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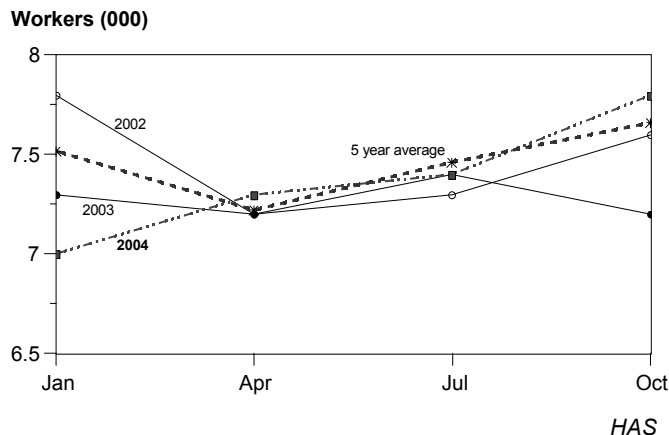
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## AVERAGE AGRICULTURAL HIRED WORK FORCE ABOVE YEAR AGO October 2004 Hired Work Force 8 Percent More Than A Year Ago

### AGRICULTURAL HIRED WORKERS STATE OF HAWAII 2002 - 2004



Hawaii's agricultural hired work force, at the farm level, totaled **7,800** during the October 10-16, 2004 survey week. According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics*, this was 8 percent and 5 percent above October 2003 and July 2004, respectively. The diversified agricultural sector, with 5,900 workers, accounted for over 75 percent of the hired work force. The sugar and pineapple industry employed 700 and 1,200 workers, respectively. Sugar and pineapple figures do not include mill and cannery workers.

The annual average number of hired workers, working in agriculture during 2004 (the average of the 4 quarterly surveys: January, April, July, and October) was 7,400, an increase of 1 percent from 2003.

The average wage paid to all hired workers during the October survey period was \$11.52 an hour, 4 cents less than October 2003 but 6 cents more than July 2004. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$10.01 an hour, 13 cents and 11 cents more than a year ago and the previous quarter, respectively.

Farms employing from 1 to 9 workers paid an average of \$10.50 per hour, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.45 an hour.

The annual average wage rate for all hired workers during 2004 was \$11.34 an hour, 1 cent higher than 2003, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.75 an hour, 15 cents more.

## HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS, STATE OF HAWAII, October 2004 <sup>1</sup>

Quarter	Hired workers			
	Total	Sugar	Pineapple	Other
October 12-18, 2003 . . . . .	7,200	800	1,100	5,300
July 11-17, 2004 . . . . .	7,400	750	1,300	5,350
<b>October 10-16, 2004 . . . . .</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>5,900</b>

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

## ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON FARMS, STATE OF HAWAII, 2000-2004 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Total farm workers <sup>2</sup>	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers <sup>3</sup>	Hired workers			
				Total <sup>2</sup>	Sugar	Pineapple	Other
2000	11,900	3,100	1,000	7,800	1,000	1,200	5,600
2001	11,800	3,300	1,100	7,400	800	1,200	5,500
2002	NA	NA	NA	7,500	900	1,300	5,400
2003	NA	NA	NA	7,300	700	1,200	5,300
<b>2004</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>5,500</b>

<sup>1</sup> Averages are based on January, April, July, and October surveys.

<sup>2</sup> Sum of hired workers by type of farm may not add to hired workers total due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Includes family members and others working 15 or more hours per week.

NA = Not available, data series discontinued starting July 2002.

## ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON FARMS, BY ISLANDS, 2000-2004 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers <sup>2</sup>	Hired workers	Year	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers <sup>2</sup>	Hired workers
<b>Hawaii</b>				<b>Maui</b>			
2000	1,800	550	2,700	2000	500	150	2,000
2001	1,950	550	2,650	2001	500	150	1,800
2002	NA	NA	2,450	2002	NA	NA	2,250
2003	NA	NA	2,750	2003	NA	NA	1,650
<b>2004</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1,850</b>
<b>Kauai</b>				<b>Honolulu</b>			
2000	300	50	950	2000	500	200	2,200
2001	350	150	650	2001	550	250	2,300
2002	NA	NA	750	2002	NA	NA	2,100
2003	NA	NA	750	2003	NA	NA	2,150
<b>2004</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>2,200</b>

<sup>1</sup> Averages are based on the January, April, July, and October surveys.

<sup>2</sup> Includes family members and others working 15 or more hours per week.

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## U.S. Hired Workers Down 2 Percent, Wage Rates Up 3 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,173,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2004, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 851,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 322,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.30 per hour during the October 2004 reference week, up 25 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.60 per hour, up 18 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$8.91 per hour compared with \$8.64 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.67 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.5 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

### ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON FARMS, UNITED STATES, 2002-2004 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Number of workers			Wage Rate		
	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers <sup>2</sup>	Hired workers	All hired	Field workers	Field & livestock workers
	-----	1,000 workers	-----	-----	Dollars per hour	-----
<b>California</b>						
2002	NA	NA	245.2	9.14	8.34	8.46
2003	NA	NA	227.5	9.25	8.34	8.50
<b>2004</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>9.32</b>	<b>8.40</b>	<b>8.56</b>
<b>United States</b>						
2002	NA	NA	885.7	8.81	8.12	8.18
2003	NA	NA	836.0	9.08	8.31	8.42
<b>2004</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>825.2</b>	<b>9.22</b>	<b>8.45</b>	<b>8.55</b>

<sup>1</sup> Averages are based on January, April, July, and October surveys.

<sup>2</sup> Includes family members and others working 15 or more hours per week.  
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### HOURLY WAGE RATE by Type of Worker, October 2004 <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							
October 12-18, 2003	9.42	11.56	9.13	9.05	8.76	9.88	8.54	8.47
October 10-16, 2004	10.50	11.52	9.28	9.30	9.45	10.01	8.57	8.67

<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.

**ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE by Type of Worker, 2000-2004 <sup>1 2</sup>**

Year	All farms		Farms with 1 - 9 workers	
	All hired workers	Field / livestock	All hired workers	Field / livestock
			Dollars	
2000	10.62	9.05	8.65	7.69
2001	10.83	9.29	8.86	8.15
2002	11.07	9.42	9.66	8.26
2003	11.33	9.60	9.62	8.52
<b>2004</b>	<b>11.34</b>	<b>9.75</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>8.99</b>

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<sup>2</sup> The annual average wage rate is based on the January, April, July, and October surveys, weighted by the number of hours worked during each of the survey week.

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