

FARM LABOR

The quarterly Agricultural Labor Survey provides regional and national estimates of farm workers, hours worked, and wage rates by type of worker. 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. Agricultural work is any activity performed on a farm in connection with the production of agricultural products. The survey reference week is always the Sunday through Saturday period that includes the 12th day of the month. Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the total number of hours worked during the week. The survey results are published for 15 regions, California, Florida and Hawaii. New England is included as part of Northeast I region, which includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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 United States 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 I, 1997 - 2004 ^{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			
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
2003 Jan 12-18	32	29	3	37.3	10.02	8.36	9.12	10.03
Apr 06-12	39	31	8	38.4	9.76	8.55	9.27	10.24
Jul 06-12	53	39	14	40.2	8.77	8.10	8.54	9.54
Oct 12-18	40	28	12	39.7	9.62	8.64	9.33	10.12
2004 Jan 11-17	20	18	2	38.8	9.72	8.56	9.10	10.10
Apr 11-17	37	29	8	39.1	9.47	8.81	9.18	10.35
Jul 11-17	43	32	11	39.9	9.31	8.14	8.89	9.72
Oct 10-16	45	33	12	36.8	9.37	8.64	9.10	9.81

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

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

^{3/} Northeast I region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

**QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Wage Rates, by Type of Farm and by Economic Class of Farm
Northeast, 1997 - 2004 ^{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	Livestock and Poultry	All Farms	Gross Value of Sales in \$1,000's				All Farms	
					<\$50	\$50-99	\$100-249	\$250-499		
Dollars per Hour										
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	9.63	7.75	8.66	9.32	9.17
	Apr 07-13	8.63	8.44	7.72	8.11	7.81	7.85	7.53	9.51	8.99
	Jul 07-13	7.86	8.19	7.57	7.96	8.47	6.75	7.39	8.74	8.70
	Oct 06-12	9.06	9.03	7.93	8.66	8.15	7.51	8.65	8.64	9.33
2003	Jan 12-18	4/	9.63	8.30	9.00	4/	7.60	9.74	9.22	9.95
	Apr 06-12	4/	9.25	8.52	8.99	8.76	8.93	4/	9.30	9.99
	Jul 06-12	8.26	8.45	8.30	8.40	8.73	7.63	8.30	8.06	9.26
	Oct 12-18	4/	9.26	8.59	9.03	9.54	4/	8.77	9.42	9.88
2004	Jan 11-17	8.71	9.04	8.55	8.77	9.51	7.66	8.59	10.13	9.70
	Apr 11-17	4/	8.82	8.96	8.97	10.56	9.79	9.53	9.04	9.85
	Jul 11-17	9.14	8.33	8.56	8.45	9.69	8.86	8.42	9.57	9.24
	Oct 10-16	9.65	9.01	8.80	8.98	4/	8.46	8.30	8.75	9.71

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

^{2/} Northeast includes Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

^{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 I, 1997 - 2004 ^{1/ 2/}**

Region	Number of Workers on Farms, Annual Average	Hours Worked During Week, Annual Average	Wage Rates by Type of Hired Worker, Annual Average ^{3/}		
	Hired	Hired Workers	All Hired	Field	Field and Livestock
	1,000 Workers	Hours per Week	Dollars per Hour		
New England ^{4/}					
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
2003	6/	6/	10.40	9.52	9.31
2004	6/	6/	10.64	9.56	9.37
Northeast I ^{5/}					
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
2003	41.0	39.0	9.93	9.40	9.01
2004	36.2	38.5	9.96	9.41	9.05

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

^{3/} Annual wage rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week, weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collection for January, April, July, and October.

^{4/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

^{5/} Northeast I region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

^{6/} Insufficient data.