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## Farm Labor

There were 1,238,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 12-18, 2009, up 6 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. The remaining 363,000 workers were agricultural service employees on farms and ranches. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.64 per hour during the July reference week. This is a 30 cent increase from the previous July. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.03 per hour compared with \$9.98 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.04 an hour, was up 30 cents from the previous year. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago. The Pacific region had one of the largest increases in the number of hired workers from last year in the Nation.

**Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States**  
Weeks of July, 2008 and July 12-18, 2009<sup>1</sup>

United States and region		Hired workers			Number of hours worked	Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
		Number of workers	Expected to be employed			Field	Livestock	Field and livestock	
			150 days or more	149 days or less					
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	
Pacific <sup>2</sup>	2008	110	51	59	40.6	9.85	10.22	9.87	10.35
	2009	117	62	55	40.4	10.93	11.77	11.00	11.43
Mountain I <sup>3</sup>	2008	30	24	6	44.0	10.49	8.98	9.78	10.00
	2009	29	22	7	41.1	9.67	9.33	9.50	10.00
California	2008	160	127	33	45.5	9.85	11.00	10.00	10.74
	2009	170	137	33	46.1	10.10	11.15	10.28	10.98
United States <sup>4</sup>	2008	828	585	243	40.5	9.66	9.98	9.74	10.34
	2009	875	611	264	39.8	10.04	10.03	10.04	10.64

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Oregon and Washington.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes Alaska.

**Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States**

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
<b>Field crops</b>							
Wheat, all	Bu	8.18	5.44	4.78	7.61	5.13	4.72
Wheat, winter	Bu	8.00	5.30	4.70	7.30	4.98	4.44
Wheat, spring	Bu	8.90	5.85	5.30	8.18	5.96	5.23
Barley	Bu	5.08	3.19	3.00	5.46	5.12	4.33
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	3.16	2.03	1.85
Hay, all (baled) <sup>2</sup>	Ton	216.00	136.00	124.00	163.00	116.00	109.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) <sup>2</sup>	Ton	216.00	122.00	114.00	179.00	120.00	111.00
Hay, other (baled) <sup>2</sup>	Ton	215.00	190.00	167.00	121.00	104.00	101.00
Potatoes	Cwt	9.75	7.40	7.70	11.33	9.81	9.90
<b>Vegetables and fruits <sup>1</sup></b>							
Onions, fresh <sup>3</sup>	Cwt	-	-	-	8.52	15.40	11.80
Sweet corn, fresh <sup>3</sup>	Cwt	-	-	-	27.20	37.80	30.90
Pears, fresh	Ton	-	-	-	546.00	526.00	426.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.537	0.178	0.256
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	91.00	74.80	74.80
<b>Livestock and livestock products</b>							
Cows <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	52.00	50.00	48.00	57.60	47.40	46.70
Steers and heifers	Cwt	95.00	83.00	83.00	100.00	85.30	84.60
Beef cattle <sup>5</sup>	Cwt	82.10	78.10	76.00	95.80	81.10	80.30
Calves	Cwt	99.00	93.00	93.00	117.00	110.00	110.00
Lambs <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	98.00	96.00	-	99.90	101.00	-
Sheep <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	27.00	33.00	-	26.60	29.50	-
Milk, all <sup>7</sup>	Cwt	19.20	12.10	12.30	18.40	11.30	11.80
Fat test percent	Pct	3.58	3.60	3.61	3.58	3.54	3.56
Eggs, all <sup>1 2</sup>	Doz	-	-	-	0.963	0.709	0.759
Eggs, market <sup>1 2</sup>	Doz	-	-	-	0.820	0.519	0.579

\* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price. <sup>1</sup> Oregon not published monthly.  
<sup>2</sup> Most recent price is a mid-month price. <sup>3</sup> F.O.B. shipping point. <sup>4</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>5</sup> "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. <sup>6</sup> Entire month. <sup>7</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

**Index summary table**

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009
<b>United States</b>				
Prices received	991	803	156	127
Prices paid	2,544	2,353	191	177
Ratio <sup>1</sup>	-	-	82	72
Parity Ratio <sup>2</sup>	39	34	-	-
<b>Oregon</b>				
Commodity group				
All farm products	1,056	829	177	139
All crops	1,100	850	196	151
Livestock <sup>3</sup>	941	771	129	105

**Feed price ratios: United States, August 2009**

Feed price ratio <sup>1 2</sup>	2008	2009	
	Aug	Jul *	Aug
Broiler Feed	3.3	4.3	3.9
Market egg feed	6.6	5.6	6.5
Hog-corn	11.5	12.0	12.0
Milk-feed	1.81	1.57	1.76
Steer and heifer-corn	19.0	23.7	25.6
Turkey-feed	4.7	5.1	5.3

<sup>1</sup> Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

<sup>2</sup> Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)

<sup>3</sup> Includes livestock and livestock products.

## United States Mushrooms

Sales of 2008-09 U.S. mushroom crop are 817 million pounds, up 1 percent from the 2007-08 season. Value of sales for the 2008-09 U.S. mushroom crop is \$957 million, down 1 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 285, is up 6 from last season. The average price is \$1.17 per pound, down 1 cent from 2007-08.

Volume of sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market is 679 million pounds, virtually unchanged from a year ago. Volume of sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing is 123 million pounds, up 4 percent from last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$909 million, down 1 percent from the previous year and the 2006-07 season.

Volume of sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 9.42 million pounds for the 2008-09 season, down 3 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$3.19 per pound, is up 50 cents from 2007-08. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 5.10 million pounds, is up 19 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.46 per pound, is down 42 cents from the previous season. Volume of Sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, is 979 thousand pounds, down 26 percent from last season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$5.59 per pound, is up 43 cents from 2007-08.

**Specialty Mushrooms: Number of growers, total production,  
volume of sales, price and value of sales, by variety,  
United States, July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Year and variety	Growers <sup>2</sup>	Total production <sup>3</sup>	All sales		
			Volume of sales <sup>4</sup>	Price per pound <sup>5</sup>	Value of sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2006-2007					
Shiitake	160	7,155	6,985	3.36	23,469
Oyster	62	5,265	5,055	2.41	12,185
Other varieties	30	2,180	2,113	4.84	10,231
<b>Total, U.S.</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>14,153</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>45,885</b>
2007-2008					
Shiitake	155	9,848	9,673	2.69	26,049
Oyster	61	4,371	4,253	2.88	12,232
Other varieties	24	1,371	1,330	5.16	6,868
<b>Total, U.S.</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>15,590</b>	<b>15,256</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>45,149</b>
2008-2009					
Shiitake	153	9,682	9,416	3.19	30,038
Oyster	67	5,383	5,056	2.46	12,442
Other varieties	26	1,070	979	5.59	5,470
<b>Total, U.S.</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>16,135</b>	<b>15,451</b>	<b>3.10</b>	<b>47,950</b>

<sup>1</sup> Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or commercial indoor growing areas. <sup>2</sup> Growers counted only once for US total if growing more than one specialty type mushroom. Growers producing Agaricus and specialty mushrooms are included. <sup>3</sup> Total production includes all fresh market and processing sales plus amount harvested but not sold (shrinkage, cullage, dumped, etc). <sup>4</sup> Virtually all specialty mushroom sales are for fresh market. <sup>5</sup> Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the first point of sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, sales, price, and value  
Western States and United States, July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009**

Area and year	Area in production		Volume of sales	Price <sup>1</sup> per pound	Value of sales
	Growing Area	Total Fillings			
	<i>1,000 square feet</i>	<i>1,000 square feet</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
California					
2006-2007	4,919	24,831	117,851	1.59	187,473
2007-2008	4,399	21,764	118,811	1.60	189,615
2008-2009	3,914	20,543	123,919	1.63	202,599
West Region <sup>2</sup>					
2006-2007	7,609	32,714	161,015	1.52	244,007
2007-2008	5,830	29,267	155,530	1.57	243,455
2008-2009	5,127	27,080	159,046	1.61	256,140
United States					
2006-2007	29,901	145,743	813,849	1.12	915,561
2007-2008	26,964	136,011	797,348	1.15	917,607
2008-2009	26,215	134,089	801,523	1.13	909,078

<sup>1</sup> Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold.

<sup>2</sup> West region includes: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Yield and dollars  
per square foot of growing area, by state and  
United States, July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009**

State and region	Yield per square foot		
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Pennsylvania	5.94	6.36	6.49
East <sup>1</sup>	5.90	6.21	6.20
Central <sup>2</sup>	5.04	4.87	4.86
California	4.75	5.46	6.03
West <sup>3</sup>	4.92	5.31	5.87
<b>US</b>	<b>5.58</b>	<b>5.86</b>	<b>5.98</b>
	Dollars per square foot		
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Pennsylvania	5.29	5.80	5.71
East <sup>1</sup>	5.60	6.02	5.74
Central <sup>2</sup>	8.06	8.01	8.28
California	7.55	8.71	9.86
West <sup>3</sup>	7.46	8.32	9.46
<b>US</b>	<b>6.28</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>6.78</b>

<sup>1</sup> East: DE, FL, NY, PA, and TN.

<sup>2</sup> Central: IL, MO, OK, TX, and WI.

<sup>3</sup> West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Brown mushrooms (Portabello and Crimini):  
Number of growers, sales, and value,  
West Region and United States,  
July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Region and year	Growers	Volume of sales	Value
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 lbs</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
West Region <sup>2</sup>			
2006-2007	16	17,098	37,588
2007-2008	17	18,055	37,299
2008-2009	16	19,776	43,187
United States			
2006-2007	58	99,188	139,899
2007-2008	50	105,246	144,258
2008-2009	49	110,957	155,128

<sup>1</sup> Brown mushrooms are part of Agaricus mushrooms.

<sup>2</sup> West region: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Cold Storage holdings, selected commodities, Jul 31, 2008 and Jul 31, 2009**

Commodity	Pacific Region <sup>1</sup>			United States		
	Jul 31, 2008	Jul 31, 2009	2009/2008	Jul 31, 2008	Jul 31, 2009	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	<b>Frozen fruit</b>					
Blueberries	18,124	26,585	147	69,783	105,619	151
Blackberries	*	*	*	36,058	42,717	118
Raspberries, black	*	*	*	1,562	1,576	101
Raspberries, red	45,874	64,437	140	49,092	68,883	140
Strawberries	320,939	369,889	115	379,197	423,143	112
	<b>Fresh fruit</b>					
Apples <sup>2</sup>	226,771	435,050	192	294,358	503,238	171
	<b>Frozen vegetables</b>					
Green beans, regular cut	56,139	65,083	116	122,470	142,893	117
Green beans, French style	14,600	19,276	132	23,244	28,745	124
Corn, cut	110,544	130,668	118	157,387	199,631	127
Corn, cob	56,579	59,970	106	80,325	108,836	135
Green peas	225,583	228,411	101	387,597	437,700	113
	<b>Potatoes</b>					
French fries	376,607	462,788	123	857,916	980,481	114
Other frozen potatoes	68,027	53,858	79	249,587	210,465	84

<sup>1</sup> Oregon, Washington, and California. <sup>2</sup> In regular and controlled atmosphere storage. \*Not published.