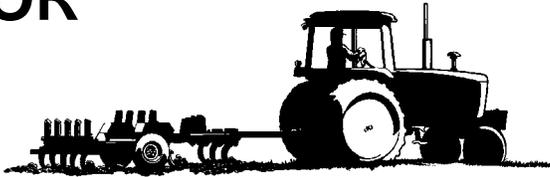


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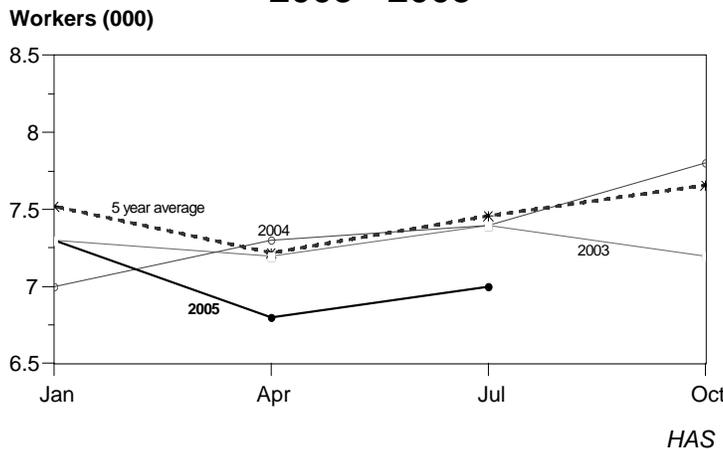
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## AGRICULTURAL HIRED WORK FORCE DOWN 5 PERCENT

Hawaii's agricultural hired work force totaled **7,000** during the July 10-16, 2005, survey week. According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics*, this was 5 percent below July 2004, but 3 percent above April 2005. The diversified agricultural sector, with 5,200 workers, accounted for almost 75 percent of the total hired work force. The sugar industry employed 700 farm workers during the survey week, while the pineapple industry employed 1,100 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 July survey period was \$11.76 an hour, 30 cents more than July 2004. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$10.05 an hour, 15 cents above a year ago.

Farms employing from 1 to 9 workers paid an average of \$9.68 per hour for all hired workers, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.08 an hour.

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

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

Quarter	Hired workers			
	Total	Sugar	Pineapple	Other
July 11-17, 2004 .....	7,400	750	1,300	5,350
April 10-16, 2005 .....	6,800	700	1,050	5,050
<b>July 10-16, 2005 .....</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>5,200</b>

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

## HOURLY WAGE RATE by Type of Worker, July 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							
July 11-17, 2004 . . .	11.21	11.46	9.26 <sup>2</sup>	9.04 <sup>2</sup>	9.05	9.90	8.60 <sup>2</sup>	8.43 <sup>2</sup>
July 10-16, 2005 . . .	9.68	11.76	9.69	9.39	9.08	10.05	9.01	8.78

<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 Up 2 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,332,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 930,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 402,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.39 per hour during the July 2005 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.62 per hour, up 28 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$8.74 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.78 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

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