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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 10-16, 2016, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Labor Report*. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.01 per hour. The number of hours worked averaged 38.7 for hired workers during the reference week, down marginally from the reference week in April 2015.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 37,000 for the April 10-16, 2016 reference week. They were paid an average wage rate of \$12.33 and worked an average of 40.7 hours during the April 2016 reference week.

During the reference week of January 10-16, 2016, there were 22,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.02 per hour during the January 2016 reference week. The number of hours worked averaged 36.4 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 37.0 hours in January 2015.

There were 43,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the January 2016 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.74 per hour, up slightly from January 2015. The numbers of hours worked averaged 38.4 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Wage Rates — Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2015 and 2016

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	April 2015	January 2016	April 2016	April 2015	January 2016	April 2016	April 2015	January 2016	April 2016
Hired workers on farms ... 1,000 workers	39	43	37	27	22	28	687	582	703
Hours worked by hired workers.... hrs/wk	41.5	38.4	40.7	39.0	36.4	38.7	39.9	38.8	40.4
Field..... \$/hr	10.40	10.55	11.05	10.43	10.76	10.72	11.36	11.84	12.00
Livestock..... \$/hr	11.75	12.70	12.85	10.07	9.87	10.05	11.58	12.02	12.01
Field & Livestock..... \$/hr	10.51	10.87	11.37	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.43	11.91	12.00
All hired workers..... \$/hr	11.27	11.74	12.33	10.92	11.02	11.01	12.28	12.83	12.75

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 the wage rates.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Farm Labor*, May 2016

Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers — Florida: 2014-2016

Dollars per hour Thousand workers

