

AGRICULTURAL LABOR SURVEY April 2009



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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.

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Attempted Contacts		
Date	Time	Notes

[Verify name and mailing address of this operation. Make any corrections necessary (including the correct operation name) on the label and continue.]

[Check if name label verified]

2. Since June 1, 2008, have you or will you (name on label)--

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 – [Go to item 3] **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 – [Go to item 3] **NO** – [Continue]

c. sell any agricultural products?

YES – [Go to item 3] **NO** – [Continue]

d. receive government agricultural payments?

[Exclude government payments received as a landlord.]

YES – [Go to item 3] **NO** – [Continue]

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

YES – [Go to item 3] **NO** – [Go to Section 6, page 7, item 1]

OFFICE USE

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3. Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation made by one individual, a hired manager, or partners? [Check one]

- One individual – [Go to **Section 2, page 3, item 1**]
- A hired manager – [Go to **Section 2, page 3, item 1**]
- Partners – How many partners make the day-to-day decisions?

Number

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

April 2009

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26	27	28	29	30		

Section 2 – CONTRACT, AGRICULTURAL SERVICE OR CUSTOM WORKERS

1. During the week of April 12th through the 18th, was any work performed on your operation using---

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

For those workers on the payroll that you paid wages directly to the worker, please report those workers in Section 3 – PAID WORKERS, below.

YES – [Enter code 1 and continue] **NO** – [Enter code 3 then go to Section 3, below]

CODE

029

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.

e. Who did it?

Name #1: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Name #2: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

**OFFICE USE
COUNT OF AG. SERVICE
QUESTIONNAIRES**

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[Go to **page 5, item 1**]

Section 3 - PAID WORKERS

1. Did this operation have anyone on the payroll to do agricultural work the week of April 12th through the 18th?

[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 reported in Section 2 above.]

CODE

- YES** - [Enter code 1 then continue on next page]
 NO - [Enter Code 3 then go to Section 4, page 5]

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Section 3 – PAID WORKERS (continued)

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2. For the paid workers, record the number of workers, hours worked, and the gross wages paid the week of April 12th through the 18th. Please separate the workers by the main type of work they were hired to do based on the following groups:

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.

Work Hired to Do	Worker Code (shown above)	Number of Paid Workers	Total Hours Worked	Total Gross Wages That Week (Dollars)
	411	412	413	414
	421	422	423	424
	431	432	433	434
	441	442	443	444
	451	452	453	454

3. **TOTAL PAID WORKERS** 360

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

- a. For 150 days or more of work?..... 500
- b. For 149 days or less of work?..... 501

Sum MUST equal **TOTAL PAID WORKERS**, item 3 above.

TOTAL 501

NUMBER OF WORKERS

Section 4 - VALUE OF SALES

1. Please classify this operation in terms of total gross value of sales
 [Be sure sales represent 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. What code represents the total gross value of sales, including government agricultural payments?

Total Value	GVS Code
'None' during 2008.....	99
\$ 1 --- 999 ...	1
\$ 1,000 --- 2,499 ...	2
\$ 2,500 --- \$ 4,999 ...	3
\$ 5,000 --- \$ 9,999 ...	4
\$ 10,000 --- \$ 24,999 ...	5
\$ 25,000 --- \$ 49,999 ...	6
\$ 50,000 --- \$ 99,999 ...	7
\$ 100,000 --- \$ 249,999 ...	8
\$ 250,000 --- \$ 499,999 ...	9
\$ 500,000 --- \$ 999,999 ...	10
\$ 1,000,000 --- \$2,499,999 ...	11
\$ 2,500,000 --- \$4,999,999....	12
\$ 5,000,000 and over	13

GVS Code

550

- b. Does the GVS (gross value of sales) Code in Code Box 550 equal '1' or '99'?
- YES** - [Continue] **NO** - [Go to page 6, item 2]
- c. Record all **2009** crops, land uses, and livestock or poultry now on the total acres operated, then go to page 6, item 2.

Land Use	ACRES	Field Crops Intended For Harvest	ACRES	Other Crops	ACRES
CRP/WRP		Cut Christmas Trees	
Idle Cropland	
Summer Fallow	
.....		
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Government Payments	WHOLE DOLLARS	Fruits/Nuts	ACRES	Livestock	NUMBER
CRP/WRP Payments		Cattle – Dairy	
Other Gov't Payments		Cattle – Other	
.....			Chickens	
.....			Hogs	
.....			Horses	
.....			Mules/Burros	

Pasture/Rangeland	ACRES	Vegetables/Melons	ACRES	Livestock	NUMBER
Cropland Used Only For Pasture	
Permanent Pasture	
Woodland Pasture	

Aquaculture	NUMBER	Berries	ACRES	Office Use	TOTAL POINTS
Acres of Ponds in Use	552
Foodsize/Stockers	

Fingerlings/Broodfish	
Trout Eggs	

PASTURE POINTS
554

Section 4 - VALUE OF SALES (Continued)

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

Code

- 1 – **Grains, Oilseeds, Dry Beans, and Dry Peas** 1
(corn, flaxseed, grain silage and forage, grains and oilseeds, popcorn, rice, small grains, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, straw, etc.)
- 2 – **Tobacco** 2
- 3 – **Cotton and Cottonseed** 3
- 4 – **Vegetables, Melons, Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes** 4
(beets, cabbage, cantaloupes, pumpkins, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelons, vegetable seeds, etc.)
- 5 – **Fruit, Tree Nuts and Berries** 5
(almonds, apples, blueberries, cherries, grapes, hazelnuts, kiwifruit, oranges, pears, pecans, strawberries, walnuts, etc.)
- 6 – **Nursery, Greenhouse, Floriculture and Sod** 6
(bedding plants, bulbs, cut flowers, flower seeds, foliage plants, mushrooms, nursery potted plants, shrubbery, sod, etc.)
- 7 – **Cut Christmas Trees and Short Rotation Woody Crops** 7
- 8 – **Other Crops and Hay, CRP and Pasture** 8
(grass seed, hay and grass silage, hops, maple syrup, mint, peanuts, sugarcane, sugarbeets, CRP, etc.)
- 9 – **Hogs and Pigs** 9
- 10 – **Milk and Other Dairy Products from Cows** 10
- 11 – **Cattle and Calves** 11
(beef and dairy cattle for breeding stock, fed cattle, beef and dairy cull animals, stockers and feeders, veal calves, etc.)
- 12 – **Sheep, Goats, and their Products** 12
(wool, mohair, milk and cheese)
- 13 – **Horses, Ponies, and Mules** 13
(burros and donkeys)
- 14 – **Poultry and Eggs** 14
(broilers, chickens, turkeys, ducks, eggs, emus, geese, hatchlings, ostriches, pigeons, pheasants, quail, poultry products, etc.)
- 15 – **Aquaculture** 15
(catfish, trout, ornamental and other fish, mollusks, crustaceans, etc.)
- 16 – **Other Animals and Other Animal Products** 16
(bees, honey, rabbits, fur-bearing animals, semen, manure, other animal specialties, etc.)

FARM TYPE CODE

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Section 5 - PEAK HIRED WORKERS

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

NUMBER OF WORKERS

277

CODE

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- DON'T KNOW** - [Enter code 2]
- NONE** - [Enter code 3]

[Skip page 7, go to back page, item 1 and continue]

Section 6 – CHANGE IN OPERATOR

Complete this section **only** if you answered “NO” for **all** questions in item 2 on the face page.

Has the operation named on the label been sold, rented or turned over to someone else?

YES – [Go to item 2] **NO** – [Continue]

a. Will the land be used for any agricultural purpose by you (the operator), or anyone else in the next year (including growing crops or raising livestock)?

YES **NO** **DON'T KNOW**

Regardless of answer to above, write a note to explain the situation, then go to back page, item 1.

2. Please provide the following information for the operation that has taken over the land:

Operation Name: _____

Operator Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3. Was this new operation, reported in item 2, in business before June 1, 2008?

YES - [Go to back page, item 1]

NO - [Continue]

4. Is this new operation, reported in item 2, managed?

YES - [Go to back page, item 1]

NO - [Continue]

5. Were any individuals associated with the new operation, reported in item 2 above, operating land individually before June 1, 2008?

YES - [Go to back page, item 1]

NO - [Go to back page, item 1]

CONCLUSION

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

YES – [Continue] NO – [Go to item 2 below]

a. What is the name of this operation? _____

[OFFICE USE ONLY: If ADDITIONAL OPERATION IS INDIVIDUAL OR PARTNERSHIP, complete a separate questionnaire for the additional operation.]

b. Was this additional operation in business before June 1, 2008?

YES – [Continue] NO – [Continue]

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> on May 22, 2009 after 3 pm ET.)

YES – [Enter Code 1]

NO – [Enter Code 3]

CODE

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Thank You for your response

Respondent: _____ Date: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

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Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	Eval.	Date
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2-R		2-Sp		2-Tel				
3-Inac		3-Acct/Bkpr		3-Face-to-Face				
4-Office Hold		4-Partner		4-CATI				
8-Known Zero		9-Oth		5-Web				
				6-E-mail				
				7-Fax				
				8-CAPI				
				19-Other				____ _ 09
S/E Name								

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