

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES

APRIL 1999 - APRIL 2000

FARM EMPLOYMENT	APPALACHIAN II ^{1/}					UNITED STATES ^{2/}				
	Apr. 1999	July 1999	Oct. 1999	Jan. 2000	Apr. 2000	Apr. 1999	July 1999	Oct. 1999	Jan. 2000	Apr. 2000
	(1,000)					(1,000)				
Hired Workers:	29	40	31	21	21	867	1,155	989	685	830
Expected to be Employed:										
150 days or more	18	21	14	10	12	670	760	665	540	628
149 days or less	11	19	17	11	9	197	395	324	145	202
Agricultural Services:										
Workers Working on Farms	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	160	319	290	172	217
Hired Farm & Service Workers	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	1,027	1,474	1,279	857	1,047
Hours Worked:										
	(Hours Per Week)					(Hours Per Week)				
Hired Workers	32.0	33.9	32.7	30.6	34.4	39.5	40.5	42.5	38.4	40.4
Wage Rates:										
	(Dollars Per Hour)					(Dollars Per Hour)				
For All Hired Workers ^{4/} ^{5/}	6.72	6.89	6.94	6.76	7.09	7.83	7.58	7.83	8.10	8.12
Type of Worker:										
Field and Livestock Combined	6.39	6.37	6.43	6.44	6.70	7.27	7.08	7.33	7.37	7.58
Field	6.17	6.25	6.01	6.22	6.51	7.23	7.05	7.31	7.25	7.58
Livestock	6.63	6.57	7.14	6.93	6.90	7.39	7.22	7.43	7.61	7.56

^{1/}Appalachian II includes Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. ^{2/}Excludes Alaska. ^{3/}Insufficient data for this category. ^{4/}Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ^{5/}Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES SELECTED STATES, 1998 - 1999 ^{1/} ^{2/}

STATE	ALL HIRED		FIELD		FIELD & LIVESTOCK	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Dollars Per Hour					
Illinois	8.03	8.25	7.62	7.95	7.57	7.73
Indiana	8.37	8.67	7.21	7.56	7.69	7.73
Kentucky	6.58	7.12	6.11	5.97	6.26	6.49
Missouri	6.71	7.33	6.42	6.86	6.39	7.07
Ohio	7.56	7.82	7.37	7.53	7.33	7.51
Tennessee	6.52	6.46	6.51	6.01	6.30	6.17
Virginia	6.94	7.88	6.37	7.42	6.55	7.51
West Virginia	6.60	7.14	6.25	6.81	6.28	6.75

^{1/}Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ^{2/}Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collected from the January, April, July, and October quarterly surveys.