

FARM LABOR

The Agricultural Labor Survey was conducted in January, July, and October by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The April 2011 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted due to Agency budget constraints. Since the data in all Farm Labor Surveys are tied to a specific reference week, it was not possible to conduct this survey at a later time.

The purpose of this survey is to determine the types and number of farm workers employed and wages paid. Agricultural work is work done on a farm in connection with the production of agricultural products, including nursery and greenhouse products and animal specialties such as fur farms or apiaries. Also included is work

done off the farm to handle the farm related business, such as trips to buy feed or deliver products to local market.

Estimates of farm labor are used for a variety of purposes by State and Federal governments, educational institutions, farmer organizations, and private sector employers of agricultural labor.

NASS publishes estimates of hired workers, average hours worked, and wage rates in the Farm Labor report. These estimates are published as regional averages. The survey reference week is always the Sunday through Saturday period that includes the 12th day of the month.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Hired Workers on Farms, Hours Worked per Week, and Wage Rates, Northeast I, 2007 – 2011¹

Year and Survey Week		Hired Workers on Farms ²			Hours Worked During The Week	Wage Rates by Type of Hired Worker			
		Total	150 Days or More	149 Days or Less		Field	Livestock	Field and Livestock	All Hired
		1,000 Workers			Hours	Dollars per Hour			
2007	Jan 7 – 13 *	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	Apr 8 – 14	30	25	5	42.4	10.10	9.59	9.90	10.77
	Jul 8 – 14	39	25	14	41.6	9.58	9.37	9.51	10.00
	Oct 7 – 13	34	23	11	39.8	9.96	9.22	9.70	10.35
2008	Jan 6 – 12	23	21	2	41.5	11.59	10.02	10.60	11.60
	Apr 6 – 12	36	27	9	43.2	10.19	9.97	10.10	11.00
	Jul 6 – 12	37	24	13	38.0	9.68	9.89	9.75	10.50
	Oct 12 – 18	42	28	14	42.1	10.66	10.08	10.45	10.95
2009	Jan 11 – 17	26	22	4	41.3	10.66	10.03	10.25	10.91
	Apr 12 – 18	32	26	6	41.1	10.65	9.92	10.35	11.17
	Jul 12 – 18	37	24	13	38.5	10.32	9.86	10.15	10.92
	Oct 11 – 17	41	28	13	38.5	9.96	9.93	9.95	10.41
2010	Jan 10 – 16	21	18	3	37.2	10.30	10.56	10.45	11.45
	Apr 11 – 17	36	29	7	40.4	10.43	9.89	10.25	10.87
	Jul 11 – 17	38	25	13	43.7	9.81	9.59	9.73	10.35
	Oct 10 – 16	39	27	12	44.3	10.95	10.10	10.65	11.17
2011	Jan 9 – 15	28	25	3	41.1	10.75	10.28	10.45	11.25
	Apr 10 – 16 *	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	Jul 10 – 16	38	28	10	41.3	10.63	9.83	10.35	11.00
	Oct 9 – 15	40	30	10	41.8	11.36	11.18	11.30	11.84

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(NA) Not Available.

¹ Northeast I includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

² Excludes agricultural service workers.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Wage Rates by Type of Farm and Economic Class, Northeast, 2007 – 2011¹

Year and Survey Week		Field and Livestock Workers Combined By Type of Farm				All Hired Workers ² By Economic Class of Farm				
						Gross Value of Sales in \$,000's				All Farms
		Field Crops	Other Crops	Livestock and Poultry	All Farms	<\$50	\$50-99	\$100-249	\$250-499	
Dollars per Hour										
2007	Jan 7 – 13 *	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	Apr 8 – 14	10.01	10.29	9.34	9.85	12.25	10.75	8.11	10.14	10.66
	Jul 8 – 14	9.16	9.54	9.77	9.62	9.77	(D)	9.66	10.67	10.38
	Oct 7 – 13	(D)	9.89	9.48	9.76	10.42	9.70	10.18	9.40	10.50
2008	Jan 6 – 12	(D)	10.85	9.62	10.12	10.50	9.71	10.54	10.53	11.47
	Apr 6 – 12	10.73	9.97	9.56	9.81	9.42	10.89	9.66	9.81	10.58
	Jul 6 – 12	10.46	9.68	9.33	9.62	10.00	9.72	9.43	9.89	10.30
	Oct 12 – 18	10.36	10.02	10.13	10.09	(D)	(D)	9.71	10.11	10.66
2009	Jan 11 – 17	(D)	10.63	9.94	10.27	13.20	8.85	9.39	10.50	11.12
	Apr 12 – 18	12.03	10.54	9.66	10.20	9.86	8.62	9.91	10.06	11.14
	Jul 12 – 18	10.99	9.97	9.57	9.89	10.68	8.08	8.61	10.44	10.55
	Oct 11 – 17	(D)	10.12	9.73	10.00	11.17	9.60	9.04	10.38	10.64
2010	Jan 10 – 16	(D)	11.05	10.33	10.65	(D)	9.28	9.39	10.49	11.75
	Apr 11 – 17	10.78	10.27	9.79	10.13	10.30	8.59	10.69	10.19	10.74
	Jul 11 – 17	9.62	9.75	10.41	9.97	11.99	10.13	9.58	9.60	10.70
	Oct 10 – 16	10.43	10.95	(D)	10.95	(D)	9.83	9.26	10.22	11.59
2011	Jan 9 – 15	9.73	10.92	11.71	10.85	(D)	11.00	10.32	9.58	11.87
	Apr 10 – 16 *	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	Jul 10 – 16	9.42	10.38	10.09	10.21	11.11	9.65	8.82	10.06	10.98
	Oct 9 – 15	9.75	10.85	10.92	10.79	(D)	9.62	12.16	11.54	11.53

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(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Northeast includes Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

² Excludes agricultural service workers.

ANNUAL FARM LABOR: Annual Average Hired Workers on Farms, Hours Worked, and Wage Rates, New England and Northeast I, 2007 – 2011

Region	Hired Workers	Hours Worked During Week	Wage Rates by Type of Hired Worker ^{1 2}		
			All Hired	Field	Field and Livestock
	1,000	Number	Dollars per Hour		
New England³					
2007 *	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2008	(NA)	(NA)	11.55	10.91	10.64
2009	(NA)	(NA)	11.09	10.51	10.32
2010	(NA)	(NA)	11.44	10.64	10.64
2011 *	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Northeast I⁴					
2007	31.5	40.7	10.49	9.92	9.70
2008	34.5	41.2	10.96	10.35	10.20
2009	34.0	39.6	10.83	10.32	10.16
2010	33.5	42.0	10.89	10.39	10.25
2011	35.3	41.0	11.20	10.75	10.56

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² Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week, weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October.

³ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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