

**FARM LABOR AND WAGE RATES,  
SOUTH DAKOTA, REGIONAL, AND UNITED STATES, 2002-2006 <sup>1/</sup>**

YEAR AND MONTH	HIRED WORKERS					
	NUMBER OF WORKERS	HOURS WORKED	WAGE RATES PER TYPE OF WORK			
			FIELD	LIVESTOCK	FIELD & LIVESTOCK	ALL HIRED WORKERS
	1,000	PER WEEK	----- DOLLARS PER HOUR -----			
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA 2/</b>						
2002	NA	NA	8.11	NA	8.22	8.66
2003	NA	NA	8.46	NA	8.94	9.23
2004	NA	NA	9.02	NA	9.07	9.44
2005	NA	NA	8.33	NA	8.74	9.09
2006	NA	NA	9.04	NA	8.97	9.24
<b>REGIONAL 3/</b>						
2003						
JAN	23	37.8	9.18	9.43	9.37	10.00
APR	28	41.1	9.08	9.28	9.16	9.46
JUL	37	43.9	7.89	8.79	8.15	8.52
OCT	35	43.8	9.29	8.59	9.07	9.31
2004						
JAN	23	37.6	9.89	8.78	9.11	9.75
APR	31	42.3	8.87	8.51	8.73	8.95
JUL	39	37.4	8.24	9.22	8.52	8.86
OCT	44	45.3	9.70	9.00	9.50	9.76
2005						
JAN	27	36.7	10.26	8.60	9.20	9.82
APR	27	40.3	9.33	9.69	9.46	9.70
JUL	45	42.2	8.15	9.49	8.60	9.05
OCT	35	44.4	10.14	9.37	9.86	10.12
2006						
JAN	23	39.5	10.59	9.25	9.75	10.31
APR	27	39.4	9.67	8.64	9.25	9.84
JUL	41	40.9	8.94	9.92	9.28	9.60
OCT	34	42.0	10.13	9.59	9.95	10.20
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
2003						
JAN	729	37.7	8.30	8.90	8.50	9.34
APR	781	40.1	8.40	8.75	8.49	9.16
JUL	943	39.8	8.17	8.57	8.26	8.88
OCT	891	40.2	8.42	8.64	8.47	9.05
2004						
JAN	662	38.1	8.39	8.83	8.55	9.41
APR	827	40.6	8.47	8.95	8.59	9.23
JUL	961	39.2	8.34	8.74	8.43	9.04
OCT	851	40.5	8.62	8.91	8.69	9.32
2005						
JAN	589	37.0	8.71	9.20	8.90	9.78
APR	753	39.9	8.56	9.14	8.72	9.35
JUL	936	40.6	8.61	9.26	8.78	9.38
OCT	842	42.0	8.90	9.15	8.96	9.61
2006						
JAN	614	38.2	9.11	9.26	9.17	10.10
APR	720	40.8	8.95	9.31	9.06	9.78
JUL	876	41.0	8.93	9.49	9.07	9.72
OCT	797	41.6	9.25	9.41	9.29	9.95

1/ EXCLUDES AGRICULTURAL SERVICE WORKERS. 2/ ANNUAL AVERAGE. 3/ NORTHERN PLAINS: KS, NE, ND, SD. NA = NOT AVAILABLE.