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This report contains the results from the **April 2022 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 2022 reference weeks. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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There were 30,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of April 10-16, 2022. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$13.76 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 38.5 for hired workers during the reference week, down 1.1 hours from the reference week in April 2021.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 28,000 for the April 10-16, 2022 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$14.61, up from \$13.37 in April 2021. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 43.0 hours during the April 2022 reference week.

During the reference week of January 9-15, 2022, there were 21,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$14.10 per hour during the January 2022 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 37.8 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 38.6 hours in January 2021.

There were 27,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the January 2022 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$14.48 per hour, up from \$12.98 in January 2021. The number of gross hours worked averaged 41.2 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Gross Wage Rates – Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2021 and 2022

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	April 2021	January 2022	April 2022	April 2021	January 2022	April 2022	April 2021	January 2022	April 2022
Hired workers on farms...(1,000 workers)	28	27	28	31	21	30	613	507	630
Hours worked by hired workers...(hrs/wk)	40.4	41.2	43.0	39.6	37.8	38.5	40.9	39.3	39.7
Gross wage rates ²									
Field workers	12.30	13.70	13.85	12.08	13.45	13.16	15.19	16.54	16.50
Livestock workers	12.95	13.70	14.30	12.19	13.24	12.92	14.81	16.12	15.82
Field and livestock combined	12.38	13.70	13.90	12.10	13.39	13.11	15.06	16.37	16.27
All hired workers	13.37	14.48	14.61	12.63	14.10	13.76	15.97	17.63	17.22

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 2022

Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers – Florida: 2020-2022

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

