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*Contains results from the following surveys:
Farm Labor, Cotton Ginnings, Ag Yield, Hay and Grain Prices*

United States Hired Workers Down 7 Percent, Wage Rates Up 4 Percent From a Year Ago

Southern Plains:

An estimated 45,000 hired workers were on Oklahoma and Texas farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2008. Of the total hired workers, 35,000 were expected to be employed more than 150 days, while the remaining 10,000 were expected to be employed less than 150 days. Hired workers averaged 42.1 hours of work at an average wage rate of \$9.72 per hour during the survey week. Field workers averaged \$8.51 per hour, a 16 cent increase from the same quarter last year and livestock worker's wage rate increased 33 cents from the same quarter last year up to \$9.74 per hour. Last year at the same time, 50,000 hired workers averaged \$9.22 per hour.

United States:

There were 919,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2008, down 7 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$10.60 per hour during the April 2008 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.65 per hour, up 30 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.32 per hour compared with \$9.59 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.87 per hour, was up 45 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, slightly from a year ago.

Farm labor: Employment and Wage Rates, Oklahoma and United States, April 6-12, 2008 with Comparisons

Item		Southern Plains ¹			United States ²		
		Apr 8-14 2007	Jan 6-12 2008	Apr 6-12 2008	Apr 8-14 2007	Jan 6-12 2008	Apr 6-12 2008
Workers Hired (Thousands)	150 Days or More	38	52	35	593	*506	563
	149 Days or Less	12	7	10	143	88	137
	Total	50	59	45	736	*594	700
Agricultural Services Workers	Working on Farm	–	–	–	253	179	219
	Hired Farm and Service	–	–	–	989	*773	919
Hours Worked – Hired (Hours per week)		37.9	38.4	42.1	40.7	38.4	41.0
Wage Rates (Dollars per hour)	For Field Workers	8.35	8.49	8.51	9.35	*9.67	9.65
	For Livestock Workers	9.41	10.03	9.74	9.59	*10.18	10.32
	Field and Livestock Combined	8.80	9.30	9.05	9.42	*9.88	9.87
	For All Hired ³	9.22	9.81	9.72	10.20	*10.81	10.60

¹ Southern Plains region consists of Oklahoma and Texas.

² Excludes Alaska and agricultural service workers.

³ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rate.

*Revised.

**Cotton Ginnings: All Cotton Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters)
By State and United States, Crop Years 2004-2007**

Type and State	2004	2005	2006	2007
All Cotton				
AL	797,350	831,750	668,600	397,300
AZ	678,350	579,050	529,950	484,650
AR	2,016,500	2,099,700	2,419,500	1,807,150
CA	2,414,850	1,590,250	1,438,200	1,415,050
FL	92,900	112,100	148,150	102,250
GA	1,749,800	2,101,650	2,285,750	1,620,550
KS	65,350	92,350	117,800	51,300
LA	888,250	1,105,650	1,257,000	695,800
MS	2,274,250	2,089,300	2,029,450	1,271,250
MO	808,700	864,400	994,100	785,550
NM	67,750	72,300	61,050	60,700
NC	1,324,150	1,398,300	1,257,600	763,650
OK	289,050	341,000	183,750	281,900
SC	369,100	391,500	402,650	148,650
TN	958,550	1,083,250	1,310,900	586,600
TX	7,618,050	8,333,750	5,751,650	8,144,900
VA	142,600	166,750	141,500	95,900
US	22,555,550	23,253,050	20,997,600	18,713,150
American-Pima				
AZ	5,300	6,750	13,350	4,450
CA	656,200	537,300	660,600	766,300
NM	17,650	20,650	21,650	10,350
TX	37,750	42,300	41,550	42,150
US	716,900	607,000	737,150	823,250

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State Wheat Forecast Up 6 Percent From May

Oklahoma:

The State's wheat production as of June 1, 2008, is forecast at 157.5 million bushels, up 6 percent last month, and 61 percent above last year according to the USDA-NASS Oklahoma Field Office. Acres harvested for grain, at 4.5 million acres, are up 1 million acres from last year. Average yield is forecast at 35.0 bushels per acre, 7 bushels above 2007.

United States:

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and 20 percent above 2007. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 40.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Selected states, their winter wheat production and percent change from last year, include: **Kansas**, 357.2 million bushels, up 26 percent; **Washington**, 108.4 million bushels, down slightly; **Texas**, 105.0 million bushels, down 27 percent; and **Colorado**, 63 million bushels, down 33 percent.

Winter Wheat Acreage, Yield and Production, Oklahoma and United States, June 1, 2008 Forecast and Final 2007

Region	Planted For All Purposes		Harvested For Grain		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
Oklahoma	5,900	5,700	3,500	4,500	28.0	35.0	98,000	157,500
United States	44,987	46,840	35,952	40,162	42.2	45.3	1,515,989	1,817,364

Wheat Production, Oklahoma, June 1, 2008 Forecast and Final 2007, by District

Year	Panhandle	West Central	Southwest	North Central	Central	South Central	Other Districts
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>						
2007	23,400	17,350	28,500	17,600	9,250	700	1,200
2008	11,100	26,000	38,100	55,300	19,100	2,000	5,900

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Average Prices Received by Farmers, Oklahoma and United States, May 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Oklahoma			United States			Parity Prices May 2008 ¹
		May 2007	Apr 2008	Mid-May 2008	May 2007	Apr 2008	Mid-May 2008	
Winter Wheat	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	4.49	8.32	7.38	4.77	9.61	7.76	13.10
Grain Sorghum	<i>Dollars per Hundredweight</i>	6.05	9.38	9.03	6.49	9.30	9.18	14.70
Corn	<i>Dollars per Bushel</i>	–	–	–	3.49	5.15	5.12	8.25
Hay, Alfalfa (Baled) ²	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	150.00	136.00	136.00	144.00	157.00	177.00	–
Hay, All Other (Baled) ²	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	94.00	63.00	67.00	116.00	140.00	134.00	–
Beef Cattle	<i>Dollars per Hundredweight</i>	99.00	94.40	98.20	92.80	86.60	90.50	250.00
Cows	<i>Dollars per Hundredweight</i>	52.90	52.70	54.90	51.70	50.50	53.10	–
Steers & Helpers	<i>Dollars per Hundredweight</i>	103.00	98.00	102.00	98.10	91.60	95.40	–
Calves	<i>Dollars per Hundredweight</i>	124.00	114.00	117.00	124.00	116.00	116.00	362.00
All Hogs	<i>Dollars per Hundredweight</i>	45.20	33.20	44.90	53.10	44.10	54.10	137.00

¹ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956.

² Mid-month.

Index Numbers – Prices Received and Paid by Farmers, United States, May 2008 with Comparisons

	United States		
	May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
	<i>Index (1990-1992=100)</i>		
Prices Received	136	145	150
All Crops	140	168	172
Livestock & Products	132	127	132
Prices Paid	161	181	184
Ratio ¹	84	80	82

¹ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid for all Items.

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