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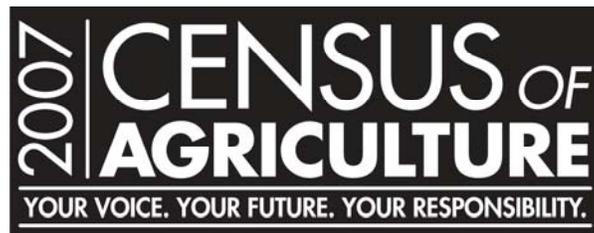
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### October Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 22,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of October 7-13, 2007, down 2,000 from a year ago. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, hired workers worked an average of 50.7 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$9.00 per hour, down fifty five cents from last year at this time.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.33 per hour during the October 2007 reference week, up 37 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.62 per hour, up 36 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.42 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.72 per hour, was up 42 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 42.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up fractionally from a year ago.



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