "laid-by" and hay harvest was ahead of usual stage. Missouri wheat harvest was about half-finished and oats past one-fourth. Haying was progressing in almost all Dakota sections with yields much decreased by drought in some South Dakota localities. Wheat harvest was rapidly nearing completion in Kansas --fully a week ahead of average. Combining was about to start in Nebraska where winter barley is being harvested and first cutting alfalfa was finished and harvest of wild hay was active.

South Atlantic States reported severe drought effects in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia as harvest of small grains and hay made excellent progress. Barley harvest was over three-fourths complete in Virginia and some late soybeans were still being planted. Snap bean harvest was finished on the eastern Peninsula of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia and potato harvest started. Over three-fourths of North Carolina wheat had been harvested and almost all oats, barley, and rye. The South Carolina and North Carolina peach crops were past one-fifth harvested and the Georgia crop one-half picked. Watermelon harvest was about at the peak in Georgia and well underway in South Carolina. Cotton cultivation was past the peak in Georgia and harvest of tobacco 40 percent complete in Georgia and becoming general in South Carolina. The Florida vegetable and principal citrus harvests were over and tobacco harvest in this State is 75 percent completed. Peanuts and cotton are being cultivated and late soybeans still to be planted.

East South Central States had a wet first half of June. Dry weather which followed helped small grain and hay harvest and cultivation of cotton, corn, soybeans, and tobacco. Alabama and Mississippi fields have been largely cleared of weeds and replanted where necessary. Small grain harvest was nearly complete and most late plantings of soybeans following grain were accomplished.

West South Central States report continued cultivation of cotton, extensive hay harvest, and rapid progress in combining small grain. Arkansas and Louisiana rice had been fertilized and flooded and most Louisiana sugar cane "laid-by." Labor was none too plentiful to catch up with cleaning grassy fields. Oklahoma wheat, oats, and barley harvests were virtually completed and nearly half of wheat stubble land turned by the end of June. About three-fourths of Texas wheat was combined despite some rainy interruptions. The first bale of cotton of the 1959 crop was ginned in the Lower Valley of Texas on June 21, more than a week later than usual, while some late cotton replantings in the High Plains were

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Farm employment and indexes for week of June 21-27, 1959, United States, with comparisons

	June average 1954-58 1/	June 22-28, 1958	May 24-30, 1959	June 21-27, 1959
FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands of persons)				
Total	9,239	8,731	8,112	8,651
Family labor	6,520	6,061	6,070	5,942
Hired labor	2,719	2,670	2,042	2,709
FARM EMPLOYMENT INDEXES (Adjusted for seasonal variation, 1910-14=100)				
Total	59	56	54	55
Family labor	59	55	53	54
Hired labor	58	57	56	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, July 1, 1959, United States, with comparisons 1/

	April 1, 1958	July 1, 1958	April 1, 1959	July 1, 1959
FARM WAGE RATES				
Per month with house	$165.00	$181.00	$179.00	$196.00
Per month with board and room	132.00	135.00	140.00	145.00
Per week with board and room	33.00	34.00	34.50	36.00
Per week without board or room	41.25	42.75	44.25	46.75
Per day with house	4.65	4.60	5.00	5.10
Per day with board and room	5.40	6.40	5.80	6.70
Per day without board or room	5.80	5.80	6.20	6.40
Per hour with house	.68	.87	.73	.90
Per hour without board or room	.94	.94	.99	1.00
Composite rate per hour 2/	.657	.728	.718	.796
FARM WAGE RATE INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Adjusted for seasonal variation	567	566	620	618
RELATED INDEXES (1910-14=100)				
Prices received by farmers 3/	264	254	244	242 *
Ratio of prices received to farm wage rates	47	45	39	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.
* June 15, 1959.

Total workers on farms during week of June 21-27, 1959, by regions and States, with comparisons

Region and State	June average 1954-58 1/	May 18-24, 1958	June 22-28, 1958	May 24-30, 1959	June 21-27, 1959
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
New England	215	182	198	175	189
New York	211	175	204	161	200
New Jersey	67	53	65	54	61
Pennsylvania	272	219	250	202	244
Middle Atlantic	550	447	519	417	505
Ohio	310	282	288	283	297
Indiana	303	264	268	266	283
Illinois	344	303	315	291	317
Michigan	291	257	273	268	292
Wisconsin	345	334	335	316	325
East North Central	1,593	1,440	1,479	1,424	1,514
Minnesota	394	317	365	313	361
Iowa	373	328	369	326	366
Missouri	339	292	326	283	294
North Dakota	119	106	109	103	106
South Dakota	116	104	111	100	107
Nebraska	201	178	194	183	191
Kansas	220	186	208	173	210
West North Central	1,762	1,511	1,682	1,481	1,635
Delaware-Maryland	96	83	90	82	88
Virginia	264	264	258	256	252
West Virginia	104	89	94	91	87
North Carolina	586	444	535	452	543
South Carolina	305	215	289	214	309
Georgia	235	239	228	218	221
Florida	92	107	93	106	94
South Atlantic	1,682	1,441	1,587	1,419	1,594
Kentucky	292	237	284	244	257
Tennessee	293	262	284	261	281
Alabama	171	171	155	171	163
Mississippi	349	371	303	350	299
East South Central	1,105	1,041	1,026	1,026	1,000
Arkansas	279	286	234	278	233
Louisiana	162	164	148	155	172
Oklahoma	216	217	194	206	200
Texas	514	588	497	513	457
West South Central	1,171	1,255	1,073	1,152	1,062
Montana	67	57	67	55	63
Idaho	92	76	94	71	90
Colorado	91	74	88	75	89
New Mexico-Arizona	99	90	100	91	96
Wyoming-Utah-Nevada	87	74	84	67	80
Mountain	436	371	433	359	418
Washington	184	149	189	141	176
Oregon	145	117	147	114	133
California	396	385	398	404	425
Pacific	725	651	734	659	734
UNITED STATES	9,239	8,339	8,731	8,112	8,651

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 June 21-27, 1959
by regions and States, with comparisons

Region and State	Family 1/				Hired 2/			
	June average 1954-58 3/	June 22-28, 1958	May 24-30, 1959	June 21-27, 1959	June average 1954-58 3/	June 22-28, 1958	May 24-30, 1959	June 21-27, 1959
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
New England	130	118	104	112	85	80	71	77
New York	134	122	104	116	77	82	57	84
New Jersey	37	35	30	34	30	30	24	27
Pennsylvania	211	196	164	190	61	54	38	54
Middle Atlantic	382	353	298	340	168	166	119	165
Ohio	253	236	245	241	57	52	38	56
Indiana	263	234	235	241	40	34	31	42
Illinois	263	242	236	241	81	73	55	76
Michigan	231	212	225	212	60	61	43	80
Wisconsin	307	301	288	287	38	34	28	38
East North Central	1,317	1,225	1,229	1,222	276	254	195	292
Minnesota	309	292	274	283	85	73	39	78
Iowa	292	283	292	281	81	86	34	85
Missouri	273	265	243	239	66	61	40	55
North Dakota	91	83	82	81	28	26	21	25
South Dakota	96	91	91	91	20	20	9	16
Nebraska	160	150	157	151	41	44	26	40
Kansas	167	158	148	154	53	50	25	56
West North Central	1,388	1,322	1,287	1,280	374	360	194	355
Delaware-Maryland	55	52	50	53	41	38	32	35
Virginia	162	159	189	157	102	99	67	95
West Virginia	80	71	70	68	24	23	21	19
North Carolina	402	351	356	366	184	184	96	177
South Carolina	178	157	146	161	127	132	68	148
Georgia	165	160	161	150	70	68	57	71
Florida	51	53	53	50	41	40	53	44
South Atlantic	1,093	1,003	1,025	1,005	589	584	394	589
Kentucky	209	202	197	183	83	82	47	74
Tennessee	220	213	215	208	73	71	46	73
Alabama	138	124	135	123	33	31	36	40
Mississippi	292	250	283	250	57	53	67	49
East South Central	859	789	830	764	246	237	196	236
Arkansas	177	147	162	150	102	87	116	83
Louisiana	99	88	87	97	63	60	68	75
Oklahoma	166	147	165	153	50	47	41	47
Texas	323	303	315	268	191	194	198	189
West South Central	765	685	729	668	406	388	423	394
Montana	41	40	39	39	26	27	16	24
Idaho	55	54	50	52	37	40	21	38
Colorado	61	58	61	57	30	30	14	32
N.Mex.-Ariz.	38	36	35	34	61	64	56	62
Wyo.-Utah-Nev.	54	52	47	49	33	32	20	31
Mountain	249	240	232	231	187	193	127	187
Washington	109	108	93	102	75	81	48	74
Oregon	84	79	78	79	61	68	36	54
California	144	139	165	139	252	259	239	286
Pacific	337	326	336	320	388	408	323	414
UNITED STATES	6,520	6,061	6,070	5,942	2,719	2,670	2,042	2,709

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 June 1959, by regions and States, with comparisons 1/

Region and State	January through June average 1954-58			January through June 1958			January through June 1959		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
New England	172	114	58	160	105	55	154	99	55
New York	175	121	54	164	110	54	157	105	52
New Jersey	50	32	18	47	30	17	46	29	17
Pennsylvania	223	183	40	204	169	35	195	162	33
Middle Atlantic	448	336	112	415	309	106	398	296	102
Ohio	272	238	34	257	225	32	256	224	32
Indiana	251	227	24	231	209	22	231	207	24
Illinois	277	225	52	257	208	49	254	204	50
Michigan	235	203	32	224	192	32	225	188	37
Wisconsin	311	283	28	303	276	27	293	267	26
East North Central.	1,346	1,176	170	1,272	1,110	162	1,259	1,090	169
Minnesota	298	262	36	278	244	34	273	238	35
Iowa	296	263	33	287	253	34	283	250	33
Missouri	281	247	34	262	230	32	254	224	30
North Dakota	96	81	15	90	74	16	87	72	15
South Dakota	98	89	9	94	84	10	91	82	9
Nebraska	160	140	20	151	130	21	155	134	21
Kansas	172	150	22	163	142	21	159	137	22
West North Central.	1,401	1,232	169	1,325	1,157	168	1,302	1,137	165
Del.-Md.	72	47	25	68	45	23	67	45	22
Virginia	216	165	51	203	155	48	206	156	50
West Virginia	81	66	15	72	58	14	73	58	15
North Carolina	404	330	74	353	280	73	368	294	74
South Carolina	198	136	62	180	119	61	185	121	64
Georgia	205	157	48	185	139	46	180	134	46
Florida	117	58	59	113	56	57	114	52	62
South Atlantic	1,293	959	334	1,174	852	322	1,193	860	333
Kentucky	234	194	40	219	180	39	220	182	38
Tennessee	229	189	40	211	174	37	219	180	39
Alabama	151	125	26	129	106	23	134	108	26
Mississippi	279	232	47	240	197	43	238	194	44
East South Central.	893	740	153	799	657	142	811	664	147
Arkansas	233	159	74	201	130	71	205	136	69
Louisiana	153	102	51	141	91	50	148	93	55
Oklahoma	200	174	26	182	155	27	179	152	27
Texas	443	316	127	420	286	134	408	276	132
West South Central.	1,029	751	278	944	662	282	940	657	283
Montana	54	41	13	52	39	13	50	38	12
Idaho	63	47	16	62	45	17	61	45	16
Colorado	68	56	12	64	52	12	64	52	12
N.Mex.-Ariz.	77	34	43	77	32	45	78	31	47
Wyo.-Utah-Nev.	61	44	17	58	41	17	56	40	16
Mountain	323	222	101	313	209	104	309	206	103
Washington	120	86	34	118	84	34	115	81	34
Oregon	100	72	28	97	68	29	94	68	26
California	339	144	195	334	141	193	352	144	208
Pacific	559	302	257	549	293	256	561	293	268
UNITED STATES	7,464	5,832	1,632	6,951	5,354	1,597	6,927	5,302	1,625

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

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

Geographic regions	April 1, 1958	July 1, 1958	April 1, 1959	July 1, 1959
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
PER MONTH WITH HOUSE				
New England	198.00	197.00	202.00	202.00
Middle Atlantic	191.00	194.00	196.00	198.00
East North Central	180.00	178.00	186.00	189.00
West North Central	173.00	177.00	182.00	186.00
Mountain	215.00	212.00	226.00	228.00
Pacific	257.00	260.00	273.00	275.00
PER MONTH WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	148.00	149.00	151.00	150.00
Middle Atlantic	136.00	138.00	141.00	139.00
East North Central	132.00	131.00	138.00	139.00
West North Central	135.00	140.00	142.00	147.00
Mountain	164.00	166.00	167.00	174.00
Pacific	198.00	200.00	206.00	211.00
PER WEEK WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
New England	40.50	39.75	40.50	40.75
Middle Atlantic	35.50	36.25	37.50	36.75
PER WEEK WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	54.00	54.00	55.25	55.25
Middle Atlantic	48.00	49.25	50.50	50.50
PER DAY WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	4.80	4.45	4.75	4.65
East South Central	3.70	3.75	3.70	3.90
West South Central	5.20	5.40	5.40	5.60
PER DAY WITH BOARD AND ROOM				
East North Central	6.50	6.70	6.80	7.00
West North Central	6.80	7.20	7.00	7.60
PER DAY WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	9.30	9.20	9.40	9.40
Middle Atlantic	8.50	8.60	8.70	8.80
East North Central	8.10	8.30	8.60	8.80
West North Central	8.50	9.00	8.80	9.40
South Atlantic	5.50	5.20	5.40	5.50
East South Central	4.30	4.45	4.40	4.60
West South Central	5.90	6.20	6.00	6.30
Mountain	8.30	8.70	8.50	8.90
PER HOUR WITH HOUSE				
South Atlantic	.58	--	.59	--
East South Central	.48	--	.49	--
West South Central	.62	--	.64	--
Pacific	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.12
PER HOUR WITHOUT BOARD OR ROOM				
New England	1.14	1.12	1.13	1.13
Middle Atlantic	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.09
East North Central	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.08
West North Central	1.03	1.05	1.05	1.09
South Atlantic	.72	.65	.71	.68
East South Central	.58	.59	.60	.61
West South Central	.73	.73	.74	.73
Mountain	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.03
Pacific	1.16	1.17	1.17	1.19

Farm wage rates by regions and States, July 1, 1958 1/

Region and State	Per month: With house	Per month: With board and room	Per week: With board and room	Per week: Without board or room	Per day: With house	Per day: With board and room	Per day: Without board or room	Per hour: With house	Per hour: Without board or room	Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	195.00	144.00	35.50	51.50	-	-	8.60	-	1.03	.892	537
N. H.	196.00	146.00	39.50	55.00	-	-	9.40	-	1.08	.954	622
Vt.	178.00	145.00	36.00	49.00	-	-	8.90	-	1.10	.911	587
Mass.	209.00	154.00	45.00	58.50	-	-	9.80	-	1.20	1.031	674
R. I.	215.00	157.00	46.00	60.50	-	-	10.00	-	1.18	1.042	724
Conn.	215.00	159.00	46.50	60.50	-	-	10.10	-	1.24	1.065	734
New Eng.	197.00	149.00	39.75	54.00	-	-	9.20	-	1.12	.957	619
N. Y.	200.00	141.00	37.00	51.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.11	.944	538
N. J.	219.00	160.00	41.00	52.75	-	-	9.50	-	1.14	.985	646
Pa.	177.00	126.00	33.50	45.00	-	-	7.90	-	1.02	.858	629
Mid. Atl.	194.00	138.00	36.25	49.25	-	-	8.60	-	1.08	.917	588
Ohio	165.00	124.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.00	-	1.06	.811	585
Ind.	166.00	120.00	-	-	-	6.10	7.70	-	1.03	.787	579
Ill.	187.00	146.00	-	-	-	7.40	9.00	-	1.08	.871	620
Mich.	193.00	129.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.40	-	1.05	.829	573
Wis.	182.00	137.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.60	-	1.05	.837	546
E.N.Cent.	178.00	131.00	-	-	-	6.70	8.30	-	1.05	.827	574
Minn.	176.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.60	9.50	-	1.10	.953	534
Iowa	184.00	151.00	-	-	-	8.00	9.80	-	1.09	.963	524
Mo.	147.00	111.00	-	-	-	5.50	7.00	-	.94	.780	621
N.Dak.	192.00	161.00	-	-	-	7.20	9.10	-	1.04	.920	464
S.Dak.	176.00	144.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.80	-	1.03	.897	486
Nebr.	194.00	146.00	-	-	-	7.30	9.20	-	1.04	.917	555
Kans.	182.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.70	9.50	-	1.09	.950	673
W.N.Cent.	177.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.20	9.00	-	1.05	.913	558
Del.	-	-	-	-	6.80	-	8.70	-	.97	.890	834
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.20	-	7.70	-	.98	.833	858
Va.	-	-	-	-	4.95	-	6.00	-	.75	.641	712
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	4.45	-	5.60	-	.72	.604	489
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.60	-	.65	.582	690
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.40	-	3.90	-	.47	.412	568
Ga.	-	-	-	-	3.90	-	4.50	-	.61	.497	582
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.00	-	.75	.645	671
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.45	-	5.20	-	.65	.558	653
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.05	-	5.10	-	.71	.507	543
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.60	-	4.40	-	.57	.437	501
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.65	-	4.20	-	.52	.423	534
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.55	-	3.90	-	.54	.405	494
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.45	-	.59	.446	511
Ark.	-	-	-	-	4.75	-	5.30	-	.64	.558	566
La.	-	-	-	-	4.40	-	4.70	-	.59	.506	599
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.80	-	7.90	-	.92	.814	634
Tex.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.40	-	.75	.663	589
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.40	-	6.20	-	.73	.643	605
Mont.	211.00	172.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.09	.846	466
Idaho	237.00	185.00	-	-	-	-	10.10	-	1.12	.916	564
Wyo.	209.00	158.00	-	-	-	-	8.80	-	1.10	.829	461
Colo.	203.00	158.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.00	.802	569
N.Mex.	175.00	130.00	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	.79	.634	583
Ariz.	245.00	175.00	-	-	-	-	8.40	-	.90	.801	586
Utah	220.00	195.00	-	-	-	-	9.20	-	1.10	.883	598
Nev.	240.00	170.00	-	-	-	-	9.20	-	1.20	.896	541
Mountain	212.00	166.00	-	-	-	-	8.70	-	1.01	.811	534
Wash.	252.00	202.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.16	1.25	1.200	597
Oreg.	231.00	181.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	1.17	1.121	564
Calif.	270.00	205.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.07	1.14	1.106	528
Pacific	260.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	1.17	1.128	540
U. S.	181.00	135.00	34.00	42.75	4.60	6.40	5.80	.87	.94	.728	566

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Farm wage rates by regions and States, July 1, 1959 1/

Region and State	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	52.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.04	.908	547
N. H.	198.00	144.00	40.00	55.50	-	-	9.00	-	1.11	.955	622
Vt.	184.00	148.00	38.00	50.00	-	-	8.70	-	1.10	.914	589
Mass.	213.00	156.00	45.00	59.00	-	-	10.10	-	1.21	1.046	691
R. I.	219.00	162.00	47.00	61.00	-	-	10.20	-	1.20	1.060	736
Conn.	219.00	165.00	47.00	62.00	-	-	10.50	-	1.27	1.094	762
New Eng.	202.00	150.00	40.75	55.25	-	-	9.40	-	1.13	.974	637
N. Y.	204.00	142.00	37.25	52.00	-	-	9.10	-	1.11	.948	545
N. J.	212.00	153.00	40.00	53.00	-	-	9.40	-	1.16	.990	655
Pa.	183.00	129.00	34.50	47.25	-	-	8.10	-	1.04	.878	644
Mid. Atl.	198.00	139.00	36.75	50.50	-	-	8.80	-	1.09	.932	598
Ohio	174.00	126.00	-	-	-	6.60	8.50	-	1.08	.834	602
Ind.	176.00	131.00	-	-	-	6.50	8.00	-	1.05	.816	601
Ill.	194.00	150.00	-	-	-	7.70	9.30	-	1.10	.892	630
Mich.	199.00	142.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.80	-	1.07	.860	595
Wis.	190.00	140.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.90	-	1.08	.862	562
E.N.Cent.	189.00	139.00	-	-	-	7.00	8.80	-	1.08	.857	600
Minn.	186.00	147.00	-	-	-	7.80	9.80	-	1.11	.970	548
Iowa	195.00	159.00	-	-	-	8.30	10.10	-	1.14	1.004	551
Mo.	150.00	111.00	-	-	-	5.90	7.50	-	.98	.815	650
N.Dak.	194.00	163.00	-	-	-	7.40	9.20	-	1.06	.936	476
S.Dak.	183.00	148.00	-	-	-	7.20	8.90	-	1.05	.915	496
Nebr.	208.00	160.00	-	-	-	7.80	9.90	-	1.07	.959	586
Kans.	189.00	146.00	-	-	-	7.90	9.70	-	1.10	.964	688
W.N.Cent.	186.00	147.00	-	-	-	7.60	9.40	-	1.09	.947	583
Del.	-	-	-	-	7.00	-	9.00	-	1.05	.938	879
Md.	-	-	-	-	6.40	-	7.90	-	1.05	.870	897
Va.	-	-	-	-	5.20	-	6.20	-	.77	.660	733
W.Va.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	5.70	-	.76	.627	503
N. C.	-	-	-	-	4.85	-	5.80	-	.70	.611	716
S. C.	-	-	-	-	3.55	-	4.10	-	.49	.431	594
Ga.	-	-	-	-	4.00	-	4.55	-	.60	.497	582
Fla.	-	-	-	-	5.80	-	6.30	-	.80	.679	714
So. Atl.	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	5.50	-	.68	.582	674
Ky.	-	-	-	-	4.20	-	5.30	-	.74	.527	558
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	3.85	-	4.55	-	.58	.456	518
Ala.	-	-	-	-	3.75	-	4.25	-	.55	.432	546
Miss.	-	-	-	-	3.60	-	4.00	-	.50	.408	499
E.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	3.90	-	4.60	-	.61	.464	531
Ark.	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	5.40	-	.67	.576	585
La.	-	-	-	-	4.50	-	4.90	-	.61	.523	619
Okla.	-	-	-	-	6.90	-	8.10	-	.93	.828	652
Tex.	-	-	-	-	6.00	-	6.70	-	.76	.687	611
W.S.Cent.	-	-	-	-	5.60	-	6.30	-	.73	.650	612
Mont.	227.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.13	.876	483
Idaho	250.00	192.00	-	-	-	-	9.90	-	1.14	.928	572
Wyo.	223.00	161.00	-	-	-	-	9.30	-	1.08	.847	472
Colo.	212.00	160.00	-	-	-	-	9.00	-	1.04	.822	582
N.Mex.	169.00	134.00	-	-	-	-	7.10	-	.78	.646	594
Ariz.	255.00	185.00	-	-	-	-	8.60	-	.95	.835	611
Utah	232.00	200.00	-	-	-	-	9.30	-	1.13	.903	612
Nev.	250.00	165.00	-	-	-	-	9.10	-	1.25	.906	541
Mountain	228.00	174.00	-	-	-	-	8.90	-	1.03	.840	554
Wash.	267.00	216.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.19	1.26	1.214	604
Oreg.	240.00	184.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.11	1.18	1.131	569
Calif.	283.00	215.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.11	1.17	1.136	542
Pacific	275.00	211.00	-	-	-	-	-	1.12	1.19	1.150	551
U. S.	196.00	145.00	36.00	46.75	5.10	6.70	6.40	.90	1.00	.796	618

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just being completed. Combining of Lower Valley sorghum was underway while the last tenth of sorghum acreage in other parts of the State remained to be planted. Second alfalfa cuttings have been baled in east Texas and over most of the State stockmen see grand summer grazing and more hay cuttings ahead.

Mountain area States have farm work in a great variety of stages. Montana crop growth was slowed by cool weather but first alfalfa cutting was making progress there as also in Idaho and Wyoming where sugar beet thinning is nearly finished. Movement of cattle and sheep to high ranges is nearly complete. Much hot, dry weather hurt pastures and crops in parts of Mountain States, especially in central and southern Utah and Nevada. Wheat harvest had reached half-way up the State in eastern Colorado and progressed in eastern plains of New Mexico. Arizona small grain harvest was completed, harvest of flax was underway and alfalfa fourth cuttings were starting in the Salt River Valley. Cantaloupe harvest passed the peak and watermelons continued moving to market.

Pacific Coast States showed many different crop stages. In western Washington grass silage was nearly finished. In eastern parts of the State, first alfalfa cuttings was about completed, winter barley harvest was about ready, cherry harvest was about midway, and thinning of other fruits progressing. Oregon grain harvest was just starting, somewhat later than last year's early start. The Willamette Valley strawberry crop was 75 percent picked with adequate labor. In Umatilla County Oregon the processing pea harvest continued active with labor short. In California barley harvest passed its peak and cotton cultivation had made excellent progress. Harvesting sugar beets was moving ahead in the Imperial Valley. Excellent haying weather benefitted the third cuttings in progress in main areas of the State. Harvest of deciduous tree fruits and grapes continued at earlier than normal stage while old crop citrus harvest was at near usual schedule. Harvest of potatoes was about over in Kern County, active farther north and starting in southern California. Kern County cantaloupe harvest was at peak volume and watermelon supplies increasing.