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Pennsylvania farmers voluntarily participate in the bi-annual agricultural labor surveys in April and October. During the April data collection, data for both January and April reference weeks are collected. During the October data collection, data for both the July and October reference weeks are collected. The survey reference week is the seven-day period (Sunday through Saturday) which includes the 12th day of the month. These surveys provide data concerning the number of hired farm workers; hours worked, and wage rates. Results for Pennsylvania are published as part of Northeast Region II, which includes Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey.

The total number of workers hired by farm operators in the Northeast II Region during 2012 ranged between a low of 25,000 in January to a high of 60,000 in July. The average hours worked during the survey week by all hired workers varied from 34.8 hours in January 2012 to 39.3 hours in April 2012. All hired workers' average earnings ranged from \$11.14 per hour in April 2012 to \$12.13 per hour in October 2012.

In 2013, total number of workers numbered 32,000 in January and 40,000 in April. The average hours worked during the reference week were 38.2 hours in January and 39.2 hours in April. Average wages among all hired workers increased to \$12.60 per week in January and \$12.44 per week in April.

Northeast II: Hired Farm Labor, Quarterly, 2009-2013 ^{1 2 3}

Year and survey week	All hired workers				Wage rates by type of worker			
	Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock combined	Wage rates for all hired workers
		150 days or more	149 days or less					
(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(hours per week)	(dollars per hour)	(dollars per hour)	(dollars per hour)	(dollars per hour)	
2009								
January 11-17	21	19	2	37.0	10.80	9.69	10.30	11.40
April 12-18	22	18	4	36.6	10.60	8.86	9.95	11.10
July 12-18	38	27	11	39.1	9.83	9.09	9.65	10.20
October 11-17	37	28	9	41.0	10.28	9.50	10.05	10.88
2010								
January 10-16	25	22	3	36.5	11.57	9.63	10.82	12.00
April 11-17	31	25	6	40.6	10.43	9.12	10.00	10.60
July 11-17	37	25	12	39.2	10.55	9.09	10.26	11.10
October 10-16	37	28	9	41.9	11.84	10.17	11.30	12.05
2011								
January 9-15	26	23	3	38	12.08	10.37	11.35	12.60
April 10-16 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 10-16	33	21	12	39.2	9.93	10.46	10.05	10.95
October 9-15	36	26	10	39.0	10.04	10.43	10.15	11.16
2012								
January 8-14	25	21	4	34.8	10.50	10.25	10.42	11.86
April 8-14	35	26	9	39.3	10.19	9.84	10.10	11.14
July 8-14	60	40	20	37.7	10.71	12.21	10.95	11.44
October 7-13	48	38	10	37.8	11.48	11.83	11.55	12.13
2013								
January 6-12	32	27	5	38.2	11.62	10.79	11.25	12.60
April 7-13	40	30	10	39.2	11.43	11.09	11.30	12.44

¹ Northeast II Region includes DE, MD, NJ, and PA. ² Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers. ³ Farm labor excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ⁴ No Farm Labor Survey was conducted in April 2011.

Northeast II: Annual Average Wage Rates for Hired Workers, 2009-2012 ^{1 2}

Year	All Hired	Field	Livestock
	(dollars per hour)	(dollars per hour)	(dollars per hour)
2009	10.88	10.37	9.29
2010	11.43	11.10	9.51
2011	11.56	10.67	10.42
2012	11.63	10.72	11.04

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. 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.