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

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There were 26,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) during the reference week of October 10-16, 2021. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$12.40 per hour. The number of gross hours worked averaged 40.8 for hired workers during the reference week, up 1.7 hours from the reference week in October 2020.

In Florida, workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 28,000 for the October 10-16, 2021 reference week. Hired workers were paid an average gross wage rate of \$13.30, down from \$13.82 in October 2020. The number of gross hours worked was an average of 44.0 hours during the October 2021 reference week.

During the reference week of July 11-17, 2021, there were 32,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Southeast Region. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$12.34 per hour during the July 2021 reference week. The number of gross hours worked averaged 40.8 for hired workers during the reference week, compared with 39.8 hours in July 2020.

There were 25,000 workers hired directly by farms in Florida during the July 2021 reference week. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average gross wage rate of \$13.58 per hour, down from \$13.79 in July 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: 2020 and 2021**

	Florida			Southeast <sup>1</sup>			United States		
	October 2020	July 2021	October 2021	October 2020	July 2021	October 2021	October 2020	July 2021	October 2021
Hired workers on farms...(1,000 workers)	35	25	28	31	32	26	758	797	772
Hours worked by hired workers...(hrs/wk)	42.5	42.0	44.0	39.1	40.8	40.8	42.1	41.0	42.0
Gross wage rates <sup>2</sup>									
Field workers ..... \$/hr	12.35	12.55	12.55	12.02	11.52	11.43	15.28	16.10	16.08
Livestock workers ..... \$/hr	13.15	12.75	12.50	12.37	13.01	12.91	14.62	15.19	15.45
Field and livestock combined ..... \$/hr	12.48	12.58	12.54	12.10	11.83	11.75	15.10	15.85	15.92
All hired workers ..... \$/hr	13.82	13.58	13.30	12.73	12.34	12.40	15.87	16.59	16.59

<sup>1</sup> Southeast Region includes Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2021

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

Dollars per hour

Thousand workers

