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FARM LABOR

FARM LABOR WAGE RATES, PACIFIC REGION & UNITED STATES 1/2/

Month/Year	Number of Workers 3/			Hours Worked 3/		
	Pacific	California	United States	Pacific	California	United States
	1,000 Workers			Hours Per Week		
January 2001	43	203	691	35.7	37.3	37.3
April	61	168	804	38.8	42.1	40.2
July	97	242	1,039	40.1	44.3	39.9
October	89	255	991	39.4	46.7	41.7
January 2002	48	186	707	34.6	42.1	38.5
April	69	245	890	38.4	43.7	40.2
July	98	280	1,006	39.0	46.0	40.0
October	77	270	940	39.2	45.5	40.4
January 2003	48	235	729	37.7	40.8	37.7
April	52	220	781	40.3	43.1	40.1
July	110	* 225	* 943	36.3	* 45.7	* 39.8
October	76	230	891	37.6	42.7	40.2

Month/ Year	WAGE RATES 3/											
	Field			Livestock			Field & Livestock			All		
	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.
	Dollars Per Hour											
Jan '01	7.96	7.79	7.76	8.81	8.68	8.07	8.13	7.95	7.87	9.06	8.78	8.66
Apr	7.75	7.82	7.61	8.75	9.02	8.01	7.87	7.96	7.71	8.40	8.59	8.31
Jul	8.41	7.97	7.70	9.40	9.49	7.89	8.50	8.10	7.75	8.88	8.76	8.29
Oct	9.34	7.91	8.01	9.87	9.56	8.39	9.39	8.04	8.09	9.70	8.57	8.59
Jan '02	8.18	8.25	8.25	9.64	9.69	8.20	8.42	8.36	8.23	9.21	9.22	8.97
Apr	8.18	8.33	8.06	9.45	10.20	8.43	8.33	8.47	8.15	9.10	9.13	8.83
Jul	8.32	8.18	7.90	10.65	9.65	8.38	8.86	8.32	8.02	9.36	8.87	8.57
Oct	8.91	8.60	8.34	9.36	9.30	8.42	8.99	8.68	8.36	9.47	9.39	8.95
Jan '03	8.63	8.22	8.30	9.93	10.10	8.90	8.87	8.46	8.50	9.71	9.44	9.34
Apr	8.82	8.33	8.40	9.28	10.15	8.75	8.90	8.48	8.49	9.34	9.22	9.16
Jul	8.03	* 8.43	* 8.17	10.95	* 9.65	* 8.57	8.32	* 8.55	* 8.26	8.74	* 9.22	8.88
Oct	8.90	8.37	8.42	10.10	9.80	8.64	9.11	8.54	8.47	9.62	9.13	9.05

1/ Pacific Region includes Washington and Oregon. * Revised.

2/ United States excludes Alaska.

3/ All hired farm workers and wage rates includes supervisor/manager and other workers which are not published separately.
The farm labor reference week is the week that included the 12th of the month.

CATTLE ON FEED, 1,000 HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, 2003

ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL
Cattle on Feed, Oct. 1 1/	270	190	10,213
Placed on Feed During Oct.	88	51	2,781
Fed Cattle Marketed During Oct.	60	45	1,855
Other Disappearances during Oct. 2/	3	1	101
Cattle on Feed, Nov. 1 1/	295	195	11,038

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION

Washington's egg production totaled 110 million during October 2003, up slightly from the 109 million produced in 2002. All layers in Washington during October 2003 totaled 4,872,000, down 5 percent from a year ago. Five percent of the layers were being molted as of November 1, while 48.5 percent of all the layers had completed at least one molting in their lifetime. United States egg production totaled 7.39 billion during October 2003, down slightly from the 7.41 billion produced in 2002. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs. All layers in the United States during October 2003 totaled 333.3 million layers, down 1 percent from a year ago. Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during October totaled 35.0 million, up 9 percent from October 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on November 1, 2003, down 2 percent from a year ago.

LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION OCTOBER 2002-03, SELECTED STATES

State & Year 1/		All Layers 2/	Eggs Per 100 Layers 2/	Egg Production	November 1 3/	
					Being Molted	Molt Complete 1/
		Thousand	Number	Million	Percent	
California	2002	23,664	2,214	524	5.0	28.5
	2003	19,622	2,263	444	1.5	37.5
Oregon	2002	2,856	2,311	66	0.0	29.0
	2003	3,027	2,346	71	2.0	40.0
Washington	2002	5,129	2,125	109	14.5	43.5
	2003	4,872	2,258	110	5.0	48.5
30 State Total 4/	2002	316,743	2,190	6,938	3.8	23.2
	2003	310,944	2,219	6,900	3.5	23.8
Other States	2002	21,416	2,213	474	3.5	26.5
	2003	22,307	2,206	492	2.6	28.4
United States	2002	338,159	2,192	7,412	3.8	23.5
	2003	333,251	2,218	7,392	3.4	24.1

1/ 2003 preliminary, 2002 revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table eggs and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ As of the first of the month.

4/ Thirty states include AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, & WI.

Apples (Regular & Controlled Atmosphere) Stocks in Cold Storage, October 31

State	October 31						
	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds						
Washington	1,602,158	3,486,800	3,462,352	4,450,003	3,700,000	3,990,000	3,700,000
New York	297,822	360,024	326,174	321,342	309,834	214,536	478,404
Michigan	435,708	330,330	487,000	416,923	484,244	237,062	376,740
Pennsylvania	359,595	287,548	287,742	254,385	342,831	222,436	291,284
Other States	972,993	646,459	822,686	905,200	727,453	119,602	123,456
United States	3,668,276	5,111,161	5,385,954	6,347,853	5,564,362	5,248,551	5,418,294

COLD STORAGE

Washington State has always lead the United States in apple production and apple stocks. Over the past three decades, October 31 stocks have risen from slightly less than half of the U.S. total to almost two thirds. (Spring frosts during April and May 1985 reduced the output in that year). October 31 apple stocks in New York, Michigan, and Pennsylvania have remained fairly steady since 1970.

Total fresh apples in storage for the United States on October 31, 2003, totaled 5,418.3 million pounds, (129.0 million boxes). The quantity in storage was 3 percent above last year's level. Frozen french fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast States and eight Mountain States on October 31, 2003, totaled 676.5 million pounds, and accounted for 69 percent of the nation's french fries in storage.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2002	Sep. 30, 2003	Oct. 31, 2003
	Thousand Pounds		
Apples, Fresh			
Regular Storage	1,400,871	891,359	1,713,338
Controlled Atmosphere	3,847,680	1,787,301	3,704,956
48 State Total	5,248,551	2,678,660	5,418,294
Potatoes, French Fries			
Mountain	249,538	191,008	203,708
Pacific	482,710	423,188	472,790
48 States	994,421	895,402	974,352
Potatoes, Total			
Mountain	303,847	245,186	258,934
Pacific	595,896	550,468	615,070
48 States	1,252,157	1,153,673	1,254,530

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Washington state during October totaled 460 million pounds, 2,000 pounds less than in October 2002. September production, at 455 million pounds, was lower than September 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,885 pounds for October, 15 pounds above October 2002. The number of cows on farms in Washington was 244,000 head, 3,000 head less than October 2002.

Item	Month/Year	Idaho	Washington	20 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	Oct. 2002	391	247	7,789
	Sep. 2003 *	413	244	7,744
	Oct. 2003	413	244	7,719
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	Oct. 2002	1,760	1,870	1,539
	Sep. 2003 *	1,780	1,865	1,503
	Oct. 2003	1,820	1,885	1,550
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	Oct. 2002	688	462	11,991
	Sep. 2003 *	735	455	11,643
	Oct. 2003	752	460	11,965

1/ AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, & WI.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

* Revised.