

## FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES APRIL 2004 - APRIL 2005

FARM EMPLOYMENT	APPALACHIAN II <sup>1/</sup>					UNITED STATES <sup>2/</sup>				
	Apr. 2004	July 2004	Oct. 2004	Jan. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004 <sup>6/</sup>	July 2004	Oct. 2004	Jan. 2005	Apr. 2005
	(1,000)					(1,000)				
Hired Workers:	35	33	38	28	32	827	961	851	589	746
Expected to be Employed:										
150 days or more	23	14	18	19	24	651	637	606	494	596
149 days or less	12	19	20	9	8	176	324	245	95	150
Agricultural Services:										
Workers Working on Farms	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	257	343	324	185	232
Hired Farm & Service Workers	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1,084	1,304	1,175	774	978
Hours Worked:		(Hours Per Week)					(Hours Per Week)			
Hired Workers	36.2	27.9	34.5	30.0	34.7	40.6	39.2	40.5	37.0	39.8
Wage Rates:		(Dollars Per Hour)					(Dollars Per Hour)			
For All Hired Workers <sup>4/ 5/</sup>	9.06	8.16	8.14	9.02	8.59	9.23	9.04	9.32	9.78	9.34
Type of Worker:										
Field and Livestock Combined	8.55	7.84	7.70	8.25	8.08	8.59	8.43	8.69	8.90	8.73
Field	8.48	7.63	7.75	8.46	8.38	8.47	8.34	8.62	8.71	8.55
Livestock	8.62	8.40	7.56	8.04	7.69	8.95	8.74	8.91	9.20	9.23

<sup>1/</sup>Appalachian II includes Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. <sup>2/</sup>Excludes Alaska. <sup>3/</sup>Insufficient data for this category. <sup>4/</sup>Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. <sup>5/</sup>Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. <sup>6/</sup>Revised.

## HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2003 - 2004 <sup>1/ 2/</sup>

STATE	ALL HIRED		FIELD		FIELD & LIVESTOCK	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Dollars Per Hour					
Illinois	9.88	10.21	9.04	9.26	9.27	9.34
Indiana	9.73	9.31	8.95	8.69	9.00	8.59
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>8.03</b>	<b>8.79</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>8.07</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>8.26</b>
Missouri	9.11	9.29	8.67	9.01	8.70	8.95
Ohio	9.14	9.95	8.58	9.42	8.66	9.47
Tennessee	8.01	8.47	7.63	8.06	7.63	8.06
Virginia	8.98	9.32	8.42	8.52	8.33	8.49
West Virginia	7.77	8.32	7.99	7.68	7.41	8.08
UNITED STATES <sup>3/</sup>	9.08	9.22	8.31	8.45	8.42	8.55

<sup>1/</sup>Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. <sup>2/</sup>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, April, July and October. <sup>3/</sup>Excludes Alaska.