



NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT



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

Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 758,000 for the reference week of October 11-17, 2020, down 6 percent from the October 2019 reference week. There were 777,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 12-18, 2020, down 3 percent from the July 2019 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$15.87 per hour during the October 2020 reference week, up 6 percent from October 2019. Field workers received an average of \$15.28 per hour, up 6 percent. Livestock workers earned \$14.62, up 6 percent from the previous year. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$15.10 per hour, was up 6 percent from the 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 42.1 hours during the October 2020 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the October 2019 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage of \$15.62 per hour during the July 2020 reference week, up 5 percent from the July 2019 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$14.98 per hour, up 6 percent, while livestock workers earned \$14.50 per hour, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined gross wage rate, at \$14.85 per hour, was up 5 percent from the July 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.4 hours during the July 2020 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the July 2019 reference week.

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

There were 38,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 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 \$16.08 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$15.23 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$14.67 per hour, and field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$15.05 per hour.

There were 41,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 11-17, 2020. All hired workers worked an average of 42.0 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$16.16 per hour. Field workers averaged \$15.32 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$14.92 and field & livestock combined earned an average of \$15.20 per hour.

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

There were 34,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 12-18, 2020. Hired workers worked an average of 40.7 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$14.61 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$13.84 per hour and livestock worker averaged \$13.19 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$13.70 per hour.

There were 27,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 11-17, 2020. Hired workers worked an average of 40.4 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$15.34 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$14.56 per hour and livestock worker averaged \$13.42 per hour. Field & livestock combined earned an average of \$14.25 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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