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FARM LABOR

MOUNTAIN I REGION (IDAHO, MONTANA, WYOMING)

There were 29,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Mountain I Region (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming) during the reference week of October 6-12, 2024, according to the Agricultural Labor Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$17.85 per hour, compared with \$16.77 in October 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 45.5 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 47.0 hours in October 2023. Field workers averaged \$17.55 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$16.12 per hour, and field and livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.89 per hour.

During the reference week of July 7-13, 2024, there were 28,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Mountain I Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$17.77 per hour, compared to \$16.94 in July 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 45.0 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 44.5 hours in July 2023. Field workers averaged \$17.48 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$16.12 per hour, and field and livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.80 per hour.

MOUNTAIN II REGION (COLORADO, NEVADA, UTAH)

There were 23,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Mountain II Region (Colorado, Nevada, and Utah) during the reference week of October 6-12, 2024, according to the Agricultural Labor Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$18.95 per hour, compared with \$17.49 in October 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 41.1 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 43.5 hours in October 2023. Field workers averaged \$18.49 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$17.39 per hour, and field and livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.96 per hour.

During the reference week of July 7-13, 2024, there were 25,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Mountain II Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$18.65 per hour, compared with \$17.62 in July 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 42.6 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 42.9 hours in July 2023. Field workers averaged \$18.18 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$17.20 per hour, and field and livestock workers combined earned an average of \$17.77 per hour.

MOUNTAIN III REGION (ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO)

There were 16,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Mountain III Region (Arizona and New Mexico) during the reference week of October 6-12, 2024, according to the Agricultural Labor Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$17.66 per hour, compared with \$17.63 in October 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 46.7 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 45.4 hours in October 2023. Field workers averaged \$16.56 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$17.40 per hour, and field and livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.89 per hour.

During the reference week of July 7-13, 2024, there were 15,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Mountain III Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$17.85 per hour, compared with \$17.64 in July 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 46.5 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 45.5 hours in July 2023. Field workers averaged \$16.66 per hour, livestock workers averaged \$17.37 per hour, and field and livestock workers combined earned an average of \$16.97 per hour.

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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.

The 2024 all hired worker annual average gross wage rate was \$19.10 per hour, up 3 percent from the 2023 annual average gross wage rate. The 2024 field worker annual average gross wage rate was \$18.42 per hour, up 3 percent from the 2023 annual average. The 2024 livestock worker annual average gross wage rate was \$17.45 per hour. The 2024 annual average combined gross wage for field and livestock workers was \$18.12, up 3 percent from the 2023 annual average of \$17.55 per hour.

For a full copy of the *Farm Labor* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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