



NORTHEASTERN REGION FARM LABOR REPORT



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October Hired Workers Up 3 Percent; Gross Wage Rate Increased 2 Percent from Previous Year

There were 797,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 6-12, 2024, up 3 percent from the October 2023 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 808,000 during the week of July 7-13, 2024, up 3 percent from the July 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage of \$19.11 per hour during the October 2024 reference week, up 2 percent from the October 2023 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$18.57 per hour, up 2 percent. Livestock workers earned \$17.51 per hour, up 2 percent. The field and livestock worker combined gross wage rate, at \$18.27 per hour, was up 2 percent from the 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.4 hours during the October 2024 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the October 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage of \$18.95 per hour during the July 2024 reference week, up 2 percent from the July 2023 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$18.36 per hour, up 2 percent, while livestock workers earned \$17.36 per hour, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined gross wage rate, at \$18.08 per hour, was up 2 percent from the July 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.6 hours during the July 2024 reference week, down 1 percent from the hours worked during the July 2023 reference week.

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

There were 46,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 6-12, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 40.9 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$19.82 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$19.22 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$17.97 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$18.81 per hour.

There were 47,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 7-13, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 40.2 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$19.37 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$18.75 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$18.15 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$18.56 per hour.

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

There were 34,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of October 6-12, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 39.0 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$19.22 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$18.27 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$17.37 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$18.04 per hour.

There were 37,000 workers hired directly by farms during the week of July 7-13, 2024. All hired workers worked an average of 37.5 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$19.13 per hour. Field workers earned an average of \$18.14 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$17.37 per hour. Field & livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.96 per hour.

For the complete "Farm Labor" report, go to: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x920fw89s>
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