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## Number of workers increase

Hawaii's agricultural hired work force totaled 7,000 during the July 9-15, 2006 survey week, unchanged from a year ago, but up 3 percent from the previous survey week of April 9-15, 2006. All segments of the agricultural labor force shared in the increase. Diversified agricultural workers accounted for 76 percent of all farm labor and at 5,350 workers, it was up 1 percent from April 2006. The sugarcane industry employed 650 farm workers (does not include mill workers) during the survey week, up 8 percent from April 2006. Farm workers in the pineapple industry increased 11 percent from the previous quarter to 1,000 (does not include cannery workers).

### Average wage rate up 5 percent

The average wage paid to all hired workers during the July survey period was a record high \$12.31 an hour (see table on next page), 55 cents more than July 2005. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers also set a new record high at \$10.38 an hour, 33 cents above a year ago.

Farms employing from 1 to 9 workers paid an average of \$10.66 per hour for all hired workers, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$8.98 an hour. ■

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**Hired workers on farms  
State of Hawaii, quarterly and annual averages <sup>1/</sup>**

Quarter	Number of hired workers			
	Total	Sugarcane	Pineapple	Other
<b>2005</b>				
January.....	7,300	550	1,150	5,600
April .....	6,800	700	1,050	5,050
July .....	7,000	700	1,100	5,200
October.....	6,800	650	1,100	5,100
Annual average	7,000	700	1,100	5,200
<b>2006</b>				
January.....	7,100	650	1,050	5,400
April.....	6,800	600	900	5,300
July .....	7,000	650	1,000	5,350
October .....				
Annual average				

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

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**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers for Hawaii, California, and United States, July 9-15, 2006 with Comparison. <sup>1/</sup>**

Quarter	All Hired Farm Workers				Field and Livestock Workers			
	Hawaii		California	United States <sup>2/</sup>	Hawaii		California	United States <sup>2/</sup>
	Farms With 1-9 Workers	All Farms			Farms With 1-9 Workers	All Farms		
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>							
July 10-16, 2005	9.68	11.76	9.68	9.38	9.08	10.05	9.00	8.78
July 9-15, 2006	10.66	12.31	9.96	9.74	8.98	10.38	9.20	9.10

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

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes Alaska.

**U.S. hired workers down 11 percent from a year ago**

There were 1,202,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2006, down 11 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 327,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.74 per hour during the July 2006 reference week, up 36 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.95 per hour, up 34 cents

from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.56 per hour compared with \$9.26 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.10 per hour, was up 32 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago. ■

Source: *Farm Labor*, August 18, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture.