

**FARM LABOR AND WAGE RATES,  
REGIONAL, AND UNITED STATES, 2004-2008 1/**

| YEAR<br>AND<br>MONTH | HIRED WORKERS        |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                      | NUMBER OF<br>WORKERS | HOURS<br>WORKED | WAGE RATES PER TYPE OF WORK  |           |                      |                      |
|                      |                      |                 | FIELD                        | LIVESTOCK | FIELD &<br>LIVESTOCK | ALL HIRED<br>WORKERS |
|                      | 1,000                | PER WEEK        | ----- DOLLARS PER HOUR ----- |           |                      |                      |
| <b>REGIONAL 2/</b>   |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| 2004                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 23                   | 37.6            | 9.89                         | 8.78      | 9.11                 | 9.75                 |
| APR                  | 31                   | 42.3            | 8.87                         | 8.51      | 8.73                 | 8.95                 |
| JUL                  | 39                   | 37.4            | 8.24                         | 9.22      | 8.52                 | 8.86                 |
| OCT                  | 44                   | 45.3            | 9.70                         | 9.00      | 9.50                 | 9.76                 |
| 2005                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 27                   | 36.7            | 10.26                        | 8.60      | 9.20                 | 9.82                 |
| APR                  | 27                   | 40.3            | 9.33                         | 9.69      | 9.46                 | 9.70                 |
| JUL                  | 45                   | 42.2            | 8.15                         | 9.49      | 8.60                 | 9.05                 |
| OCT                  | 35                   | 44.4            | 10.14                        | 9.37      | 9.86                 | 10.12                |
| 2006                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 23                   | 39.5            | 10.59                        | 9.25      | 9.75                 | 10.31                |
| APR                  | 27                   | 39.4            | 9.67                         | 8.64      | 9.25                 | 9.84                 |
| JUL                  | 41                   | 40.9            | 8.94                         | 9.92      | 9.28                 | 9.60                 |
| OCT                  | 34                   | 42.0            | 10.13                        | 9.59      | 9.95                 | 10.20                |
| 2007                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN 3/               | NA                   | NA              | NA                           | NA        | NA                   | NA                   |
| APR                  | 27                   | 40.9            | 10.04                        | 9.75      | 9.91                 | 10.63                |
| JUL                  | 40                   | 44.4            | 9.13                         | 9.18      | 9.15                 | 9.54                 |
| OCT                  | 35                   | 46.3            | 10.68                        | 9.82      | 10.45                | 10.78                |
| 2008                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 21                   | 38.8            | 11.31                        | 11.04     | 11.15                | 11.70                |
| APR                  | 30                   | 41.4            | 10.73                        | 10.20     | 10.40                | 11.00                |
| JUL                  | 36                   | 44.0            | 9.89                         | 10.17     | 10.00                | 10.27                |
| OCT                  | 34                   | 43.3            | 10.66                        | 9.89      | 10.40                | 10.94                |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| 2004                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 662                  | 38.1            | 8.39                         | 8.83      | 8.55                 | 9.41                 |
| APR                  | 827                  | 40.6            | 8.47                         | 8.95      | 8.59                 | 9.23                 |
| JUL                  | 961                  | 39.2            | 8.34                         | 8.74      | 8.43                 | 9.04                 |
| OCT                  | 851                  | 40.5            | 8.62                         | 8.91      | 8.69                 | 9.32                 |
| 2005                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 589                  | 37.0            | 8.71                         | 9.20      | 8.90                 | 9.78                 |
| APR                  | 753                  | 39.9            | 8.56                         | 9.14      | 8.72                 | 9.35                 |
| JUL                  | 936                  | 40.6            | 8.61                         | 9.26      | 8.78                 | 9.38                 |
| OCT                  | 842                  | 42.0            | 8.90                         | 9.15      | 8.96                 | 9.61                 |
| 2006                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 614                  | 38.2            | 9.11                         | 9.26      | 9.17                 | 10.10                |
| APR                  | 720                  | 40.8            | 8.95                         | 9.31      | 9.06                 | 9.78                 |
| JUL                  | 876                  | 41.0            | 8.93                         | 9.49      | 9.07                 | 9.72                 |
| OCT                  | 800                  | 41.9            | 9.26                         | 9.42      | 9.30                 | 9.96                 |
| 2007                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN 3/               | NA                   | NA              | NA                           | NA        | NA                   | NA                   |
| APR                  | 736                  | 40.7            | 9.35                         | 9.59      | 9.42                 | 10.20                |
| JUL                  | 843                  | 41.4            | 9.24                         | 9.73      | 9.37                 | 9.99                 |
| OCT                  | 817                  | 42.2            | 9.62                         | 10.02     | 9.73                 | 10.38                |
| 2008                 |                      |                 |                              |           |                      |                      |
| JAN                  | 594                  | 38.4            | 9.67                         | 10.18     | 9.88                 | 10.81                |
| APR                  | 700                  | 40.8            | 9.65                         | 10.24     | 9.84                 | 10.57                |
| JUL                  | 828                  | 40.5            | 9.66                         | 9.98      | 9.74                 | 10.34                |
| OCT                  | 804                  | 41.4            | 10.05                        | 10.21     | 10.09                | 10.70                |

1/ EXCLUDES AGRICULTURAL SERVICE WORKERS. 2/ NORTHERN PLAINS: KS, NE, ND, & SD. 3/ SURVEY NOT CONDUCTED IN JANUARY 2007.  
NA = NOT AVAILABLE.