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There were 27,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina) during the reference week of October 7-13, 2018, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Labor Report*. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$12.48 per hour. The number of hours worked averaged 38.5 for hired workers during the reference week, unchanged from October 2017.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 31,000 for the October 7-13, 2018 reference week. They were paid an average wage rate of \$12.63 and worked an average of 41.0 hours during the October 2018 reference week.

During the reference week of July 8-14, 2018, there were 27,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$12.32 per hour during the July 2018 reference week. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 39.4 hours in July 2017.

There were 30,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the July 2018 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$12.49 per hour, down 7 percent from July 2017. The number of hours worked averaged 41.2 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Wage Rates — Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2017 and 2018

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	October 2017	July 2018	October 2018	October 2017	July 2018	October 2018	October 2017	July 2018	October 2018
Hired workers on farms ... 1,000 workers	30	30	31	38	27	27	840	843	784
Hours worked by hired workers.... hrs/wk	40.8	41.2	41.0	38.5	39.8	38.5	41.6	41.2	41.5
Field..... \$/hr	11.30	11.40	11.60	11.04	11.75	11.92	12.83	13.58	13.74
Livestock..... \$/hr	11.80	11.40	11.60	11.55	10.85	10.82	12.22	13.22	13.38
Field & Livestock..... \$/hr	11.39	11.40	11.60	11.15	11.50	11.60	12.66	13.48	13.64
All hired workers..... \$/hr	13.00	12.49	12.63	11.73	12.32	12.48	13.42	14.28	14.47

¹ Southeast Region includes Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina
 Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.
 Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Farm Labor*, November 2018

Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers — Florida: 2016-2018

