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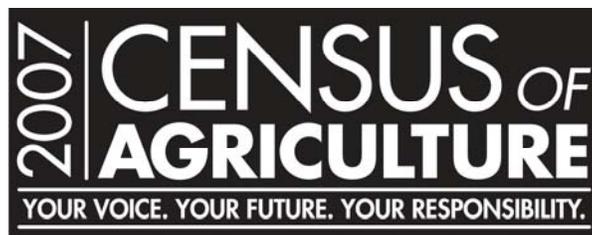
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### January Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 19,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of January 6-12, 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Hired workers worked an average of 40.0 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.40 per hour.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.77 per hour during the January 2008 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$9.64 per hour, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate was \$9.87 per hour. The number of hours worked averaged 38.4 hours for hired workers during the survey week.



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