

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES APRIL 2007 - APRIL 2008

FARM EMPLOYMENT	APPALACHIAN II ^{1/}					UNITED STATES ^{2/}				
	Apr. 2007	July 2007	Oct. 2007	Jan. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007 ^{6/}	July 2007	Oct. 2007	Jan. 2008	Apr. 2008
	(1,000)					(1,000)				
Hired Workers:	22	30	31	27	29	736	843	817	594	700
Expected to be Employed:										
150 days or more	14	18	18	18	19	593	596	603	506	563
149 days or less	8	12	13	9	10	143	247	214	88	137
Agricultural Services:										
Workers Working on Farms	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	253	363	329	179	219
Hired Farm & Service Workers	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	989	1,206	1,146	773	919
Hours Worked:		(Hours Per Week)					(Hours Per Week)			
Hired Workers	33.8	34.2	38.0	32.2	33.5	40.7	41.4	42.2	38.4	40.8
Wage Rates:		(Dollars Per Hour)					(Dollars Per Hour)			
For All Hired Workers ^{4/ 5/}	9.77	9.53	9.75	10.22	10.05	10.20	9.99	10.38	10.81	10.57
Type of Worker:										
Field and Livestock Combined	8.81	9.05	9.35	9.15	9.44	9.42	9.37	9.73	9.88	9.84
Field	8.64	8.55	9.24	8.53	8.87	9.35	9.24	9.62	9.67	9.65
Livestock	9.07	9.85	9.53	9.56	10.07	9.59	9.73	10.02	10.18	10.24

^{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. ^{6/}Revised.

HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES SELECTED REGIONS AND U.S., 2006 - 2007 ^{1/ 2/}

STATE	ALL HIRED		FIELD		FIELD & LIVESTOCK	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Dollars Per Hour					
Appalachian I (NC, VA)	9.64	9.36	9.08	8.78	9.02	8.85
Appalachian II (KY, TN, WV)	9.30	9.75	8.43	8.79	8.65	9.13
Cornbelt I (IL, IN, OH)	10.59	10.55	10.18	10.08	9.88	9.90
Cornbelt II (IA, MO)	10.65	11.10	9.39	9.89	9.95	10.44
UNITED STATES ^{3/}	9.87	10.21	9.06	9.40	9.15	9.49

^{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 2007 annual average for all Regions and the U.S. is based on modeled data for January and survey data for April, July and October. ^{3/}Excludes Alaska.