

## Farm Labor: Number of Hired Workers Unchanged

Hawaii's hired agricultural workforce totaled 6,300 workers during the April 11-17, 2010 survey week, unchanged from January's survey week, but up 3 percent from last April. Number of hired sugarcane and pineapple workers along with all other hired workers remained the same from January.

### Total farm workforce down

Hawaii's total farm workforce is estimated at 10,800 during the survey week of April 11-17, 2010. This was down 4 percent from January 2010 but up 5 percent from April 2009.

The number of self-employed operators totaled 3,600 during April 2010's survey week, down 5 percent from the previous survey period in January but up 9 percent from a year ago.

### Average wage rate increases

The average wage paid to all hired workers during the survey week of April 11-17, 2010 was estimated at \$13.99 per hour, down 1 percent from January, but up 5 percent from a year ago.

Hawaii farms having 1 to 9 hired workers paid an average of \$12.68 per hour, up 20 percent compared to January 2010's average wage, and an increase of 16 percent from April 2009. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$11.43 an hour. This is an 8 percent increase from January and up 11 percent from last year. ■

### FARM LABOR: Wage Rates For Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, State of Hawaii and United States, April 11-17, 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	
Apr 12-18, 2009	10.97	13.36	10.84	10.28	11.40	10.07
<b>Apr 11-17, 2010</b>	<b>12.68</b>	<b>13.99</b>	<b>10.83</b>	<b>11.43</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>10.13</b>

*Dollars per hour*

<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
<b>April</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>5,550</b>

<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 operations.