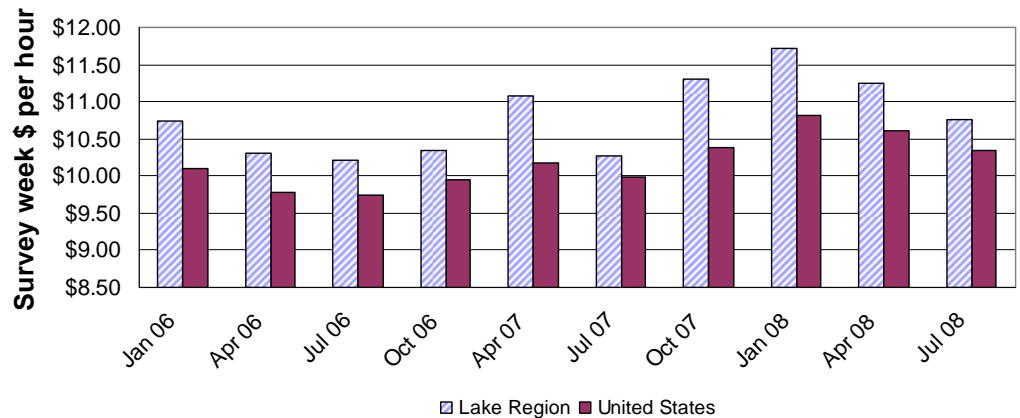


FARM LABOR

Regional and national data for hired workers, hours worked, and wage rates are published quarterly. Minnesota is included in the Lake Region, which also includes Michigan and Wisconsin. Information from the Farm Labor report is used to determine farm labor's role as a component in production costs, evaluate the overall impact of wage rate changes, and to quantify the nation's demand for farm labor.

Farm Labor estimates are made at the U.S. and regional levels in January, April, July, and October for the week including the 12th of the month.

WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS Excluding Agricultural Service Workers



HIRED WORKERS: Annual Average Wage Rates, Minnesota, 2003-2007 1/

Year	All Hired	Field	Field & Livestock
	Dollars per Hour		
2003	10.23	9.80	9.56
2004	10.93	10.13	10.02
2005	11.05	10.70	10.50
2006	11.07	10.16	10.21
2007 2/	--	--	--

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Average Wage Rates were not published at the state level in 2007 because the January Survey was not conducted due to budget constraints.

FARM LABOR: Farm Workers and Wages by Type of Work, Lake Region, 2006-2008 1/

Year and Month	Hired Workers and Hours Worked				Wages, Type of Work			
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	All Hired	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less					
	-----1,000 Workers-----			Hours	-----Dollars Per Hour-----			
2006								
January	43	37	6	37.8	10.73	10.33	9.30	9.69
April	57	40	17	38.0	10.30	9.32	9.94	9.63
July	68	44	24	38.4	10.22	9.37	9.72	9.50
October	57	36	21	39.4	10.35	9.89	9.61	9.80
2007								
January 2/								
April	56	44	12	38.0	11.08	10.11	9.99	10.05
July	78	47	31	40.2	10.26	9.52	9.33	9.44
October	67	42	25	38.9	11.30	10.75	10.64	10.70
2008								
January	40	34	6	33.1	11.72	10.93	10.67	10.75
April	52	39	13	39.0	11.25	10.57	10.78	10.70
July	64	44	20	36.5	10.75	10.10	10.09	10.10

1/ Farm Workers excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Lake Region includes Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

2/ January Agricultural Labor Survey not conducted due to budget constraints.