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Farm Labor



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This report contains the results from the **April 2023 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 2023 reference weeks. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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There were 32,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of April 9-15, 2023. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$14.69 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 42.1 for hired workers during the reference week, up 3.6 hours from the reference week in April 2022.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 27,000 for the April 9-15, 2023 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$15.36, up from \$14.61 in April 2022. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 41.6 hours during the April 2023 reference week.

During the reference week of January 8-14, 2023, there were 24,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$15.41 per hour during the January 2023 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 40.1 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 37.8 hours in January 2022.

There were 25,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the January 2023 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$15.59 per hour, up from \$14.48 in January 2022. The number of gross hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Gross Wage Rates – Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2022 and 2023

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	April 2022	January 2023	April 2023	April 2022	January 2023	April 2023	April 2022	January 2023	April 2023
Hired workers on farms...(1,000 workers)	28	25	27	30	24	32	630	511	651
Hours worked by hired workers...(hrs/wk)	43.0	41.7	41.6	38.5	40.1	42.1	39.7	38.9	40.6
Gross wage rates ²									
Field workers	13.85	14.60	14.50	13.16	15.28	14.49	16.50	17.67	17.26
Livestock workers	14.30	14.75	14.30	12.92	12.93	12.77	15.82	16.71	16.48
Field and livestock combined	13.90	14.62	14.48	13.11	14.59	14.03	16.27	17.26	16.99
All hired workers	14.61	15.59	15.36	13.76	15.41	14.69	17.22	18.55	18.08

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 2023

Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers – Florida: 2021-2023

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

