



NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT



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

There were 618,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 7-13, 2024, down 5 percent from the April 2023 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 496,000 during the week of January 7-13, 2024, down 3 percent from the January 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$18.98 per hour during the April 2024 reference week, up 5 percent from the April 2023 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$18.25 per hour, up 6 percent. Livestock workers earned \$17.43 per hour, up 6 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$17.98 per hour, was up 6 percent from the 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.6 hours during the April 2024 reference week, unchanged from the hours worked during the April 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$19.49 per hour during the January 2024 reference week, up 5 percent from the January 2023 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$18.51 per hour, up 5 percent, while livestock workers earned \$17.52 per hour, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$18.10 per hour, was up 5 percent from the January 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 38.7 hours during the January 2024 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the January 2023 reference week.

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

There were 31,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 7-13, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 42.1 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$20.56 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$20.14 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$18.31 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$19.42 per hour.

There were 23,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 7-13, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 40.6 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$20.16 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$19.27 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$18.10 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$18.65 per hour.

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

There were 30,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of April 7-13, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 37.4 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$19.03 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$17.96 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$17.52 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.83 per hour.

There were 22,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of January 7-13, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 35.6 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$19.26 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$18.10 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$17.79 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.98 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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