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This report contains the results from the **April 2021 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 2021 reference weeks. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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There were 31,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of April 11-17, 2021. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$12.63 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 39.6 for hired workers during the reference week, up 1.2 hours from the reference week in April 2020.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 28,000 for the April 11-17, 2021 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$13.37, up from \$12.52 in April 2020. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 40.4 hours during the April 2021 reference week.

During the reference week of January 10-16, 2021, there were 23,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$12.89 per hour during the January 2021 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 38.6 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 37.3 hours in January 2020.

There were 28,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the January 2021 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$12.98 per hour, up from \$12.46 in January 2020. The number of gross hours worked averaged 42.0 for hired workers during the reference week.

Hired Workers and Gross Wage Rates – Florida, Southeast, and United States: 2019 and 2020

	Florida			Southeast ¹			United States		
	April 2020	January 2021	April 2021	April 2020	January 2021	April 2021	April 2020	January 2021	April 2021
Hired workers on farms 1,000 workers	38	28	28	30	23	31	688	506	613
Hours worked by hired workers hrs/wk	40.7	42.0	40.4	38.4	38.6	39.6	40.3	40.2	40.9
Gross wage rates ²									
Field workers \$/hr	11.65	12.05	12.30	11.51	12.38	12.08	14.19	15.23	15.19
Livestock workers \$/hr	11.80	12.90	12.95	11.13	12.27	12.19	14.10	14.87	14.81
Field and livestock combined .. \$/hr	11.67	12.15	12.38	11.40	12.35	12.10	14.16	15.08	15.06
All hired workers \$/hr	12.52	12.98	13.37	11.79	12.89	12.63	15.07	16.21	15.97

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 2021

Wage Rate by Type of Worker and Number of Workers – Florida: 2019-2021

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

