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Farm Labor Survey Procedures

These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) during the last two weeks of April using sampling procedures to ensure every employer of agricultural workers had a chance of being selected. Two samples of farm operators are selected. First, NASS maintains a list of farms that hire farm workers. Farms on this list are classified by size and type. Those expected to employ large numbers of workers are selected with greater frequency than those hiring few or no workers. A second sample consists of segments of land scientifically selected from an area sampling frame. Each June, highly trained

interviewers locate each selected land segment and identify every farm operating land within the sample segment's boundaries. The name of farms found in these area segments are matched against the NASS list of farms; those not found on the list are included in the labor survey sample to represent all farms. This methodology is known as multiple frame sampling, with an area sample used to measure the incompleteness of the list. The survey reference week was April 7-13, 2002.

All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class and Region, 2001-2002 ¹

Region	April 8-14, 2001					April 7-13, 2002				
	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms
	<40	40-99	100-249	250+		<40	40-99	100-249	250+	
	Dollars per Hour									
North East	7.41	7.51	8.81	9.01	8.72	7.81	7.85	7.53	9.50	8.99
Appalachian	6.58	7.33	7.81	7.60	7.52	7.50	7.84	7.69	8.47	8.15
Southeast	7.51	7.93 ²	7.38	8.26	8.10	6.30	7.56	8.47	8.36	8.27
Lake	9.95	²	7.79	10.0	9.57	11.49	9.97	7.97	9.73	9.88
Cornbelt	8.97	²	7.95	8.83	8.67	9.59	²	8.43	9.83	9.27
Delta	6.77	5.71 ²	7.37	7.35	7.09	7.46 ²	²	8.25	7.26	7.50
Northern Plains	9.85	²	7.90	9.09	8.89	²	8.92	7.23	9.79	9.22
Southern Plains	7.89	7.62	8.37	7.79	7.86	8.02	7.33	7.23	8.23	7.95
Mountain	7.98	7.24	6.81	7.82	7.66	7.44 ²	7.58	7.95	8.55	8.35
Pacific	9.16	8.45	8.23	8.56	8.54	²	9.87	8.70	9.10	9.12
48 States	7.84	7.82	7.88	8.49	8.29	8.67	8.32	8.11	9.00	8.81

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

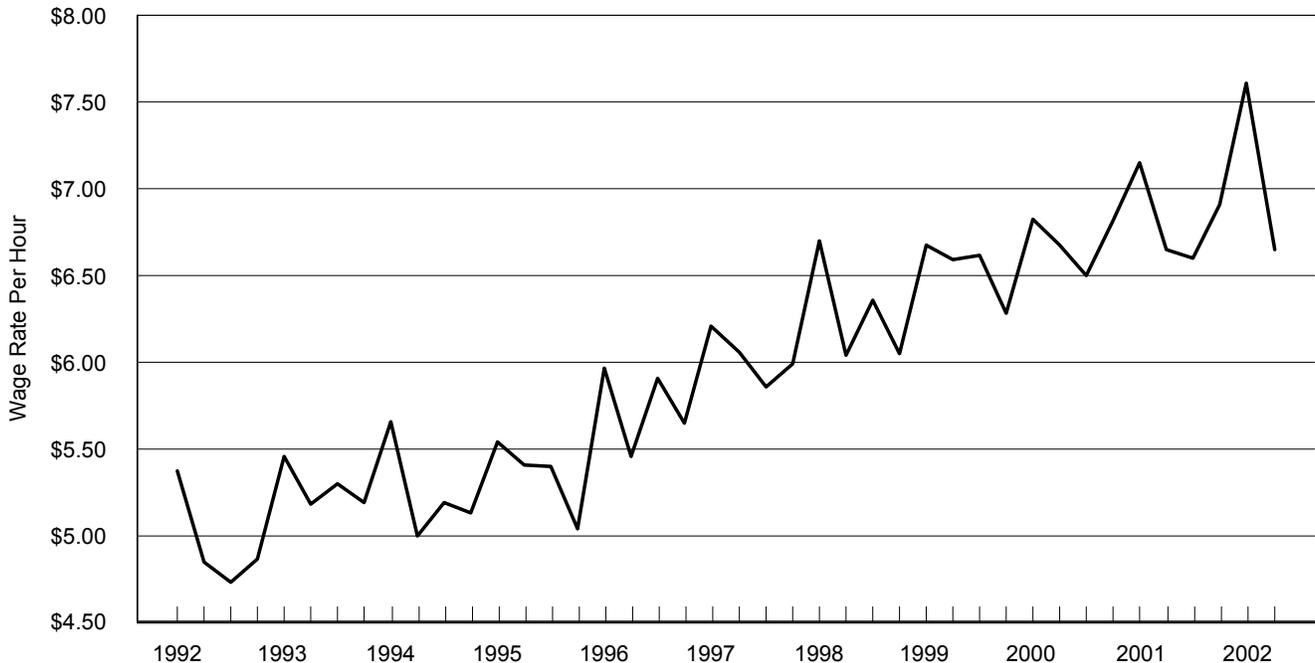
² Insufficient data.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers
by Region and United States, April 7-13, 2002 ¹

United States and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
Dollars Per Hour				
Northeast I	8.35	8.56	8.42	9.14
Northeast II	8.20	7.01	7.78	8.83
Appalachian I	7.42	8.60	7.86	8.45
Appalachian II	6.89	7.87	7.31	7.63
Southeast	7.28	8.29	7.42	7.94
Florida	7.75	7.50	7.72	8.57
Lake	9.43	8.44	9.01	9.88
Cornbelt I	8.59	8.90	8.70	9.23
Cornbelt II	7.84	9.82	8.89	9.34
Delta	7.05	7.06	7.05	7.50
Northern Plains	8.48	8.06	8.31	9.22
Southern Plains	6.92	7.78	7.31	7.95
Mountain I	7.55	7.92	7.80	8.00
Mountain II	8.06	8.58	8.26	8.95
Mountain III	7.51	8.35	7.71	8.21
Pacific	8.18	9.45	8.33	9.10
California	8.33	10.20	8.47	9.13
Hawaii ³	9.40		9.43	11.14
United States ²	8.06	8.43	8.15	8.83

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.
² Excludes AK.
³ Insufficient data for livestock.

Wage Rates for Field and Livestock Workers, by Quarter, Delta Region, 1992-2002 ¹



¹ The Delta Region is composed of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, April 2001-2002

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,644	3,373	1.65	1.34	229	131
Fillets ¹	5,709	5,236	2.80	2.51	520	411
Other ²	1,309	1,356	1.64	1.51	106	105
Total Fresh	10,662	9,965	2.26	1.98	855	647
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,088	1,383	2.01	1.80	888	999
Fillets ¹	9,479	10,337	2.73	2.37	7,248	6,735
Other ²	3,938	3,338	1.70	1.62	2,739	1,943
Total Frozen	14,505	15,058	2.39	2.15	10,875	9,677
Total Fresh & Frozen	25,167	25,023	2.34	2.08	11,730	10,324

¹ Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

² Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2001-2002

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2001	2002	2001	2002
	2001	2002	2001	2002				
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		(000) Pounds	
January	46,999	52,551	46,999	52,551	.693	.549	862	1,037
February	50,257	52,856	97,256	105,407	.696	.555	510	1,048
March	57,766	58,340	155,022	163,747	.697	.565	1,201	414
April	52,478	50,694	207,500	214,441	.694	.561	1,787	
May	51,736		259,236		.687		1,989	
June	47,883		307,119		.669		2,114	
July	47,829		354,948		.656		1,968	
August	51,690		406,638		.624		1,385	
September	49,699		456,337		.610		1,536	
October	52,264		508,601		.596		1,608	
November	44,670		553,271		.566		1,724	
December	43,837		597,108		.554		1,395	

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States, May 1, 2001-2002

Geographic Division	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,010	12,382	103	6,002	5,005	83
East North Central	7,545	7,939	105	9,342	7,407	79
West North Central	22,970	22,168	97	6,988	7,644	109
South Atlantic	241,204	241,598	100	3,543	4,949	140
South Central	336,774	340,212	101	5,472	5,366	98
West	24,151	25,227	104	5,207	5,581	107
United States	644,654	649,526	101	36,554	35,952	98

Egg Production, Selected States and United States, April 2001-2002

State	Total Production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Million Eggs					
Alabama	196	190	62	52	134	138
Arkansas	286	284	103	102	183	182
Florida	222	221	208	209	14	12
Georgia	433	415	257	240	176	175
Illinois	73	75	70	72	3	3
Indiana	496	491	484	479	12	12
Maryland	75	70	70	66	5	4
Minnesota	248	254	239	245	9	9
Mississippi	128	130	41	40	87	90
Nebraska	249	238	249	238	0	0
North Carolina	209	210	78	73	131	137
Oklahoma	78	76	44	42	34	34
Oregon	69	62	67	60	2	2
Pennsylvania	557	534	537	517	20	17
South Carolina	111	113	93	94	18	19
South Dakota	47	48	47	48	0	0
Virginia	67	65	31	30	36	35
United States	7,099	7,081	6,016	5,993	1,083	1,088

Fertilizer and Agricultural Limestone: Prices Paid, by Region and United States, April 2002

Item	Region ¹²					United States
	E. South Central	North Central	Northeast	South Central	Southeast	
	Dollars per Ton					
0-15-40		178				178
0-18-36	176			173		175
0-20-20	201		196	186	173	193
3-10-30		172				172
5-10-10			163		143	146
5-10-15	159				168	165
5-10-30					182	182
5-20-20	177					182
6- 6- 6					224	224
6- 6-18					199	207
6-12-12	156					156
6-24-24	200	215	211			214
8- 8- 8					163	166
10- 6- 4			166			166
10-10-10	134		175		183	174
10-20-10		187	200	190		194
10-20-20			209		210	209
10-34- 0		240	246	222		238
11-52- 0		236	234			246
13-13-13	202	220		192		201
15-15-15	184		211			223
16- 4- 8					235	235
16- 6-12				186		186
16-20- 0				206		243
17-17-17				199	217	212
18-46- 0 (DAP)	223	228	243	212	233	227
19-19-19	206	203	230			207
Ammonium Nitrate	196	180	228	187	222	195
Anhydrous	243	254		231		250
Limestone, Spread	22.50	14.20	29.40	26.80	27.10	19.00
Muriate of Potash						
60-62% K2/O	173	161		165	186	164
Nitrate of Soda					278	282
Nitrogen Solutions	299					
28% N	133	134		132		135
30% N			156		122	127
32% N	136	151		144	127	148
Sulfate of Ammonia		183		179		187
Superphosphate						
44-46% p2/o5/	218	215	259	200	230	221
Urea 44-46%	187	189	232	176		191

¹ East South Central: AL, KY, LA, MS, TN; Mountain: CO, MT, NM, WY; North Central: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, WV; Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD.

² Items left blank were not surveyed.

Feed: Prices Paid, by Region and United States, April 2002

Item	Unit	Farm Production Regions ^{1 2}					
		Appala- chian	Corn Belt	Delta	Southeast	Southern Plains	United States
Dollars							
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt	17.10	13.80	12.80	14.90	15.30	14.40
Alfalfa Pellets	Cwt	16.90	14.00	12.30	16.10	13.70	14.40
Bran	Cwt	15.00	12.30	11.70	16.50	14.30	13.60
Beef Cattle Conc. 32-36% Protein	Ton	301	312	217	277	224	277
Corn Meal	Cwt	8.90	7.50	7.94	9.33	9.23	8.06
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt	15.00	15.40	12.80	14.70	12.80	15.80
Dairy Feed							
14% Protein	Ton		181	150	255	204	175
16% Protein	Ton	178	185	178	174	202	190
18% Protein	Ton	188	212	187	187		194
20% Protein	Ton	183	227	227	173		191
32-38% Protein Conc.	Ton	297	306	261	238	249	298
Hog Feed							
14-18% Protein	Ton	244	211	228	258	245	216
38-42% Protein Conc.	Ton	336	299	309	371	325	307
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt	14.00	16.10	9.68	11.20	9.21	12.90
Poultry Feed							
Broiler Grower	Ton	300	264	248	158	311	259
Chick Starter	Ton	342	272	242	206	301	240
Laying Feed	Tonm	252	238	203	199	257	225
Turkey Grower	Ton	328	279	221	333		264
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt	15.70	12.10	13.90	16.90	15.00	13.50
Stock Salt	50 Lb	5.04	4.11	3.54	4.56	3.99	4.12
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 Lb	5.59	5.44	4.68	5.09	5.00	5.24

¹ Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH; Delta: AR, LA, MS; Lake States: MI, MN, WI; Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT. Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD; Pacific: CA, OR, WA; Southeast, AL, FL, GA, SC; Southern Plains: OK, TX.

² Items left blank were not surveyed.

Fuels: Prices Paid, by Region and United States, April 2002 with Comparisons

Farm Production Region and Month	Unleaded Gasoline ¹		Diesel ^{2,3}	L. P. Gas ²
	Service Station	Bulk Delivery	Bulk Delivery	Bulk Delivery
Dollars per Gallon				
Appalachian	1.32	1.32	0.960	1.104
Corn Belt	1.35	1.39	0.984	0.860
Delta	1.31	1.28	0.882	1.020
Lake States	1.41	1.40	0.996	0.906
Mountain	1.39	1.41	0.965	0.874
Northeast	1.36	1.37	1.028	1.255
Northern Plains	1.41	1.41	0.933	0.765
Pacific	1.53	1.51	1.039	1.204
Southeast	1.35	1.33	0.928	0.927
Southern Plains	1.37	1.38	0.955	0.997
United States				
2002 April	1.36	1.37	0.964	0.925
2001 April	1.43	1.47	1.080	1.160
2000 April	1.47	1.48	1.080	0.963

¹ Includes federal, State and local per gallon taxes.

² Excludes State road taxes, but includes State and local per gallon taxes where applicable.

³ Excludes federal excise tax.

Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected State and United States, 2001-2002 ¹

State	April 2001	March 2002	April 2002	April 2002 as Percent of ²	
				April 2001	March 2002
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	3.4	4.6	4.4	129	96
Arkansas	4.4	5.6	5.3	120	95
Florida	5.0	5.4	5.9	117	109
Georgia	28.7	22.8	22.8	79	100
Kentucky	32.0	35.3	36.8	115	105
Louisiana	1.3	1.4	1.3	95	88
Mississippi	23.5	23.7	24.0	102	101
Missouri	63.9	35.0	39.9	62	114
North Carolina	157.7	167.3	181.1	115	108
Oklahoma	78.6	78.4	83.1	106	106
South Carolina	18.4	20.4	21.7	118	106
Tennessee	17.4	16.2	17.8	102	110
Texas	367.5	367.0	405.1	110	110
United States	3,507.5	3,676.8	3,901.9	111	106

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

Mississippi, Rice Average Yields: 1997-2001

County	Number of Years	Average Yield (lbs)	County	Number of Years	Average Yield (lbs)
Bolivar	5	5,944	Humphreys	5	5,666
Coahoma	5	5,946	Leflore	5	6,057
Quitman	5	5,733	Sharkey	5	6,231
Tallahatchie	5	5,736	Sunflower	5	5,793
Tunica	5	5,882	Washington	5	6,166
District 10	5	5,892	District 40	5	5,975
DeSoto	1	4,852			
Grenada	1	6,133	Other Districts	5	5,854
Panola	1	5,750			
District 20	5	5,529	State Average	5	5,916