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April Hired Workers Up 9 Percent; Wage Rate Increased 2 Percent from Previous Year

There were 688,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 12-18, 2020, up 9 percent from the April 2019 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 568,000 during the week of January 12-18, 2020, up 14 percent from the January 2019 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $15.07 per hour during the April 2020 reference week, up 2 percent from the April 2019 reference week. Field workers received an average of $14.19 per hour, up 3 percent. Livestock workers earned $14.10 per hour, up 4 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at $14.16 per hour, was up 3 percent from the 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.3 hours during the April 2020 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the April 2019 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $15.28 per hour during the January 2020 reference week, up 2 percent from the January 2019 reference week. Field workers received an average of $14.18 per hour, up 3 percent, while livestock workers earned $14.22 per hour, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at $14.20 per hour, was up 3 percent from the January 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.2 hours during the January 2020 reference week, up 2 percent from the hours worked during the January 2019 reference week.

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