



NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT



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April Hired Workers Up 3 Percent; Wage Rate Increased 8 Percent from Previous Year

There were 630,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 10-16, 2022, up 3 percent from the April 2021 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 507,000 during the week of January 9-15, 2022, up slightly from the January 2021 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$17.22 per hour during the April 2022 reference week, up 8 percent from the April 2021 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$16.50 per hour, up 9 percent. Livestock workers earned \$15.82 per hour, up 7 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$16.27 per hour, was up 8 percent from the 2021 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 39.7 hours during the April 2022 reference week, down 3 percent from the hours worked during the April 2021 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$17.63 per hour during the January 2022 reference week, up 9 percent from the January 2021 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$16.54 per hour, up 9 percent, while livestock workers earned \$16.12 per hour, up 8 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$16.37 per hour, was up 9 percent from the January 2021 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 39.3 hours during the January 2022 reference week, down 2 percent from the hours worked during the January 2021 reference week.

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

There were 22,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 9-15, 2022. All hired workers worked an average of 38.4 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$17.93 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.59 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$16.09 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.82 per hour.

There were 32,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 10-16, 2022. All hired workers worked an average of 37.1 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.28 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.91 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$16.36 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.32 per hour.

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

There were 21,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 9-15, 2022. All hired workers worked an average of 36.9 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.21 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.76 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$15.42 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.83 per hour.

There were 26,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 10-16, 2022. All hired workers worked an average of 37.7 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$17.59 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$16.92 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$15.08 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.37 per hour.

For the complete "Farm Labor" report, go to: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x920fw89s>
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