

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES APRIL 2002 - APRIL 2003

FARM EMPLOYMENT	APPALACHIAN II ^{1/}					UNITED STATES ^{2/}				
	Apr. 2002	July 2002	Oct. 2002	Jan. 2003	Apr. 2003	Apr. 2002	July 2002	Oct. 2002	Jan. 2003	Apr. 2003
	(1,000)					(1,000)				
Hired Workers:	23	32	36	32	29	890	1,006	940	729	781
Expected to be Employed:										
150 days or more	14	16	17	20	17	722	723	685	614	619
149 days or less	9	16	19	12	12	168	283	255	115	162
Agricultural Services:										
Workers Working on Farms	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	189	256	271	160	157
Hired Farm & Service Workers	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1,079	1,262	1,211	889	938
Hours Worked:	(Hours Per Week)					(Hours Per Week)				
Hired Workers	34.4	29.6	30.3	29.3	33.7	40.2	40.0	40.4	37.7	40.1
Wage Rates:	(Dollars Per Hour)					(Dollars Per Hour)				
For All Hired Workers ^{4/ 5/}	7.63	7.75	7.50	7.98	7.64	8.83	8.57	8.95	9.34	9.16
Type of Worker:										
Field and Livestock Combined	7.31	7.36	7.21	7.60	7.28	8.15	8.02	8.36	8.50	8.49
Field	6.89	7.22	7.13	7.34	7.32	8.06	7.90	8.34	8.30	8.40
Livestock	7.87	7.64	7.46	7.87	7.24	8.43	8.38	8.42	8.90	8.75

^{1/}Appalachian II includes Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. ^{2/}Excludes Alaska. ^{3/}Insufficient data for this category. ^{4/}Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ^{5/}Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2001 - 2002 ^{1/ 2/}

STATE	ALL HIRED		FIELD		FIELD & LIVESTOCK	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Dollars Per Hour					
Illinois	9.01	9.67	8.29	8.63	8.35	8.94
Indiana	9.80	9.19	8.66	8.92	8.81	8.76
Kentucky	7.48	7.50	6.70	6.76	7.07	7.10
Missouri	8.19	8.68	7.78	8.35	8.01	8.33
Ohio	8.37	8.70	7.53	7.68	7.89	8.23
Tennessee	7.29	7.60	6.99	7.34	7.09	7.32
Virginia	8.41	8.58	7.44	7.71	7.94	7.98
West Virginia	7.10	7.45	6.36	6.78	7.01	7.17
UNITED STATES ^{3/}	8.45	8.80	7.78	8.11	7.86	8.17

^{1/}Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ^{2/}Annual 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 and the U.S. is based on data collected for January. ^{3/}Excludes Alaska.