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This report contains the results from the **October 2020 Agriculture Labor Survey** collected during January 2021. Respondents were asked to report the number of hired workers, hours worked, and wages for the July and October 2020 reference weeks. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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There were 31,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of October 11-17, 2020. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$12.73 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 39.1 for hired workers during the reference week, down 1.2 hours from the reference week in October 2019.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 35,000 for the October 11-17, 2020 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$13.82, up from \$13.27 from October 2019. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 42.5 hours during the October 2020 reference week.

During the reference week of July 12-18, 2020, there were 32,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$12.69 per hour during the July 2020 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 39.8 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 40.4 hours in July 2019.

There were 33,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the July 2020 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$13.79 per hour, up from \$13.13 from July 2019. The number of gross hours worked averaged 43.2 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Gross Wage Rates – Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2019 and 2020

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	October 2019	July 2020	October 2020	October 2019	July 2020	October 2020	October 2019	July 2020	October 2020
Hired workers on farms 1,000 workers	31	33	35	26	32	31	809	777	758
Hours worked by hired workers hrs/wk	41.6	43.2	42.5	40.3	39.8	39.1	42.5	41.4	42.1
Field.....\$/hr	11.95	12.50	12.35	11.68	12.02	12.02	14.38	14.98	15.28
Livestock.....\$/hr	11.95	12.95	13.15	11.75	12.66	12.37	13.77	14.50	14.62
Field & Livestock.....\$/hr	11.95	12.58	12.48	11.70	12.15	12.10	14.21	14.85	15.10
All hired workers.....\$/hr	13.27	13.79	13.82	12.31	12.69	12.73	15.02	15.62	15.87

¹ Southeast Region includes Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.
Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Farm Labor](#), February 2021

Gross Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers – Florida: 2018-2020

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

