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Number of hired workers remains stable

Hawaii's agricultural hired work force totaled 7,000 during the October 8-14 2006 survey week, 3 percent more than a year ago, but unchanged from the previous survey week of July 9-15, 2006. Diversified agricultural workers accounted for 77 percent of all farm labor and at 5,400 workers, it was up 1 percent from July 2006. The sugarcane industry employed 650 farm workers (does not include mill workers) during the survey week, unchanged from July 2006. Farm workers in the pineapple industry decreased 5 percent from the previous quarter to 950 (does not include cannery workers).

Average wage rate up 6 percent

The average wage paid to all hired workers during the October survey period was a record high \$12.47 an hour (see table on next page), 74 cents more than October 2005. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers also set a new record high at \$10.69 an hour, 51 cents above a year ago.

Farms employing from 1 to 9 workers paid an average of \$11.16 per hour for all hired workers, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.78 an hour. ■

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**Hired workers on farms
State of Hawaii, quarterly and annual averages ^{1/}**

Quarter	Number of hired workers			
	Total	Sugarcane	Pineapple	Other
2005				
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
2006				
January.....	7,100	650	1,050	5,400
April.....	6,800	600	900	5,300
July	7,000	650	1,000	5,350
October	7,000	650	950	5,400
Annual average	7,000	600	1,000	5,400

^{1/} 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.

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Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers for Hawaii, California, and United States, Oct. 8-14, 2006 with Comparison. ^{1/}

Quarter	All Hired Farm Workers				Field and Livestock Workers			
	Hawaii		California	United States ^{2/}	Hawaii		California	United States ^{2/}
	Farms With 1-9 Workers	All Farms			Farms With 1-9 Workers	All Farms		
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>							
Oct. 9-15, 2005	9.74	11.73	10.13	9.61	9.04	10.18	9.37	8.96
Oct. 8-14, 2006	11.16	12.47	10.10	9.95	9.78	10.69	9.31	9.29

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers.

^{2/} Excludes Alaska.

U.S. hired workers down 5 percent from a year ago

There were 1,077,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 8-14, 2006, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 797,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 280,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.95 per hour during the October 2006 reference week, up 34 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.25 per hour, up 35

cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.41 per hour compared with \$9.15 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.29 per hour, was up 33 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago. ■

Source: *Farm Labor*, November 17, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture.