



NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT



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April Hired Workers Up 9 Percent, Wage Rates Increase 2 Percent from Previous Year

Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 688,000 for the reference 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.

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

There were 21,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 12-18, 2020. All hired workers worked an average of 41.6 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$16.10 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$15.19 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$14.30 per hour, and field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$14.65 per hour.

There were 28,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 12-18, 2020. All hired workers worked an average of 40.5 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$16.00 per hour. Field workers averaged \$15.39 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$14.29 and field & livestock combined earned an average of \$14.85 per hour.

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

There were 20,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 12-18, 2020. Hired workers worked an average of 38.9 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$15.46 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$14.87 per hour and livestock worker averaged \$13.43 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$14.20 per hour.

There were 25,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 12-18, 2020. Hired workers worked an average of 39.4 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$15.24 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$14.64 per hour and livestock worker averaged \$13.42 per hour. Field & livestock combined earned an average of \$14.20 per hour.

For the complete "Farm Labor" report, go to:

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x920fw89s>

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