

December 12, 2024 Board Meeting

- **Milk Production**

- In October, WI milk production totaled 2.69 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous October.
- Milk production in the 24 major states totaled 18.0 billion pounds. This is up 0.4 percent from the previous year.
- As of November 1, 2024, WI had 5,386 milk cow herds. This is down 353 herds from November 1, 2023.

- **Chicken & Eggs**

- Wisconsin egg production during October totaled 209 million eggs. This is down slightly from last year.
- The average number of all layers on hand during October was 7.80 million which is down 2 percent from October 2023.

- **October Prices Received**

- Milk price for October was \$25.40 per cwt. This was \$5.80 above last October's price. The U.S. price for October was \$25.20.
- Corn \$3.88 per bushel down 92 cents from last October.
- Soybeans \$9.90 per bushel down \$2.50 from last year.
- Alfalfa hay \$147.00 per ton down \$36.00 from October 2023.

- **Labor**

- There were 62,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) during the reference week of July 7 – 13, 2024.
- Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$18.40 per hour \$1.24 below July 2023.

- **Other noteworthy items:**

- In January, NASS will collect livestock inventory data for cattle, sheep and goats.



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Production

Upper Midwest Regional Field Office · 210 Walnut St, Ste 833 · Des Moines, IA 50309 · (608) 287-4775
fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov/wi

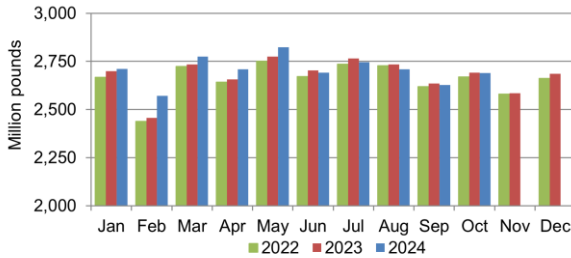
Cooperating with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

November 20, 2024 - For Immediate Release

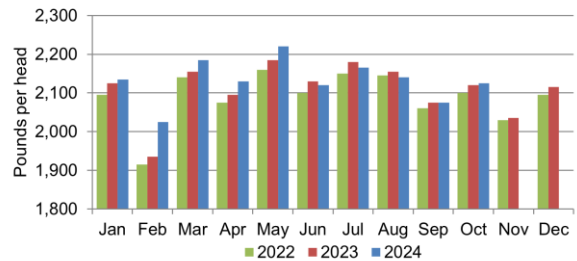
Media Contact: Greg Bussler

Milk production in Wisconsin during October 2024 totaled 2.69 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month but down 4,000 from October 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,125 pounds, up 5 pounds from last October.

**Milk Production
Wisconsin: 2022-2024**



**Milk Production per Cow
Wisconsin: 2022-2024**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 2023 and 2024

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	Change from 2023
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	201	193	1,960	1,970	394	380	-3.6
California	1,711	1,707	1,935	1,865	3,311	3,184	-3.8
Colorado	198	202	2,175	2,180	431	440	2.1
Florida	100	100	1,580	1,570	158	157	-0.6
Georgia	90	85	1,775	1,920	160	163	1.9
Idaho	663	672	2,080	2,110	1,379	1,418	2.8
Illinois	79	77	1,745	1,740	138	134	-2.9
Indiana	191	189	1,965	1,990	375	376	0.3
Iowa	239	243	2,060	2,090	492	508	3.3
Kansas	175	183	2,015	2,010	353	368	4.2
Michigan	439	438	2,290	2,305	1,005	1,010	0.5
Minnesota	451	442	1,935	1,965	873	869	-0.5
New Mexico	260	242	2,000	2,055	520	497	-4.4
New York	630	630	2,130	2,135	1,342	1,345	0.2
Ohio	255	251	1,845	1,870	470	469	-0.2
Oregon	119	118	1,745	1,745	208	206	-1.0
Pennsylvania	466	465	1,710	1,725	797	802	0.6
South Dakota	198	215	1,955	1,970	387	424	9.6
Texas	635	675	2,175	2,225	1,381	1,502	8.8
Utah	88	90	1,940	1,935	171	174	1.8
Vermont	116	113	1,805	1,840	209	208	-0.5
Virginia	69	66	1,700	1,705	117	113	-3.4
Washington	257	259	2,010	2,000	517	518	0.2
Wisconsin	1,270	1,266	2,120	2,125	2,692	2,690	-0.1
24-State Total	8,900	8,921	2,009	2,013	17,880	17,955	0.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 24 major States during October totaled 18.0 billion pounds, up 0.4 percent from October 2023. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from September 2023. The September revision represented an increase of 52 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for October, 4 pounds above October 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.92 million head, 21,000 head more than October 2023, and 16,000 head more than September 2024.

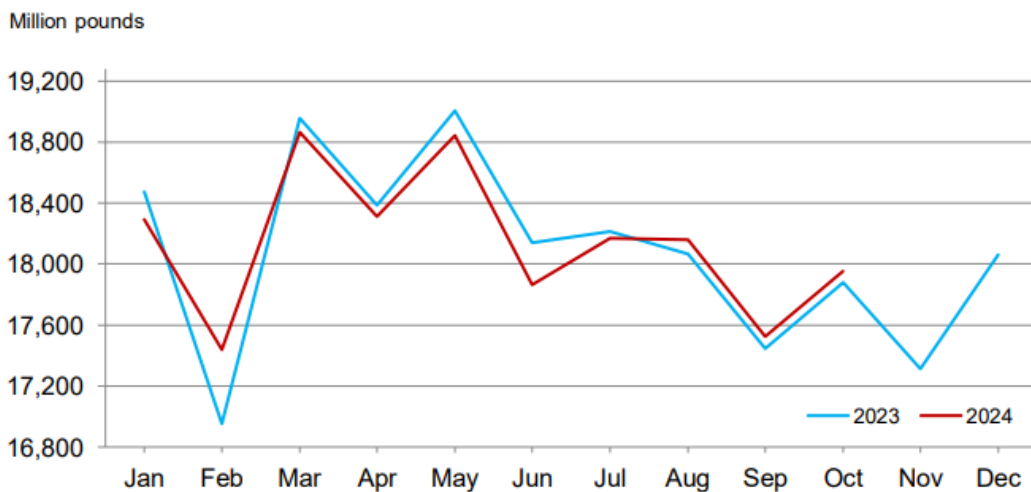
Milk production in the United States during October totaled 18.7 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from October 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,996 pounds for October, 3 pounds above October 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 10,000 head more than October 2023, and 19,000 head more than September 2024.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Monthly Milk Production - 24 Selected States





Wisconsin Ag News – Chickens & Eggs

Upper Midwest Regional Field Office · 210 Walnut St, Ste 833 · Des Moines, IA 50309 · (608) 287-4775
fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov/wi

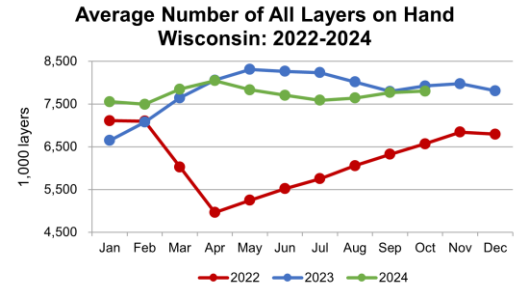
Cooperating with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

November 22, 2024 - For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Greg Bussler

Wisconsin egg production during October 2024 was 209 million eggs, down slightly from the previous October, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of all layers on hand during October 2024 was 7.80 million, down 2 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for October was 2,680, up 1 percent from a year ago.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 2023 and 2024

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,347	1,293	11,556	10,488	1,917	1,942	221.5	203.7	36.9	34.0
Arkansas	(D)	(D)	14,969	15,604	2,208	2,130	330.5	332.4	(D)	(D)
California	10,675	8,159	11,051	8,530	2,355	2,401	260.3	204.8	(D)	(D)
Colorado	3,709	1,513	4,197	2,001	2,599	2,329	109.1	46.6	(D)	(D)
Georgia	9,613	9,949	20,017	19,682	2,235	2,261	447.3	445.0	247.3	252.1
Illinois	6,137	5,148	6,686	5,754	2,438	2,534	163.0	145.8	159.1	140.6
Indiana	34,548	36,383	35,595	37,316	2,519	2,466	896.7	920.3	880.8	906.6
Iowa	43,769	42,712	45,604	44,576	2,604	2,610	1,187.4	1,163.5	1,163.0	1,139.7
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	5,474	5,456	2,117	2,188	115.9	119.4	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,179	2,316	2,389	2,529	2,641	2,681	63.1	67.8	61.7	66.2
Michigan	16,193	10,841	16,502	11,454	2,549	2,427	420.7	278.0	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	7,390	6,041	7,840	6,527	2,559	2,569	200.6	167.7	192.7	160.2
Mississippi	(D)	(D)	5,568	5,659	2,186	2,200	121.7	124.5	(D)	(D)
Missouri	7,331	7,468	13,844	13,686	2,607	2,560	360.9	350.3	318.6	312.4
Nebraska	7,529	7,895	8,132	8,604	2,549	2,534	207.3	218.0	195.5	203.2
New York	5,101	5,192	5,680	5,691	2,593	2,588	147.3	147.3	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	7,361	7,666	16,018	16,146	2,243	2,287	359.3	369.3	191.4	204.2
Ohio	40,614	42,731	41,803	43,946	2,573	2,572	1,075.5	1,130.4	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	(D)	2,285	2,433	2,074	2,088	47.4	50.8	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,317	2,391	2,427	2,501	2,616	2,567	63.5	64.2	63.5	64.2
Pennsylvania	24,519	23,878	27,519	27,190	2,538	2,604	698.4	708.0	655.7	660.3
South Carolina	2,277	2,603	3,582	3,879	2,345	2,220	84.0	86.1	60.3	63.4
South Dakota	1,826	1,939	1,881	1,994	2,775	2,623	52.2	52.3	52.2	52.3
Texas	(D)	(D)	22,923	21,767	2,419	2,213	554.5	481.6	(D)	(D)
Utah	6,332	7,021	6,372	7,061	2,600	2,371	165.7	167.4	165.7	167.4
Virginia	920	938	2,697	2,626	2,369	2,319	63.9	60.9	31.9	30.8
Washington	5,440	5,333	5,604	5,435	2,646	2,534	148.3	137.7	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	6,853	6,647	7,924	7,803	2,646	2,680	209.7	209.1	204.1	203.3
Other States ¹	25,479	24,746	31,643	30,707	2,425	2,409	767.3	739.6	689.9	658.3
United States	305,784	296,365	387,782	377,045	2,461	2,438	9,543.0	9,192.5	8,236.0	7,891.4

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

United States Chickens & Eggs

United States egg production totaled 9.19 billion during October 2024, down 4 percent from last year. Production included 7.89 billion table eggs, and 1.30 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.21 billion were broiler-type and 92.4 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during October 2024 totaled 377 million, down 3 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,438 eggs, down 1 percent from October 2023.

Total layers in the United States on November 1, 2024, totaled 377 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 377 million layers consisted of 312 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 61.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.62 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2024, averaged 78.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from November 1, 2023.

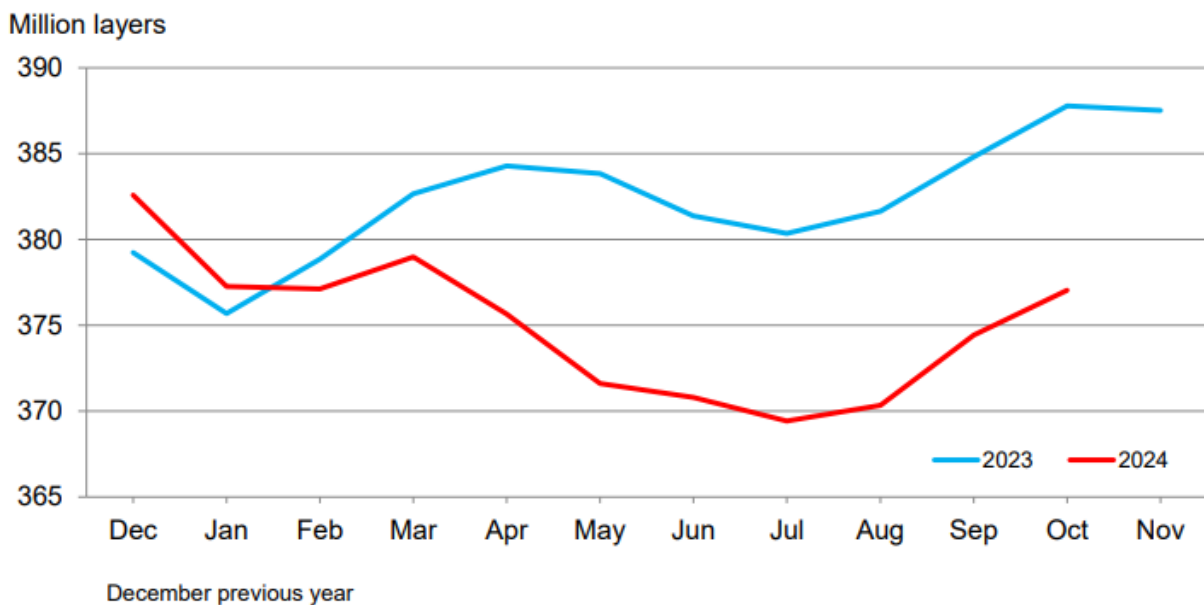
Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2024 totaled 54.9 million, up 7 percent from October 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.3 million on November 1, 2024, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 245 thousand during October 2024, down 2 percent from October 2023.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2024 totaled 845 million, up 3 percent from October 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 723 million on November 1, 2024, up 6 percent from a year ago.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Average Layers During the Month – United States





Wisconsin Ag News – Monthly Prices

Upper Midwest Regional Field Office · 210 Walnut St, Ste 833 · Des Moines, IA 50309 · (608) 287-4775
fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov/wi

Cooperating with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

November 29, 2024 - For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Greg Bussler

The average price received by farmers for **corn** during October 2024 in Wisconsin was \$3.88 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 18 cents above the September price but 92 cents below October 2023.

The October 2024 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$9.90 per bushel, was 30 cents below the September price and \$2.50 below the October 2023 price.

The October average **oat** price per bushel, at \$3.71, was 60 cents above September but 28 cents below October 2023.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$137.00 per ton in October. This was \$14.00 above the September price and \$4.00 above the October 2023 price. The October 2024 **alfalfa hay** price, at \$147.00, was \$15.00 above the previous month but \$36.00 below October 2023. The average price received for **other hay** during October was \$115.00 per ton. This was \$18.00 above the September price but \$18.00 below October last year.

The average price for **milk** was \$25.40 per cwt, 10 cents below the September price but \$5.80 above October 2023.

Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States

	Wisconsin			United States		
	October 2023	September 2024	October 2024	October 2023	September 2024	October 2024
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Cornbu	4.80	3.70	3.88	4.93	3.98	3.99
Hay, all baledbu	133.00	123.00	137.00	205.00	161.00	165.00
Alfalfaton	183.00	132.00	147.00	219.00	172.00	173.00
Otherton	133.00	97.00	115.00	172.00	140.00	147.00
Oatsbu	3.99	3.11	3.71	3.77	3.32	3.33
Soybeansbu	12.40	10.20	9.90	12.70	10.20	9.91
Milk, allcwt	19.60	25.50	25.40	21.50	25.50	25.20

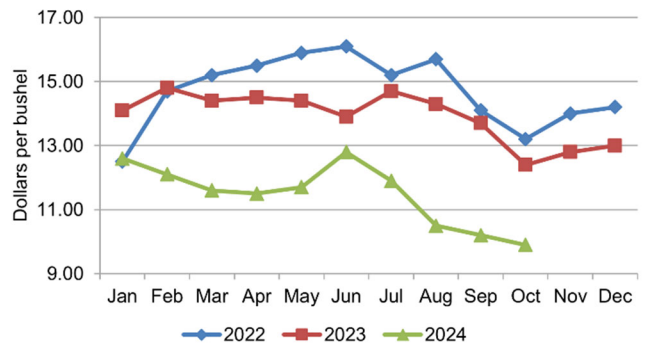
Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States

	October 2023	September 2024	October 2024
Calvescwt	297.00	289.00	322.00
Cattle, all beefcwt	182.00	183.00	187.00
Cows ¹cwt	108.00	136.00	128.00
Steers and heiferscwt	186.00	185.00	189.00
Hogs, allcwt	60.40	64.30	63.90
Barrows & Giltscwt	61.50	64.00	63.60
Sowscwt	39.50	70.20	70.60
Eggs, market ²doz	0.927	1.96	2.72

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

² Also referred to as table eggs.

Soybean Price Received by Farmers - Wisconsin



The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.



Wisconsin Ag News – Labor

Upper Midwest Regional Field Office · 210 Walnut St, Ste 833 · Des Moines, IA 50309 · (608) 287-4775
fax (855) 271-9802 · www.nass.usda.gov/wi

Cooperating with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

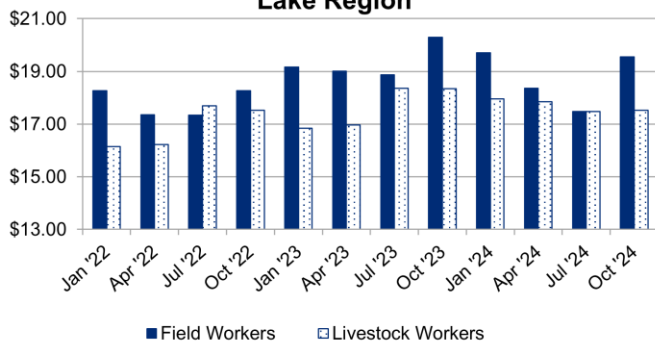
November 20, 2024 - For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Greg Bussler

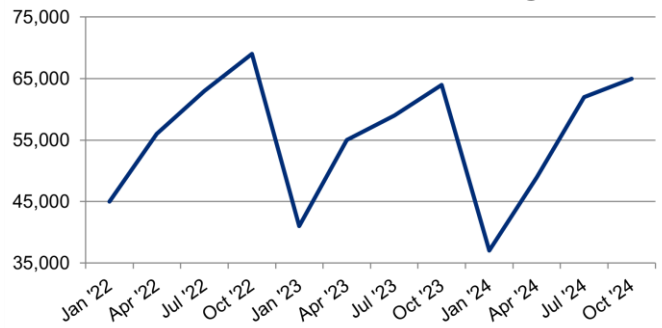
There were 62,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) during the reference week of July 7-13, 2024, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Labor* report. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$18.40 per hour, \$1.24 below July 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 41.2 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 42.8 hours in July 2023.

During the reference week of October 6-12, 2024, there were 65,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin). Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$19.46 per hour during the October 2024 reference week, 92 cents below October 2023. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 42.8 hours in October 2023.

**Wage Rates by Type of Worker
Lake Region**



Number of Workers - Lake Region



Hired Workers, Hours Worked and Wage Rates – Lake Region and United States: 2023-2024

[Lake Region includes Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin]

	Lake Region			United States		
	October 2023	July 2024	October 2024	October 2023	July 2024	October 2024
Hired workers on farms 1,000 workers	64	62	65	776	808	797
Hours worked by hired workers hours per week	42.8	41.2	41.7	41.7	40.6	41.4
Wage rate ¹						
Field and livestock combineddollars per hour	19.37	17.48	18.63	17.95	18.08	18.27
Fielddollars per hour	20.30	17.48	19.55	18.24	18.36	18.57
Livestockdollars per hour	18.35	17.47	17.53	17.19	17.36	17.51
All hired workersdollars per hour	20.38	18.40	19.46	18.81	18.95	19.11

¹ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

UNITED STATES LABOR

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.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.