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There were 28,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina) during the reference week of April 7-13, 2019, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Labor Report*. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$12.51 per hour. The number of hours worked averaged 38.5 for hired workers during the reference week, down 0.8 hours from the reference week in April 2018.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 40,000 for the April 7-13, 2019 reference week. They were paid an average wage rate of \$12.08 and worked an average of 40.2 hours during the April 2019 reference week.

During the reference week of January 6-12, 2019, there were 19,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$12.77 per hour during the January 2019 reference week. The number of hours worked averaged 38.5 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 38.4 hours in January 2018.

There were 34,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the January 2019 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$12.06 per hour, down from \$11.64 from January 2018. The number of hours worked averaged 40.5 for hired workers during the reference week.

**Hired Workers and Wage Rates — Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2018 and 2019**

	Florida			Southeast <sup>1</sup>			United States		
	April 2018	January 2019	April 2019	April 2018	January 2019	April 2019	April 2018	January 2019	April 2019
Hired workers on farms 1,000 workers	38	34	40	30	19	28	648	499	629
Hours worked by hired workers hrs/wk	40.8	40.5	40.2	39.3	38.5	38.5	40.2	39.3	40.7
Field .....\$/hr	11.20	11.50	11.65	10.35	11.89	12.13	12.72	13.77	13.80
Livestock .....\$/hr	12.20	11.00	11.00	11.03	11.75	11.01	12.78	13.80	13.61
Field & Livestock .....\$/hr	11.25	11.41	11.54	10.55	11.85	11.85	12.74	13.78	13.73
All hired workers .....\$/hr	11.89	12.06	12.08	11.23	12.77	12.51	13.72	14.96	14.71

<sup>1</sup> Southeast Region includes Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina

<sup>2</sup> 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*, May 2019

**Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers — Florida: 2017-2019**

Dollars per hour Thousand workers

