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Farm Labor



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This report contains the results from the **October 2023 Farm Labor Survey** collected during the last two weeks of October. Respondents were asked the number of hired workers, hours worked and wages for the July and October 2023 reference weeks. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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There were 32,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of October 8-14, 2023. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$15.90 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 37.8 for hired workers during the reference week, down 3.5 hours from the reference week in October 2022.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 28,000 for the October 8-14, 2023 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$15.75, down from \$16.08 in October 2022. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 43.4 hours during the October 2023 reference week.

During the reference week of July 9-15, 2023, 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 \$15.71 per hour during the July 2023 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 39.3 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 40.8 hours in July 2022.

There were 26,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the July 2023 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$16.04 per hour, up from \$15.98 in July 2022. The number of gross hours worked averaged 42.6 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Gross Wage Rates – Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2022 and 2023

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	October 2022	July 2023	October 2023	October 2022	July 2023	October 2023	October 2022	July 2023	October 2023
Hired workers on farms...(1,000 workers)	26	26	28	35	32	32	785	781	776
Hours worked by hired workers...(hrs/wk)	43.2	42.6	43.4	41.3	39.3	37.8	41.8	41.2	41.7
Gross wage rates ²									
Field workers(\$/hr)	14.90	15.00	14.65	13.92	14.98	15.13	17.04	18.08	18.24
Livestock workers(\$/hr)	14.95	16.55	16.25	14.03	15.15	14.97	16.52	16.95	17.19
Field and livestock combined(\$/hr)	14.91	15.19	14.80	13.94	15.02	15.10	16.90	17.76	17.95
All hired workers(\$/hr)	16.08	16.04	15.75	14.67	15.71	15.90	17.72	18.61	18.81

¹ Southeast Region includes Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in gross wage rates.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Farm Labor](#), November 2023

Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers – Florida: 2021-2023

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

