

## AGRICULTURAL LABOR SURVEY

### January 2009

#### INTRODUCTION

Your help is needed to estimate the number of agricultural workers and their average wage rate. Authority to collect information on the Agricultural Labor Survey is Title 7, Section 2204 of the U.S. Code. The information will be used to compile and publish estimates at a Regional and National level for the United States. Response is voluntary and all answers are confidential.

1. **Since June 1, 2008, have you or will you--**

a. **grow any crops or cut hay?**

[Include grains, row crops, oilseeds, fruits, nuts, vegetables (including strawberries and melon crops), nursery and greenhouse, Christmas trees, and other specialty crops.]

YES - [click here](#)  NO - [Continue]

b. **own or raise any livestock or poultry?**

[Include livestock and poultry owned, and any being raised under contract for someone else.]

YES - [click here](#)  NO - [Continue]

c. **sell any agricultural products?**

YES - [click here](#)  NO - [Continue]

d. **receive government agricultural payments?**

[Exclude government payments received as a landlord.]

YES - [click here](#)  NO - [Continue]

e. **have more than 19 acres of idle cropland or more than 99 acres of pastureland?**

YES - [click here](#)  NO - [click here](#)

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3. Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation made by one individual,

a hired manager, or partners?

One Individual - [click here](#)

A Hired Manager - [click here](#)

Partners - How many partners make the day-to-day decisions?

Number

[Enter number of partners, including operator, and then continue]

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4. Please identify the other person(s) in this partnership

[Verify partner(s) name and make necessary corrections if name(s) have already been entered.]

[Check if verified]  [Check if no longer a partner]

Name:    Phone:   
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address:      
(Rt or St.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2008?

Yes  
 No

[Check if verified]  [Check if no longer a partner]

Name:    Phone:   
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address:      
(Rt or St.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2008?

Yes  
 No

[Check if verified]  [Check if no longer a partner]

Name:    Phone:   
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address:      
(Rt or St.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2008?

Yes  
 No



[Check if verified]



[Check if no longer a partner]

Name:

Phone:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address:

(Rt or St.)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2008?



Yes



No

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**January 2009**

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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**CONTRACT, AGRICULTURAL SERVICE OR CUSTOM WORKERS**

1. During the week of January 11<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, was any work performed on your operation using--

- Contract labor
- An agricultural service
- Custom work for a fee or under contract

YES - [click here](#)

NO - [click here](#)

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**Examples of Contract, Agricultural Service and Custom Work:**

Artificial insemination (AI); combining; corn or cotton picking; fertilizing;  
harvesting of fruit, vegetable or berry crops; hay baling; milk testing; pruning;  
sheep shearing; spraying; thinning; veterinarian work; weeding.

What was done?	How many workers were there?
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total Contract, Ag. Service and Custom Workers</b>	<input type="text" value="30"/>

**PAID WORKERS**

January 2009						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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1. Did this operation have anyone on the payroll to do agricultural work the week of January 11<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>?

[Include part-time workers, paid family members and hired managers. Only report Hired Workers that were directly paid by the farm operation. Do not include contract laborers or workers.

YES - [click here](#)

NO - [click here](#)

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2. For the paid workers, please record the number of workers, hours worked, and the gross wages paid the week of January 11<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Separate the workers by the main type of work they were hired to do.

**Code Work Hired to Do**

- 1 FIELD WORKERS**  
Jack-of-all-trades and machinery operators on crop farms, fruit or vegetable pickers, greenhouse or nursery workers, hay balers and haulers, etc.
- 2 LIVESTOCK WORKERS**  
Jack-of-all-trades and machinery operators on livestock or poultry operations, workers hired to fix fences, tend animals, milk cows, gather eggs, etc.
- 3 SUPERVISOR/MANAGER**  
Hired managers, range foremen, crew leaders, etc. Exclude individuals not directly involved in day-to-day decisions on the farm.
- 4 OTHER WORKERS**  
Office workers, bookkeepers, pilots, pesticide applicators, etc.

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Work Hired to Do	Worker Code (shown above)	Number of Paid Workers	Total Hours Worked	Total Gross Wages That Week (Dollars)
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<input type="text"/>	421	422	423	424
<input type="text"/>	431	432	433	434
<input type="text"/>	441	442	443	444
<input type="text"/>	451	452	453	454

3. TOTAL PAID WORKERS

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4. In 2009, how many of these TOTAL PAID WORKERS will be paid by this operation---

	NUMBER OF WORKERS
a. For 150 days or more of work?	<input type="text" value="500"/>
b. For 149 days or less of work?	<input type="text" value="501"/>

Sum MUST equal TOTAL PAID WORKERS



## VALUE OF SALES

1. Please classify this operation in terms of total gross value of sales  
[ Include only 2008 and earlier years' production.]

**Considering:**

- Sales of all crops, livestock, poultry, and livestock products (milk, eggs, etc.) sold in 2008.
- The value of product removed for all crops, livestock, and poultry produced under contract in 2008.
- Sales of all miscellaneous agricultural products in 2008.
- All government agricultural payments received in 2008.
- Landlord's share of government payments and crops sold in 2008.

- a. Please select the appropriate total gross value of sales, including government agricultural payment.

**Total Value**

- None during 2008
- \$1--- \$999
- \$1,000--- \$2,499
- \$2,500--- \$4,999
- \$5,000--- \$9,999
- \$10,000--- \$24,999
- \$25,000--- \$49,999
- \$50,000--- \$99,999
- \$100,000--- \$249,999
- \$250,000--- \$499,999
- \$500,000--- \$999,999
- \$1,000,000--- \$2,499,999
- \$2,500,000--- \$4,999,999
- \$5,000,000 and over

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## VALUE OF SALES

2. Of the farm or ranch income reported, which of these categories represents the largest portion of the gross income from this operation?

– **Grains, Oilseeds, Dry Beans, and Dry Peas**

(corn, flaxseed, grain silage and forage, grains and oilseeds, popcorn, rice, small grains, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, straw, etc.)

– **Tobacco**

– **Cotton and Cottonseed**

– **Vegetables, Melons, Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes**

(beets, cabbage, cantaloupes, pumpkins, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelons, vegetable seeds, etc.)

– **Fruit, Tree Nuts and Berries**

(almonds, apples, blueberries, cherries, grapes, hazelnuts, kiwifruit, oranges, pears, pecans, strawberries, walnuts, etc.)

– **Nursery, Greenhouse, Floriculture and Sod**

(bedding plants, bulbs, cut flowers, flower seeds, foliage plants, mushrooms, nursery potted plants, shrubbery, sod, etc.)

– **Cut Christmas Trees and Short Rotation Woody Crops**

– **Other Crops and Hay, CRP and Pasture**

(grass seed, hay and grass silage, hops, maple syrup, mint, peanuts, sugarcane, sugarbeets, CRP, etc.)

– **Hogs and Pigs**

– **Milk and Other Dairy Products from Cows**

– **Cattle and Calves**

(beef and dairy cattle for breeding stock, fed cattle, beef and dairy cull animals, stockers and feeders, veal calves, etc.)

– **Sheep, Goats, and their Products**

(wool, mohair, milk and cheese)

– **Horses, Ponies, and Mules**

(burros and donkeys)

– **Poultry and Eggs**

(broilers, chickens, turkeys, ducks, eggs, emus, geese, hatchlings, ostriches, pigeons, pheasants, quail, poultry products, etc.)

– **Aquaculture**

(catfish, trout, ornamental and other fish, mollusks, crustaceans, etc.)

– **Other Animals and Other Animal Products**

(bees, honey, rabbits, fur-bearing animals, semen, manure, other animal specialties, etc.)

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**PEAK HIRED WORKERS**

**NUMBER OF  
WORKERS**

1. During 2008, what was the largest number of hired workers, including paid family members, on the payroll on any one day?.

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1. Do you (the operator) make any day – to – day decisions for ANOTHER farm or ranch?

YES – [Continue]

NO – [click here](#)

a. What is the name of this operation?

b. Was this additional operation in business before June 1, 20082009200920092009?

YES – [click here](#)

NO – [click here](#)

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2. Would you like to receive a free copy of the results of this survey in the mail?

(The survey results will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/> after 3:00 pm ET on February 20, 2009.)

Yes  No

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Very Negative      Somewhat Negative      Neither Negative or Positive      Somewhat Positive      Very Positive  
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In case we have any questions about this report, please enter your name so we know who to contact.

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