

## Non-substantive Change Request

### 0535-0109 – Agricultural Labor

#### Agricultural Labor Survey – April and October

As part of continually reviewing comments from data providers about previous surveys and data user needs, the following updates were made to the October and April Agricultural Labor Surveys:

#### Initial Screening Questions on Front Page – Updated from

2. Since June 1, 2021 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 page 2       No - Continue
  - b. own or raise any livestock, poultry, bees or aquaculture? INCLUDE livestock and poultry owned, and any being raised under contract for someone else.  
 Yes - Go to page 2       No - Continue
  - c. sell any agricultural products?  
 Yes - Go to page 2       No - Continue
  - d. receive government agricultural payments? EXCLUDE government payments received as a landlord.  
 Yes - Go to page 2       No - Continue
  - e. have more than 19 acres of idle cropland or more than 99 acres of pastureland?  
 Yes - Go to page 2       No - Go to page 11

To:

2. Since June 1, 2022 have you or will you (name on label):  
(Check all that apply)
  - 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.
  - own or raise any livestock, poultry, bees or aquaculture? INCLUDE livestock and poultry owned, and any being raised under contract for someone else.
  - sell any agricultural products?
  - receive government agricultural payments? EXCLUDE government payments received as a landlord.
  - have more than 19 acres of idle cropland or more than 99 acres of pastureland?

3. Did you check ANY of the boxes in item 2?  Yes – continue     No – skip to page 11

Section 2 – Paid Workers – Instruction

The bulleted instructions on the questionnaires prior to the wages/hours table require one minor change. Currently, one of the bullets reads “For salaried employees, report the standard amount of hours worked on your operation” (see screenshot below). Instead, it should read “For workers on paid leave, report the number of hours normally worked during the week of [insert reference week]”. This verbiage better aligns with the existing questionnaire.

**Section 2 - Paid Workers for July (continued)**

4. In the table below, report all agricultural workers on the payroll during the week of July 11th through July 17th.

- Report workers under the worker code (provided on page 5) in which they are working, not under the worker code for which they have been trained.
- Report workers who fall under the same worker code on a single line.
- Report the total hours and wages paid to the group of workers during the week of July 11th through July 17th.
- Record each worker only once.
- If the worker performs work in two or more worker codes, report them under the worker code that requires the highest level of skill. If there is no measurable difference in skill requirements, report workers under the worker code in which they spend the most time.
- For salaried employees, report the standard amount of hours worked on your operation.
- Gross wages are the total amount paid to workers before taxes and other deductions. INCLUDE the worker's share of social security and unemployment insurance, but EXCLUDE the employer's share. INCLUDE in-kind payments (e.g., agricultural product like a side of beef, bushels of grain, etc.) provided in lieu of wages for work done. In-kind payments do NOT INCLUDE benefits such as housing, meals or insurance.

Enter the Worker Code from Page 5	Number of Paid Workers that week	Total Hours Worked that week	Total Gross Wages Paid that week (Dollars)
611	612	613	614
611	612	613	614
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Section 3 – Agricultural Workers on the Payroll

The H2A question in Section 3 will be removed. NASS does not utilize this question and Department of Labor no longer provides supplemental funding for this survey. It is a NASS' decision to remove.

2. During 2022, did or will this operation have any H-2A temporary agricultural workers on the payroll?

The H-2A program allows agricultural employers who anticipate a shortage of domestic workers to bring non-immigrant foreign workers to the U.S. to perform agricultural labor or services of a temporary or seasonal nature.

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1  Yes

3  No

2  Don't Know

April 26, 2022

The revised questionnaires are loaded in the ROCIS submission system. These changes will not impact the current sample size or respondent burden.