

Farm Labor, 2005

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Pennsylvania farmers voluntarily participate in quarterly agricultural labor surveys in January, April, July, and October. These surveys provide data concerning the number of hired farm workers, hours worked, and wage rates. The survey reference week is the seven-day period (Sunday through Saturday) which includes the 12th day of the month. Results for Pennsylvania are published as part of Northeast Region II, which includes Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey.

The total number of workers hired by farm operators in the Northeast II Region during 2005 ranged between a low of

18,000 in January to a high of 50,000 in July. The average hours worked during the survey week by all hired workers varied from 33.7 hours in January 2005 to 39.8 hours in April 2005.

In 2005, all hired workers earned between \$9.65 per hour in April to \$10.00 per hour in October. During the same period, field workers' hourly wage rates ranged between \$8.47 in January to \$9.24 in April. In contrast, livestock workers' hourly wage rates ranged from \$8.62 in both April and October to \$9.37 in July.

Northeast II: Hired Farm Labor, Quarterly, 2001-2005 ^{1 2 3}

Year & Survey Week	All Hired Workers			Wage Rates by Type of Worker				
	Total	Expected to be Employed		Hours Worked During the Week	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	All Hired Workers
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less					
	<i>1,000 Workers</i>			<i>Hours</i>	<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>			
2001								
January 7-13	31	27	4	37.9	7.98	7.01	7.59	8.47
April 8-14	35	28	7	38.4	7.95	6.60	7.60	8.42
July 8-14	50	35	15	40.5	7.41	7.85	7.50	8.23
October 7-13	45	35	10	44.2	7.21	7.33	7.24	7.97
2002								
January 6-12	33	29	4	38.1	8.71	6.88	7.95	8.87
April 7-13	45	35	10	35.7	8.20	7.01	7.78	8.83
July 7-13	46	33	13	42.5	7.87	7.18	7.74	8.35
October 6-12	41	34	7	36.4	8.61	8.17	8.51	9.29
2003								
January 12-18	23	19	4	37.2	9.16	8.34	8.83	9.83
April 6-12	30	23	7	39.3	8.75	8.20	8.63	9.68
July 6-12	45	33	12	40.5	8.18	8.56	8.25	8.93
October 12-18	34	26	8	38.5	8.79	8.27	8.66	9.59
2004								
January 11-17	19	16	3	37.2	8.79	7.73	8.38	9.26
April 11-17	31	25	6	39.3	8.68	8.87	8.73	9.25
July 11-17	52	35	17	37.2	7.90	8.79	8.09	8.81
October 10-16	35	28	7	41.2	8.84	8.90	8.85	9.59
2005								
January 9-15	18	14	4	33.7	8.47	8.76	8.62	9.66
April 10-16	26	22	4	39.8	9.24	8.62	9.05	9.65
July 10-16	50	40	10	39.1	8.71	9.37	8.90	9.79
October 9-15	39	32	7	39.6	9.21	8.62	9.09	10.00

¹ Northeast II Region includes DE, MD, NJ, and PA. ² Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers. ³ Farm labor excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

Pennsylvania: Annual Average Wage Rates for Hired Workers, 2001-2005 ^{1 2}

Year	All Hired	Field	Field and Livestock
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>		
2001	7.93	7.30	7.22
2002	8.50	8.24	7.77
2003	9.50	8.84	8.72
2004	9.13	8.56	8.53
2005	9.76	9.13	9.00

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 for January, April, July, and October.