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This report contains the results from the **April 2024 Farm Labor Survey** collected during the last two weeks of April. Respondents were asked the number of hired workers, hours worked and wages for the January and April 2024 reference weeks. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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There were 29,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of April 7-13, 2024. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$16.67 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 41.3 for hired workers during the reference week, down 0.8 hours from the reference week in April 2023.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 26,000 for the April 7-13, 2024 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$16.87, up from \$15.36 in April 2023. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 40.7 hours during the April 2024 reference week.

During the reference week of January 7-13, 2024, there were 23,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$17.97 per hour during the January 2024 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 37.8 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 40.1 hours in January 2023.

There were 25,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the January 2024 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$16.75 per hour, up from \$15.59 in January 2023. The number of gross hours worked averaged 39.6 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Gross Wage Rates – Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2023 and 2024

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	April 2023	January 2024	April 2024	April 2023	January 2024	April 2024	April 2023	January 2024	April 2024
Hired workers on farms...(1,000 workers)	27	25	26	32	23	29	651	496	618
Hours worked by hired workers...(hrs/wk)	41.6	39.6	40.7	42.1	37.8	41.3	40.6	38.7	40.6
Gross wage rates ²									
Field workers(\$/hr)	14.50	15.80	15.75	14.49	17.54	16.37	17.26	18.51	18.25
Livestock workers(\$/hr)	14.30	15.90	16.50	12.77	15.50	15.21	16.48	17.52	17.43
Field and livestock combined(\$/hr)	14.48	15.81	15.82	14.03	16.91	16.10	16.99	18.10	17.98
All hired workers(\$/hr)	15.36	16.75	16.87	14.69	17.97	16.67	18.08	19.49	18.98

¹ Southeast Region includes Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in gross wage rates.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Farm Labor](#), May 2024

Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers – Florida: 2022-2024

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

