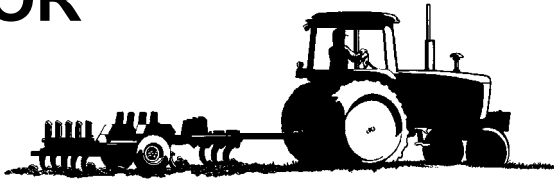


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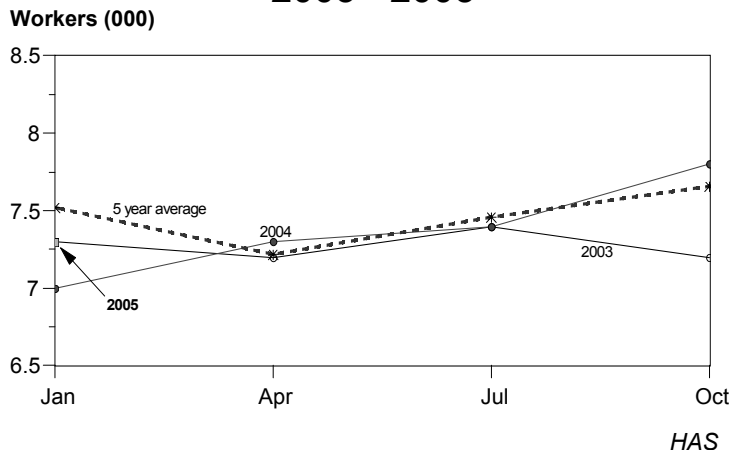
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## AGRICULTURAL HIRED WORK FORCE 4 PERCENT HIGHER

Hawaii's agricultural hired work force totaled **7,300** during the January 9-15, 2005, survey week. According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics*, this was 4 percent above January 2004, but 6 percent below October 2004. The diversified agricultural sector, with 5,600 workers, accounted for over 75 percent of the total hired work force. The sugar industry employed 550 farm workers during the survey week, while the pineapple industry employed 1,150 farm workers. Sugar and pineapple figures do not include mill and cannery workers.

## AGRICULTURAL HIRED WORKERS STATE OF HAWAII 2003 - 2005



The average wage paid to all hired workers during the January survey period was \$11.52 an hour, 41 cents more than January 2004. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.98 an hour, 59 cents above a year ago.

Farms employing from 1 to 9 workers paid an average of \$10.75 per hour for all hired workers, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.35 an hour.

The annual average island breakdown of worker numbers will be published in the November report.

## HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS, STATE OF HAWAII, January 2005<sup>1</sup>

Quarter	Hired workers			
	Total	Sugar	Pineapple	Other
January 11-17, 2004 . . . . .	7,000	650	1,150	5,200
October 10-16, 2004 . . . . .	7,800	700	1,200	5,900
<b>January 9-15, 2005 . . . . .</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>5,600</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for week includes the 12th of each survey month.

## HOURLY WAGE RATE by Type of Worker, January 2005 <sup>1</sup>

Quarter	All hired farm workers				Field & Livestock workers			
	Hawaii		California	United States	Hawaii		California	United States
	Farms with 1 - 9 workers	All farms			Farms with 1 - 9 workers	All farms		
	Dollars							
January 11-17, 2004	8.94	11.11	9.47 <sup>2</sup>	9.41	8.28	9.39	8.54	8.55
January 9-15, 2005	10.75	11.52	9.94	9.81	9.35	9.98	8.88	8.91

<sup>1</sup> Perquisite such as room and board, housing, etc. are provided some workers in all categories, but the values are not included in the wage rates.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

## U.S. Hired Workers Down 12 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 749,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2005, down 12 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 574,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 175,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.81 per hour during the January 2005 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.73 per hour, up 34 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.19 per hour compared with \$8.83 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.91 per hour, was up 36 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 36.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

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