

LABOR & WAGE RATES

WORKERS ON FARMS BY QUARTERS EASTERN CORNBELT, 1997-2003 ^{1/} _{2/}

Year	January	April	July	October	Annual Average
<u>Thousands</u>					
<u>Hired Workers</u>					
1997	31	55	65	56	52
1998	32	47	50	53	46
1999	29	42	68	65	51
2000	36	50	69	56	53
2001	34	51	69	57	53
2002	30	43	54	42	42
2003	23	50			
<u>Expected to be Employed 150 Days or More</u>					
1997	27	45	36	33	35
1998	28	37	28	34	32
1999	25	30	34	41	33
2000	28	38	43	35	36
2001	29	40	44	43	39
2002	25	31	33	25	29
2003	21	38			
<u>Expected to be Employed 149 Days or Less</u>					
1997	4	10	29	23	17
1998	4	10	22	19	14
1999	4	12	34	24	19
2000	8	12	26	21	17
2001	5	11	25	14	14
2002	5	12	21	17	14
2003	2	12			
^{1/} Eastern Cornbelt consisted of 217,000 farms for 2002 in Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. _{2/} Persons employed during the full calendar week including the 12th of the month, excluding Ag Service Workers.					

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FARM WAGE RATES ^{1/} EASTERN CORNBELT, 1997-2003 ^{2/}

Year and Month	Number of Hours Worked	All Hired Workers	Type of Work		
			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Dollars per Hour</u>		
1997					
January	34.8	7.88	7.13	7.42	7.27
April	35.7	7.91	7.28	7.47	7.33
July	33.2	7.63	6.70	7.84	6.95
October	41.3	7.81	7.17	7.46	7.21
1998					
January	34.1	8.31	7.51	7.62	7.57
April	37.8	8.14	7.39	8.13	7.62
July	32.1	7.84	7.45	7.52	7.47
October	39.6	7.90	7.43	7.76	7.49
1999					
January	35.6	8.46	8.01	7.82	7.89
April	33.2	8.35	7.71	7.47	7.66
July	34.4	8.03	7.54	7.39	7.52
October	35.8	8.27	7.65	7.17	7.57
2000					
January	31.0	9.32	8.51	8.45	8.48
April	36.7	8.69	8.12	8.48	8.22
July	33.6	8.23	7.79	8.33	7.87
October	39.7	8.39	8.07	7.86	8.03
2001					
January	36.9	10.10	8.58	9.06	8.88
April	37.6	8.62	8.09	8.69	8.23
July	31.0	8.66	7.65	8.13	7.75
October	36.2	9.53	8.84	9.29	8.91
2002					
January	40.4	9.75	9.03	9.22	9.15
April	34.0	9.23	8.59	8.90	8.70
July	31.7	9.13	8.08	9.07	8.36
October	38.7	8.90	8.49	8.89	8.54
2003					
January	33.5	9.72	9.68	8.64	9.01
April	36.9	9.99	9.29	9.32	9.30

^{1/} Excludes Ag Service Workers.

^{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.