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This report contains the results from the **October 2022 Farm Labor Survey** collected during the last two weeks of October. Respondents were asked the number of hired workers, hours worked, and wages for the July and October 2022 reference weeks. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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There were 35,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of October 9-15, 2022. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$14.67 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 41.3 for hired workers during the reference week, up 0.5 hours from the reference week in October 2021.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 26,000 for the October 9-15, 2022 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$16.08, up from \$13.30 in October 2021. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 43.2 hours during the October 2022 reference week.

During the reference week of July 10-16, 2022, there were 36,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$14.63 per hour during the July 2022 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 40.8 for hired workers during the reference week, unchanged from the average gross hours worked during July 2021.

There were 24,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the July 2022 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$15.98 per hour, up from \$13.58 in July 2021. The number of gross hours worked averaged 42.7 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		
	October 2021	July 2022	October 2022	October 2021	July 2022	October 2022	October 2021	July 2022	October 2022
Hired workers on farms... (1,000 workers)	28	24	26	26	36	35	772	797	785
Hours worked by hired workers... (hrs/wk)	44.0	42.7	43.2	40.8	40.8	41.3	42.0	41.1	41.8
Gross wage rates ²									
Field workers (\$/hr)	12.55	14.80	14.90	11.43	13.97	13.92	16.08	16.80	17.04
Livestock workers (\$/hr)	12.50	15.45	14.95	12.91	14.10	14.03	15.45	16.65	16.52
Field and livestock combined (\$/hr)	12.54	14.89	14.91	11.75	14.00	13.94	15.92	16.76	16.90
All hired workers (\$/hr)	13.30	15.98	16.08	12.40	14.63	14.67	16.59	17.63	17.72

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](#), November 2022

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

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

