

## Labor: Number of Hired Workers Down 2 Percent

Hawaii's hired agricultural workforce totaled 6,300 workers during the January 10-16, 2010 survey week, down 2 percent from October's survey week, but up 5 percent from last January. Number of hired sugarcane and pineapple workers decreased 12 percent from October, while all other hired workers showed no change.

Hawaii's total farm workforce is estimated at 11,200 during the survey week of January 10-16, 2010. This represented an increase of less than 1 percent from October, and 7 percent more than last January.

The number of self-employed operators totaled 3,800 during January 2010's survey week, up 4 percent from the previous survey period in October and 9 percent from a year ago.

The average wage paid to all hired workers during the survey week of January 10-16, 2010 was estimated at \$14.14 per hour, up 4 percent from October, and 11 percent from a year ago.

Hawaii farms having 1 to 9 hired workers paid an average of \$10.56 per hour; less than a 1 percent increase compared to October's average wage, but a decrease of 1 percent from last year. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$10.55 an hour. This is an increase of 1 percent from October and 2 percent from last year. ■

### FARM LABOR: Wage rates for type of workers and all hired workers, State of Hawaii and United States, January 10-16, 2010 with comparison <sup>1</sup>

Quarter	All Hired Farm Workers			Field and Livestock Workers		
	Hawaii		United States <sup>2</sup>	Hawaii		United States <sup>2</sup>
	Farms With 1-9 Workers	All Farms		Farms With 1-9 Workers	All Farms	
<i>Dollars per hour</i>						
Jan 11-17, 2009	10.71	12.69	10.93	10.36	10.93	10.08
Jan 10-16, 2010	10.56	14.14	11.06	10.55	11.82	10.19

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Excludes Alaska.

### FARM LABOR: Number of workers on farms, quarterly and annual averages, State of Hawaii, 2009 and 2010 <sup>1</sup>

Quarter	Total Farm Workforce	Number of Farm Workers by Type				
		Self-employed Farm Operators	Unpaid Workers <sup>2</sup>	Hired Workers		
				Total	Sugarcane and Pineapple <sup>3</sup>	Other
<b>2009</b>						
January	10,500	3,500	1,000	6,000	900	5,100
April	10,300	3,300	900	6,100	900	5,200
July	10,400	3,400	900	6,100	900	5,200
October	11,150	3,650	1,100	6,400	850	5,550
Annual average	10,600	3,500	1,000	6,200	900	5,300
<b>2010</b>						
January	11,200	3,800	1,100	6,300	750	5,550

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for each quarter are based on a survey week that includes the 12th day of the month. Annual averages are based on quarterly estimates.

<sup>2</sup> Unpaid workers include family members and others working 15 or more hours per week. <sup>3</sup> Data combined to avoid disclosure of individual