



NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT



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April Hired Workers Up 3 Percent; Wage Rate Increased 5 Percent from Previous Year

There were 651,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 9-15, 2023, up 3 percent from the April 2022 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 511,000 during the week of January 8-14, 2023, up 1 percent from the January 2022 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$18.08 per hour during the April 2023 reference week, up 5 percent from the April 2022 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$17.26 per hour, up 5 percent. Livestock workers earned \$16.48 per hour, up 4 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$16.99 per hour, was up 4 percent from the 2022 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.6 hours during the April 2023 reference week, up 2 percent from the hours worked during the April 2022 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$18.55 per hour during the January 2023 reference week, up 5 percent from the January 2022 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$17.67 per hour, up 7 percent, while livestock workers earned \$16.71 per hour, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$17.26 per hour, was up 5 percent from the January 2022 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 38.9 hours during the January 2023 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the January 2022 reference week.

Northeast Region I (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont)

There were 22,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 8-14, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 42.7 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.50 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$18.89 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$15.69 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.08 per hour.

There were 35,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 9-15, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 41.9 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.10 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.69 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$15.71 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.94 per hour.

Northeast Region II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania)

There were 19,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 8-14, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 36.0 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.53 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.45 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$16.82 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.19 per hour.

There were 26,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 9-15, 2023. All hired workers worked an average of 39.4 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$18.15 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.19 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$16.35 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.92 per hour.

For the complete "Farm Labor" report, go to: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x920fw89s>
The Farm Labor report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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