

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES APRIL 2008 - APRIL 2009

FARM EMPLOYMENT	APPALACHIAN II ^{1/}					UNITED STATES ^{2/}				
	Apr. 2008	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	July 2008	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009
	(1,000)					(1,000)				
Hired Workers:	29	21	23	17	21	700	828	804	595	680
Expected to be Employed:										
150 days or more	19	13	13	12	15	563	585	577	497	554
149 days or less	10	8	10	5	6	137	243	227	98	126
Agricultural Services:										
Workers Working on Farms	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	219	345	316	190	223
Hired Farm & Service Workers	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	919	1,173	1,120	785	903
Hours Worked:		(Hours Per Week)					(Hours Per Week)			
Hired Workers	33.5	33.5	35.1	31.0	36.4	40.8	40.5	41.4	38.3	40.1
Wage Rates:		(Dollars Per Hour)					(Dollars Per Hour)			
For All Hired Workers ^{4/ 5/}	10.05	10.72	10.32	10.99	10.10	10.57	10.34	10.70	10.93	10.84
Type of Worker:										
Field and Livestock Combined	9.44	9.65	9.45	9.80	9.40	9.84	9.74	10.09	10.08	10.07
Field	8.87	9.80	9.22	8.92	9.23	9.65	9.66	10.05	9.96	9.99
Livestock	10.07	9.28	9.82	10.52	9.62	10.24	9.98	10.21	10.27	10.25

^{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 REGIONS AND U.S., 2007 - 2008 ^{1/ 2/}

STATE	ALL HIRED		FIELD		FIELD & LIVESTOCK	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Dollars Per Hour					
Appalachian I (NC, VA)	9.36	9.94	8.78	9.24	8.85	9.34
Appalachian II (KY, TN, WV)	9.75	10.30	8.79	9.14	9.13	9.41
Cornbelt I (IL, IN, OH)	10.55	11.10	10.08	10.36	9.90	10.45
Cornbelt II (IA, MO)	11.10	11.24	9.89	10.57	10.44	10.77
UNITED STATES ^{3/}	10.23	10.59	9.40	9.78	9.49	9.89

^{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.