

FARM LABOR

The quarterly Agricultural Labor Survey provides regional and national estimates of farm workers, hours worked, and wage rates by type of worker and method of pay. These figures are used to compute national wage indexes and establish labor laws and regulations. All States, except Alaska, are included in the quarterly survey. Survey reference weeks for 2002 are January 6-12, April 7-13, July 7-13, and October 6-12. The survey results are published for 15 regions, California, Florida and Hawaii. New England is included as part of Northeast I region, which includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

Farm employment and wage statistics are used by Federal, State, and local government agencies, educational institutions,

farm organizations, and employers of agricultural labor. Having reliable information on the number of agricultural laborers working in perishable commodities aids in determining the number of replenishment workers that can be admitted into the U.S. to offset any domestic shortage, which is required by the Immigration and Reform Control Act of 1986. The data collected from the Agricultural Labor Survey is also used to establish minimum wage rates for domestic and foreign agricultural workers. The Department of Commerce uses data on hired agricultural workers to compute income components of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the farm sector, and banks and lending institutions use the data to establish loan policies.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR HIRED WORKERS: Workers on Farms, Hours Worked per Week, and Wage Rates, Northeast, 1995 - 2002 ^{1/ 2/ 3/}

YEAR and SURVEY WEEK		Hired Workers on Farms			Hours Worked During the Week	Wage Rates by Type of Hired Worker			
		Total	150 Days or More	149 Days or Less		Field	Livestock	Field and Livestock	All Hired
		1,000 Workers			Hours	Dollars Per Hour			
1995	Jan 08-14	36	31	5	40.2	7.40	5.87	6.46	7.04
	Apr 09-15	42	35	7	40.2	6.90	5.71	6.30	7.08
	Jul 09-15	53	37	16	41.3	6.58	5.71	6.23	6.77
	Oct 08-14	49	30	19	41.7	6.70	5.98	6.47	6.87
1996	Jan 07-13	28	24	4	40.3	7.53	5.63	6.30	7.12
	Apr 07-13	33	27	6	40.8	7.47	6.20	6.93	7.27
	Jul 07-13	49	34	15	39.1	6.80	5.97	6.55	6.98
	Oct 06-12	52	39	13	40.7	7.21	6.28	6.92	7.36
1997	Jan 12-18	29	25	4	38.6	7.78	6.28	6.82	7.46
	Apr 06-12	40	31	9	41.0	7.11	5.67	6.59	7.22
	Jul 06-12	49	35	14	37.2	6.99	6.41	6.81	7.15
	Oct 12-18	46	32	14	40.4	7.39	6.45	7.09	7.49
1998	Jan 11-17	32	28	4	38.0	8.60	6.22	6.96	7.54
	Apr 12-18	37	26	11	37.6	8.01	6.09	7.29	7.55
	Jul 12-18	48	34	14	39.8	7.27	6.80	7.12	7.59
	Oct 11-17	43	31	12	39.6	7.52	6.90	7.32	7.82
1999	Jan 10-16	30	25	5	37.5	8.08	6.61	7.20	7.75
	Apr 11-17	40	30	10	38.0	8.18	7.34	7.92	8.34
	Jul 11-17	48	31	17	36.9	7.87	6.69	7.47	7.86
	Oct 10-16	44	31	13	39.7	8.21	7.58	7.99	8.46
2000	Jan 09-15	23	20	3	36.9	8.12	7.22	7.54	8.51
	Apr 09-15	35	26	9	36.1	8.41	7.37	7.94	8.51
	Jul 09-15	58	37	21	38.9	8.26	7.66	8.09	8.61
	Oct 08-14	50	32	18	41.5	8.77	7.98	8.62	9.12
2001	Jan 07-13	28	26	2	39.6	8.42	7.45	7.86	9.06
	Apr 08-14	41	33	8	38.8	8.28	7.92	8.11	8.98
	Jul 08-14	52	37	15	39.9	8.12	7.19	7.79	8.26
	Oct 07-13	48	35	13	40.7	8.24	7.50	8.03	8.79
2002	Jan 06-12	33	31	2	40.0	9.58	7.80	8.69	9.46
	Apr 07-13	44	38	6	40.6	8.35	8.56	8.42	9.14
	Jul 07-13	44	30	14	37.8	8.41	7.90	8.25	9.12
	Oct 06-12	50	36	14	41.2	9.16	7.70	8.76	9.36

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers.

^{2/} Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

^{3/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

**QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Wage Rates, by Type of Farm and by Economic Class of Farm,
Northeast, 1995 - 2002 ^{1/ 2/}**

YEAR and SURVEY WEEK	Field and Livestock Workers Combined By Type of Farm				All Hired ^{3/} Workers By Economic Class of Farm					
	Field Crops	Other Crops	Lvstck & Plty	All Farms	Gross Value of Sales in \$1,000's				All Farms	
					<\$50	\$50-99	\$100-249	\$250+		
	Dollars Per Hour				Dollars Per Hour					
1995	Jan 08-14	6.71	7.28	5.70	6.21	7.55	4.96	5.69	7.49	6.80
	Apr 09-15	5.85	6.82	5.74	6.18	8.03	6.08	5.82	7.37	6.79
	Jul 09-15	5.18	6.60	5.73	6.04	6.13	5.36	5.73	7.37	6.54
	Oct 08-14	6.01	6.77	5.90	6.34	6.53	5.78	5.84	7.26	6.73
1996	Jan 07-13	6.92	7.95	5.43	6.20	5.72	5.20	5.63	8.09	6.97
	Apr 07-13	6.60	7.34	5.74	6.51	5.62	5.67	5.74	7.84	7.02
	Jul 07-13	6.46	6.40	5.61	6.04	7.15	6.33	6.14	7.01	6.75
	Oct 06-12	6.19	7.36	5.96	6.76	6.63	5.83	5.90	7.85	7.25
1997	Jan 12-18	6.77	8.22	5.93	6.74	7.68	5.56	6.04	8.22	7.43
	Apr 06-12	6.87	6.68	5.77	6.30	4/	6.90	6.33	7.23	7.08
	Jul 06-12	7.54	6.42	5.98	6.29	6.09	5.57	6.61	7.73	6.83
	Oct 12-18	6.80	6.98	6.41	6.70	7.94	6.81	6.85	7.33	7.27
1998	Jan 11-17	7.84	8.06	6.36	7.10	6.41	6.63	6.54	8.20	7.53
	Apr 12-18	8.13	7.43	5.75	6.79	6.85	6.72	7.21	7.76	7.47
	Jul 12-18	6.90	7.19	6.16	6.82	6.50	4/	6.65	7.76	7.40
	Oct 11-17	7.49	7.15	6.75	7.05	6.53	6.85	6.20	8.68	7.72
1999	Jan 10-16	7.18	7.97	6.49	7.16	7.48	6.81	6.37	8.44	7.87
	Apr 11-17	8.36	8.06	5.98	7.23	4/	5.60	7.56	8.44	8.03
	Jul 11-17	6.46	7.67	6.55	7.20	7.51	6.35	7.31	7.80	7.58
	Oct 10-16	8.21	7.78	7.05	7.52	4/	7.21	7.51	8.26	8.03
2000	Jan 09-15	6.86	7.62	7.17	7.47	7.24	7.82	7.64	8.70	8.45
	Apr 09-15	8.04	8.05	6.74	7.51	4/	4/	7.64	8.22	8.12
	Jul 09-15	7.82	8.16	7.84	6.87	7.34	6.94	9.16	8.34	7.28
	Oct 08-14	7.44	8.30	7.31	7.97	7.83	6.85	8.21	8.97	8.61
2001	Jan 07-13	4/	7.98	7.32	7.71	7.82	7.79	7.46	9.35	8.76
	Apr 08-14	6.93	7.94	7.85	7.86	7.41	7.51	8.81	9.01	8.72
	Jul 08-14	7.81	7.83	7.35	7.65	7.89	8.03	7.26	8.58	8.25
	Oct 07-13	6.67	8.06	7.03	7.63	8.40	7.63	7.66	8.57	8.38
2002	Jan 06-12	9.13	9.32	7.37	8.32	4/	7.75	8.66	9.32	9.17
	Apr 07-13	4/	8.44	7.72	8.11	7.81	7.85	7.53	9.50	8.99
	Jul 07-13	7.86	8.20	7.57	7.96	8.47	4/	7.39	9.25	8.70
	Oct 06-12	4/	8.89	8.19	8.66	8.09	7.85	8.52	9.79	9.33

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers.^{2/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT, DE, MD, NJ, and PA.^{3/} Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.^{4/} Insufficient data.

**ANNUAL FARM LABOR: Workers on Farms, Hours Worked per Week for Hired Workers and Wage Rates,
New England and Northeast, 1995 - 2002 ^{1/ 2/}**

REGION	Number of Workers on Farms, Annual Average		Wage Rates by Type of Hired Worker, Annual Average ^{3/}		
	Hired 1,000 Workers	Hrs Worked During Week, Annual Average Hours Per Week	All Hired	Field	
				Field & Livestock	Field & Livestock
New England ^{4/}				Dollars Per Hour	
1995	22.7	39.2	7.34	6.93	6.56
1996	20.0	39.3	7.69	7.65	7.21
1997	21.0	37.3	7.44	7.15	6.89
1998	19.5	38.1	8.22	8.08	7.46
1999	19.0	37.2	8.68	8.36	8.06
2000	19.7	37.3	9.25	8.64	8.44
2001	6/	6/	9.34	8.69	8.40
2002	6/	6/	9.95	9.19	8.98
Northeast ^{5/}					
1995	45.0	40.8	6.92	6.80	6.36
1996	40.5	40.2	7.19	7.14	6.71
1997	41.0	39.3	7.63	7.23	6.84
1998	40.0	38.9	7.63	7.65	7.18
1999	40.5	38.0	8.12	8.08	7.68
2000	41.5	38.8	8.74	8.48	8.17
2001	42.3	39.8	8.72	8.23	7.94
2002	42.7	39.9	9.26	8.82	8.53

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers.^{2/} Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.^{3/} Annual wage rates are the average of published wage rates for each survey week, weighted by data collected for January, April, July, and October.^{4/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.^{5/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.^{6/} Insufficient data.