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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS JULY QUARTERLY LABOR

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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY** for the week of July 10-16, 2005. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
Director

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 24,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of July 10-16, 2005, no change from last July. Average hours worked by all hired workers increased to 45.6 hours a week compared to 45.0 hours one year ago. Wage rates for field workers were up from last July at \$7.90 an hour, an increase of 45 cents. Livestock worker wages dropped to \$8.11, compared to \$8.24 an hour during July 2004. Overall, average wage rates improved from last year's wages of \$8.34 an hour to \$8.53 an hour.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,332,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 930,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 402,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.39 per hour during the July 2005 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.62 per hour, up 28 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$8.74 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.78 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

**Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., July 2004-2005 ^{1/}**

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Jul 11-17 2004	Jul 10-16 2005	Jul 11- 2004	Jul 10-16 2005	Jul 11-17 2004	Jul 10-16 2005	Jul 11-17 2004	Jul 10-16 2005
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	23	26	24	24	68	63	961	930
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	41.1	42.0	45.0	45.6	37.8	36.5	39.2	40.6
Wages By Work	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	8.63	8.62	7.45	7.90	7.59	8.07	8.34	8.62
Livestock	9.39	8.49	8.24	8.11	8.18	9.06	8.74	9.25
Field & Livestock	8.90	8.58	7.73	7.98	7.81	8.50	8.43	8.78
All Workers	9.47	9.20	8.34	8.53	8.58	9.27	9.04	9.39

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.