



NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT



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October Hired Workers Down 1 Percent; Gross Wage Rate Increased 6 Percent from Previous Year

There were 776,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 8-14, 2023, down 1 percent from the October 2022 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 781,000 during the week of July 9-15, 2023, down 2 percent from the July 2022 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage of \$18.81 per hour during the October 2023 reference week, up 6 percent from the October 2022 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$18.24 per hour, up 7 percent. Livestock workers earned \$17.19 per hour, up 4 percent. The field and livestock worker combined gross wage rate, at \$17.95 per hour, was up 6 percent from the 2022 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.7 hours during the October 2023 reference week, down slightly from the hours worked during the October 2022 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage of \$18.61 per hour during the July 2023 reference week, up 6 percent from the July 2022 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$18.08 per hour, up 8 percent, while livestock workers earned \$16.95 per hour, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined gross wage rate, at \$17.76 per hour, was up 6 percent from the July 2022 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.2 hours during the July 2023 reference week, up slightly from the hours worked during the July 2022 reference week.

Northeast Region I (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont)

There were 45,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 8-14, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 40.1 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$19.18 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$18.69 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$17.93 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$18.41 per hour.

There were 45,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 9-15, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 38.2 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.92 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$18.36 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$17.95 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$18.21 per hour.

Northeast Region II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania)

There were 34,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 8-14, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 37.7 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.31 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.78 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$16.27 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.42 per hour.

There were 37,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 9-15, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 38.5 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.00 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.42 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$16.40 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.20 per hour.

*For the complete "Farm Labor" report, go to: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x920fw89s>
The Farm Labor report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.*

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