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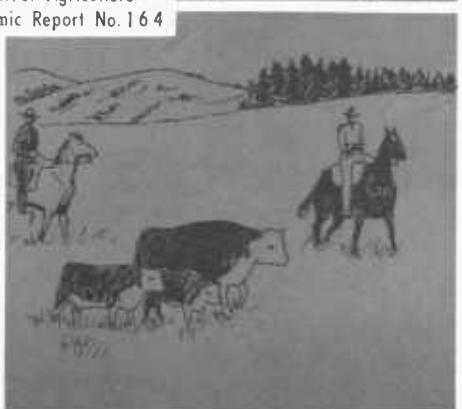


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THE HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE OF 1968

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents information on the size and composition of the 1968 hired farm working force (HFWF) and on the employment and cash earnings from farm and nonfarm wagework obtained during the year. Brief highlights point up some of the most pertinent facts from the detailed data in the statistical tables. The data were obtained from the annual survey conducted for the Economic Research Service by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of the regular Current Population Survey made in December 1968.

Estimates in this report are based on sample data; thus, they are subject to sampling variability. They may differ somewhat from the results that would have been obtained from another sample, or from a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewers. The survey coverage and reliability of the estimates are discussed in appendix A. Definitions or explanations of terms used in this report are given in appendix B.

SIZE OF THE 1968 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 1)

About 2.9 million different persons did some work on farms for cash wages or salary in 1968. (Excluded are persons not in the civilian noninstitutional population 14 years old and over at the time of the survey.) This represents a decrease of about 5 percent from the estimated 3.1 million hired farmworkers in 1967.

Casual workers (those who did less than 25 days of farm wagework) numbered about 1.3 million, about 40,000 less than in 1967. Noncasual workers (those who did 25 days or more of farm wagework) numbered around 1.6 million, about 120,000 less than in 1967.

## RECENT TRENDS IN NUMBERS OF HIRED FARMWORKERS (tables 1-3)

Because of sampling variability, averages based on data for several years probably reflect better than yearly estimates the recent trends in the total number of hired farmworkers and in important segments within the group. 1/ Thus, using averages for the 3-year periods 1963-65 and 1966-68, it can be seen that:

- The total number of different persons doing hired farmwork in the course of a year declined about 13 percent.
- The number of workers doing between 75 and 249 days of hired farmwork declined about 19 percent.
- Workers doing less than 75 days of work declined about 13 percent, and workers who did 250 or more days of work declined by only about 2 percent.
- Total man-days of farm wagework declined about 10 percent.

## COMPOSITION AND RESIDENCE OF THE 1968 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 4)

The 1968 HFWF was similar in composition to that of the previous year. Among these workers in 1968:

- 72 percent were male.
- 76 percent were white.
- Only 22 percent were engaged chiefly in farm wagework.
- 59 percent (primarily housewives and students) were not in the labor force most of the year.
- The median age was 24 years.
- 32 percent were young people 14-17 years of age; nearly four-fifths (79 percent) of these youths were boys.

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1/ See appendix A for a discussion of the sample and reliability of estimates.

--About 10 percent did some farm wagework outside their home counties. These, considered domestic migratory workers, were about the same proportion as the 9 percent of the total they comprised in 1967.

--71 percent lived in nonfarm places at the time of the survey, although some of them lived on farms at some time during the year. Figure 1 shows the contrast between the current situation and that in the late forties with respect to residence.

--About half (46 percent) lived in the South and 9 percent in the Northeastern States. Nineteen percent were in the North Central States, and 26 percent were in the West. This was about the same distribution as in 1967, indicating that there was very little change in the distribution of agricultural activities in the country during the period.

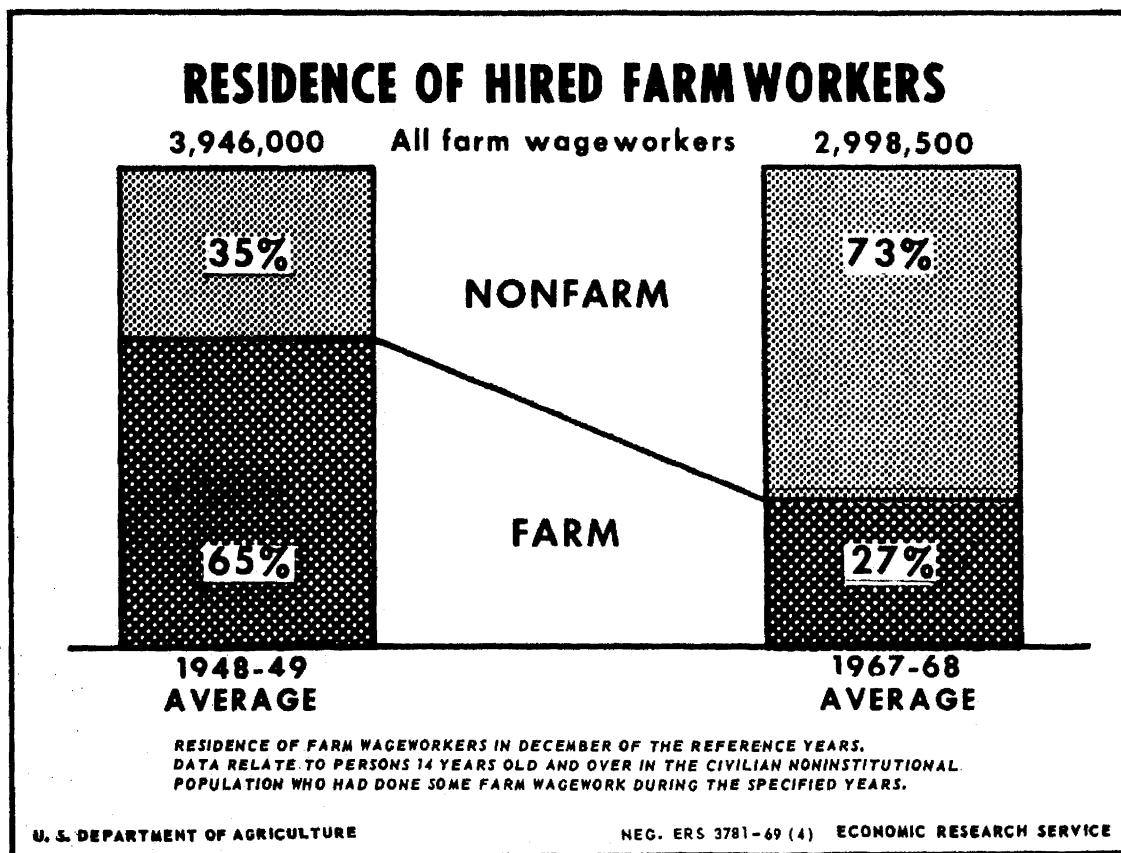


Figure 1

**MAN-DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK DONE BY SELECTED GROUPS**  
(table 5)

Workers included in the survey did about 233 million man-days of work on farms in 1968--about one-fourth of the total number of days of labor on farms.

- The percentage of total man-days of work done by white and nonwhite workers was about equal to the proportion each group represented of the HFWF. The percentage done by migratory workers equaled the proportion they represented of the work force.
- The regular and year-round workers, who comprised one-fifth (20 percent) of the 1968 HFWF, did about two-thirds (66 percent) of the total man-days of farm wagework (fig. 2). This was about the same as in 1967.
- Averages for the 3-year periods 1963-65 and 1966-68 indicate that the number of full-time workers declined about 2 percent, and the total number of man-days of hired farmwork they did, declined about 3 percent. During these same periods, workers doing 75-249 days of work declined about 19 percent, and their man-days of work declined about 18 percent (tables 2 and 3).
- Workers who did less than 75 days of farm wagework comprised 68 percent of the total HFWF in both 3-year periods but did a little less than one-fifth of the man-days of work.

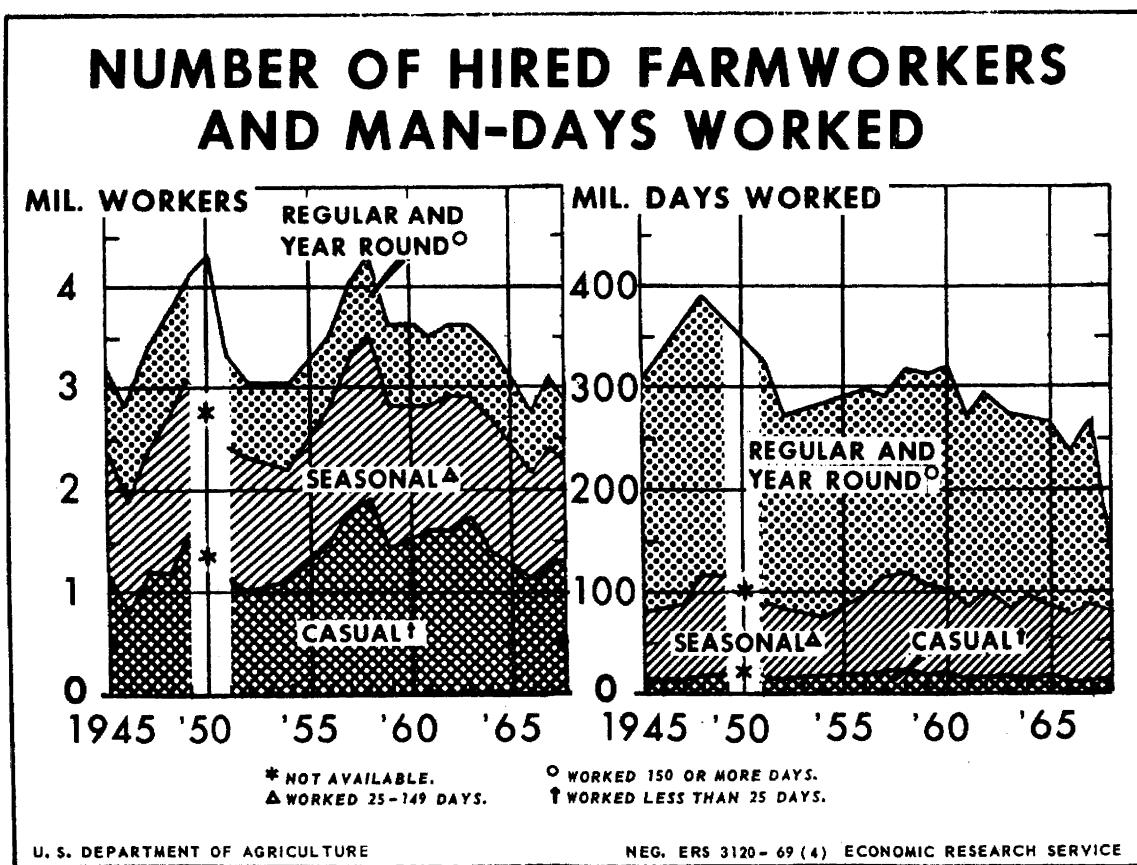


Figure 2

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK AND RELATED EARNINGS  
(tables 6-10)

As a group, hired farmworkers earned about \$10.55 a day in cash wages from their farm wagework in 1968. For an average of 79 days of such work, they earned \$834. (Throughout this report, daily and yearly earnings refer only to the cash wages received by workers and do not include the value of perquisites or fringe benefits furnished without charge by the employer.)

Daily and yearly earnings from farm wagework were higher in the South and West in 1968 than in 1967, even though the number of days of such work in the South declined by nearly 10 percent. Yearly earnings from farm wagework declined slightly in both the Northeast and North Central as the increases in daily wages (\$0.05 and \$0.45, respectively) were not sufficient to offset the decline in number of days worked.

Care should be exercised in interpreting year-to-year changes in these averages, however, because of sampling variability. Appendix A contains estimates of the standard errors of various types of averages.

Great variation among major groups in the average number of days of employment and related daily and yearly earnings from farm wagework continues to be a major feature of the HFWF. In 1968, 1.3 million casuals averaged 10 days of work and earned \$85. On the average, casual workers earned \$8.50 a day from farmwork.

--Male casual workers averaged \$9.10 a day and females \$7.50.

--Nonmigratory casuals averaged \$8.30 a day; migratory casuals \$11.10 a day.

In 1968, 1.6 million noncasual workers averaged 135 days and earned \$1,434. Many of the noncasual workers are not in the labor force or they do work other than farm wagework most of the year. Figure 3 shows that there has been a slight change since 1960 in the proportions of those groups of noncasuals whose chief activity is farm wagework, unemployment, and not in the labor force a major part of the year. Among the noncasuals:

--1.0 million seasonals averaged 64 days of work and earned \$603 from farm wagework.

--0.3 million regulars averaged 200 days and earned \$2,044.

--0.3 million year-round workers averaged 312 days and earned \$3,616.

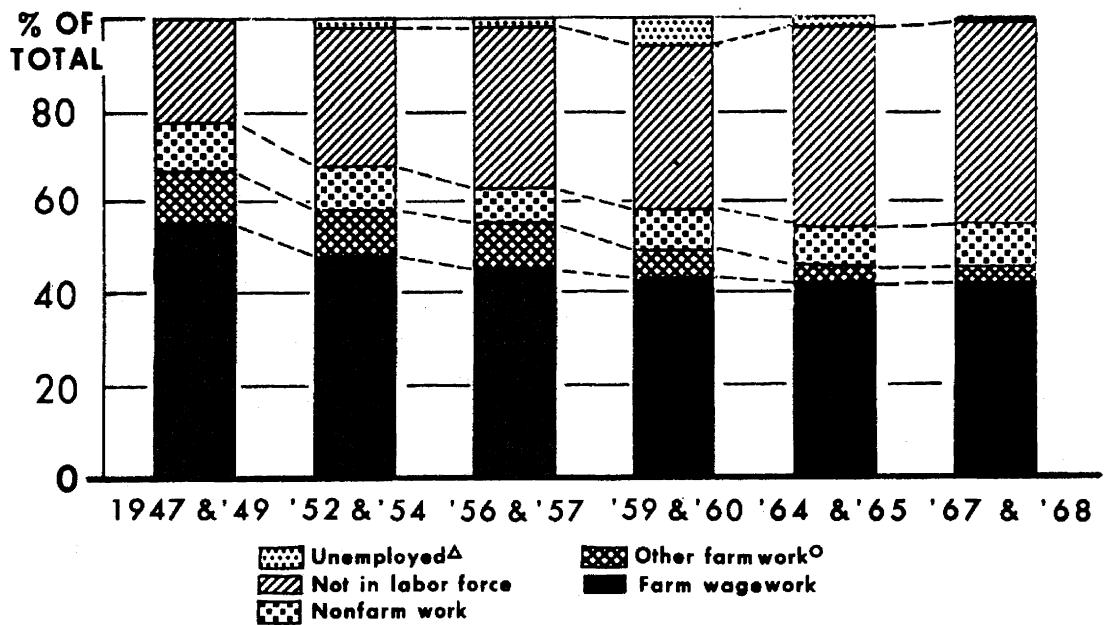
--Whites averaged 140 days at \$11.05 a day, earning \$1,546 in cash wages.

--Nonwhites averaged 120 days at \$9.20 a day, earning \$1,102.

--Domestic migratory workers averaged 120 days at \$11.55 a day, earning \$1,385.

--Workers in the West received the highest daily wage, \$13.80; those in the South received the lowest, \$9.10.

## CHIEF ACTIVITY OF FARM WAGEWORKERS\*



\*WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK DURING THE YEAR. AVERAGE OF SELECTED YEARS.  
 △NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1947 & '49. □INCLUDES OPERATING A FARM AND UNPAID FAMILY LABOR.

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Figure 3

### AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OF WORKERS WHO DID FARM WAGEWORK ONLY AND THOSE WHO DID FARM AND NONFARM WAGEWORK (tables 11 and 12)

In 1968, nearly 1.9 million persons, almost 0.2 million less than 1967, did farm wagework only (FWO workers), and about the same number as in 1967, 1.1 million, were employed at both farm and nonfarm wagework (FNF workers).

--FWO workers were employed an average of 96 days at farm wagework and earned \$1,025.

--FNF workers did an average of 100 days of nonfarm wagework and 50 days of farm wagework, from which, on the average, they earned a total of \$1,903.

--FWO workers earned about \$10.65 a day from farm wagework; FNF workers averaged about \$10.05 a day.

--FNF workers earned about \$14.00 a day from nonfarm wagework.

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Table 1.--Number of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by sex, 1945-68 1/

Year	All farm wage-workers			Workers who did 25 days or more of farm wage-work during the year (noncasual workers)			Workers who did less than 25 days of farm wage-work during the year (casual workers)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
1945	3,212	2,375	837	1,965	1,576	389	1,247	799	448
1946	2,770	2,120	650	1,953	1,584	369	817	536	281
1947	3,394	2,587	807	2,215	1,864	351	1,179	723	456
1948	3,752	2,820	932	2,502	2,036	466	1,250	784	466
1949	4,140	3,021	1,119	2,510	2,001	509	1,630	1,020	610
1950	4,342	3,221	1,121	---	---	---	---	---	---
1951	3,274	2,392	882	2,156	1,718	438	1,118	674	444
1952	2,980	2,218	762	1,972	1,558	414	1,008	660	348
1954	3,009	2,237	772	1,908	1,544	364	1,101	693	408
1956	3,575	2,525	1,050	2,078	1,553	525	1,497	972	525
1957	3,962	2,765	1,197	2,200	1,673	527	1,762	1,092	670
1958	4,212	2,987	1,225	2,319	1,788	531	1,893	1,199	694
1959	3,577	2,570	1,007	2,166	1,690	476	1,412	880	531
1960	3,693	2,664	1,029	2,162	1,698	463	1,531	966	566
1961	3,488	2,445	1,043	1,889	1,468	421	1,600	978	622
1962	3,622	2,551	1,071	2,067	1,576	492	1,555	976	579
1963	3,597	2,615	983	1,862	1,480	382	1,735	1,135	601
1964	3,370	2,398	972	2,001	1,487	514	1,369	911	458
1965	3,128	2,205	923	1,864	1,407	457	1,264	797	466
1966	2,763	2,051	712	1,634	1,295	339	1,130	756	374
1967	3,078	2,261	817	1,740	1,358	381	1,338	903	435
1968	2,919	2,111	808	1,620	1,256	364	1,299	855	444

Numbers of workers for 1959 and succeeding years are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ No survey conducted in 1953 and 1955.

Table 2.--Distribution of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1963-65 and 1966-68

Year	Total workers	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than	75 - 149	150 - 249	250 days and over
		days	days	days	days
	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Average:					
1963-65	3,365	2,290	401	306	369
1966-68	2,920	1,984	325	248	363
Percentage change	-13.2	-13.4	-19.0	-19.0	-1.6
	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Average:					
1963-65	100	68	12	9	11
1966-68	100	68	11	9	12

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 3.--Distribution of man-days of farm wagework, for workers, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1963-65 and 1966-68

Year	Total man-days of farm wage-work	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than	75 - 149	150 - 249	250 days and over
		days	days	days	days
	<u>Mil.</u>	<u>Mil.</u>	<u>Mil.</u>	<u>Mil.</u>	<u>Mil.</u>
Average:					
1963-65	270	50	42	60	118
1966-68	243	45	34	49	114
Percentage change	-10.0	-10.0	-19.0	-18.3	-3.4
	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Average:					
1963-65	100	18	16	22	44
1966-68	100	19	14	20	47

Numbers of days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
				Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1968	2,919	2,111	808	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	2,225	1,700	526	76	81	65
Nonwhite	693	411	282	24	19	35
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farm work	784	721	62	27	34	8
Farm wagework	649	588	61	22	28	8
Without nonfarm work	525	477	48	18	23	6
With nonfarm work	124	111	13	4	5	2
Other farm work 1/	134	133	1	5	6	2
Nonfarm work	373	315	58	13	15	7
Unemployed	37	33	4	1	2	2
Not in labor force	1,725	1,041	684	59	49	85
Keeping house	449	7	442	15	2	55
Attending school	1,107	882	225	38	42	28
Other	170	153	17	6	7	2
RESIDENCE AND AGE						
All workers	2,919	2,111	808	100	100	100
14-17 years	940	740	200	32	35	25
18-24	575	429	146	20	20	18
25-34	371	250	121	13	12	15
35-44	327	186	142	11	9	18
45-54	303	198	106	10	9	13
55-64	249	189	60	9	9	7
65 and over	152	119	33	5	5	4
Farm residence	835	636	199	100	100	100
14-17 years	245	191	54	29	30	27
18-24	157	126	31	19	20	15
25-34	101	79	21	12	12	11
35-44	91	63	28	11	10	14
45-54	111	78	34	13	12	17
55-64	89	68	21	11	11	11
65 and over	41	31	10	5	5	5
Nonfarm residence	2,083	1,474	609	100	100	100
14-17 years	695	549	146	34	37	24
18-24	418	304	115	20	21	19
25-34	270	170	100	13	12	16
35-44	236	122	114	11	8	19
45-54	192	120	72	9	8	12
55-64	160	121	39	8	8	6
65 and over	111	88	23	5	6	4
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
Migratory	279	205	74	100	100	100
14-17 years	88	68	20	32	33	27
18-24	67	51	16	24	25	22
25-34	40	27	14	14	13	18
35-44	36	22	14	13	11	19
45-54	23	19	4	8	9	5
55-64	9	8	1	3	4	2
65 and over	16	10	5	6	5	7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1968--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
<b>MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE--Continued</b>						
Nonmigratory	2,640	1,905	734	100	100	100
14-17 years	852	672	181	32	35	24
18-24	508	378	130	19	20	18
25-34	331	223	108	13	12	15
35-44	291	164	127	11	9	17
45-54	281	179	102	11	9	14
55-64	240	181	59	9	9	8
65 and over	137	109	28	5	6	4
REGION	2,919	2,111	808	100	100	100
Northeast	279	196	83	9	9	10
North Central	556	485	70	19	23	9
South	1,333	900	433	46	43	54
West	751	529	222	26	25	27
<b>WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK</b>						
<b>MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE</b>						
All workers	1,620	1,256	364	100	100	100
14-17 years	392	315	77	24	25	21
18-24	327	258	69	20	21	19
25-34	221	173	48	14	14	13
35-44	217	141	76	14	11	21
45-54	212	155	57	13	12	16
55-64	167	138	29	10	11	8
65 and over	84	77	7	5	6	2
Migratory	176	132	44	100	100	3/
14-17 years	46	33	13	26	25	--
18-24	42	30	12	24	23	--
25-34	25	20	5	14	15	--
35-44	29	17	12	17	13	--
45-54	17	16	1	10	12	--
55-64	6	6	0	3	4	--
65 and over	11	10	1	6	8	--
Nonmigratory	1,443	1,124	319	100	100	100
14-17 years	346	282	63	24	25	20
18-24	285	228	57	19	20	18
25-34	195	152	43	14	14	13
35-44	188	124	65	13	11	20
45-54	195	139	56	14	12	18
55-64	161	132	29	11	12	9
65 and over	73	67	6	5	6	2
<b>TOTAL FARM WAGES EARNED</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Under \$100	33	17	16	2	1	4
100-199	156	94	62	10	8	17
200-399	296	187	108	18	15	30
400-599	193	139	54	12	11	15
600-999	244	187	56	15	15	15
1,000-1,999	286	240	47	18	19	13
2,000 and over	412	391	20	25	31	6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4---Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1968--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK--						
Continued						
TOTAL FARM AND NONFARM WAGES EARNED	1,620	1,256	364	100	100	100
Under \$100	18	10	8	1	1	2
100-199	111	67	44	7	5	12
200-399	240	134	106	15	11	29
400-599	166	114	52	10	9	14
600-999	233	170	63	14	14	17
1,000-1,399	126	101	26	8	8	7
1,400-1,999	188	153	35	12	12	10
2,000 and over	537	506	31	33	40	9
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,299	855	444	100	100	100
14-17 years	548	425	124	42	50	28
18-24	248	171	76	19	20	17
25-34	151	77	73	12	9	16
35-44	110	45	65	9	5	15
45-54	92	43	48	7	5	11
55-64	82	51	31	6	6	7
65 and over	68	42	27	5	5	6
Migratory	103	73	29	100	100	3/
14-17 years	41	35	7	40	48	---
18-24	25	21	4	24	29	---
25-34	15	6	9	15	8	---
35-44	7	5	3	7	7	---
45-54	6	4	2	6	5	---
55-64	4	2	1	4	3	---
65 and over	4	0	4	4	0	---
Nonmigratory	1,196	782	415	100	100	100
14-17 years	507	390	117	42	50	28
18-24	223	150	72	19	19	18
25-34	135	71	65	11	9	16
35-44	103	40	63	9	5	15
45-54	86	40	46	7	5	11
55-64	79	49	30	7	6	7
65 and over	64	42	22	5	6	5

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

2/ Less than 0.5 percent.

3/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 5.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, and man-days  
of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Man-days of farm wagework		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Mil.</u>	<u>Mil.</u>	<u>Mil.</u>
ALL WORKERS, 1968	2,919	2,111	808	233	200	33
COLOR						
White	2,225	1,700	526	181	160	21
Nonwhite	693	411	282	52	40	12
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	279	205	74	22	19	4
Nonmigratory	2,640	1,905	734	210	181	29
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,299	855	444	14	9	5
25-74	731	486	246	33	23	10
75-149	308	241	67	33	26	7
150-249	256	213	43	51	43	8
250 and over	324	317	7	101	99	2
	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
ALL WORKERS, 1968	100	100	100	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	76	81	65	78	80	65
Nonwhite	24	19	35	22	20	35
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	10	10	9	10	9	11
Nonmigratory	90	90	91	90	91	89
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	44	41	55	6	4	15
25-74	25	23	31	14	11	32
75-149	11	11	8	14	13	21
150-249	9	10	5	22	22	25
250 and over	11	15	1	44	50	7

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand, and numbers of man-days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 6.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics  
and duration of farm wagework, 1968

Selected characteristics	Number of farm wageworkers							Percentage distribution						
	Number working							Percentage working						
	Total	Less than 25 days	25 to 74 days	75 to 149 days	150 to 249 days	250 or more days	Total	Less than 25 days	25 to 74 days	75 to 149 days	150 to 249 days	250 or more days		
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ALL WORKERS, 1968	: 2,919	1,299	731	308	256	324	100	44	25	11	9	11		
COLOR														
White	: 2,225	1,013	533	230	183	266	100	46	24	10	8	12		
Nonwhite	: 693	286	199	78	73	58	100	41	29	11	11	8		
SEX AND AGE														
Both sexes														
14-17 years	: 940	548	292	64	21	16	100	58	31	7	2	2		
18-24	: 575	248	171	79	43	35	100	43	30	14	7	6		
25-34	: 371	151	55	51	40	74	100	40	15	14	11	20		
35-44	: 327	110	66	28	58	65	100	34	20	8	18	20		
45-54	: 303	92	70	33	39	70	100	30	23	11	13	23		
55-64	: 249	82	52	31	33	51	100	33	21	13	13	20		
65 and over	: 152	68	26	21	22	15	100	45	17	14	14	10		
Males	: 2,111	855	486	241	213	317	100	41	23	11	10	15		
14-17 years	: 740	425	228	55	18	15	100	58	31	7	2	2		
18-24	: 429	171	116	67	42	33	100	40	27	15	10	8		
25-34	: 250	77	24	41	33	74	100	31	10	16	13	30		
35-44	: 186	45	22	17	40	62	100	24	12	9	22	33		
45-54	: 198	43	36	19	31	68	100	22	18	10	16	34		
55-64	: 189	51	38	22	29	49	100	27	20	12	15	26		
65 and over	: 119	42	22	20	20	15	100	35	18	17	17	13		
Females	: 808	444	246	67	43	7	100	55	31	8	5	1		
14-17 years	: 200	124	64	9	2	1	100	62	32	4	1	1		
18-24	: 146	76	55	12	1	1	100	52	38	8	1	1		
25-34	: 121	73	31	10	7	0	100	60	26	8	6	0		
35-44	: 142	65	44	12	18	3	100	46	31	8	13	2		
45-54	: 106	48	34	14	8	1	100	46	32	13	8	1		
55-64	: 60	31	14	9	5	1	100	51	24	15	8	2		
65 and over	: 33	27	4	1	1	0	1/	---	---	---	---	---		
RESIDENCE														
Farm	: 835	346	190	92	77	132	100	41	23	11	9	16		
Nonfarm	: 2,083	953	542	216	179	193	100	46	26	10	9	9		
MIGRATORY STATUS														
Migratory	: 279	103	85	39	30	23	100	37	30	14	11	8		
Nonmigratory	: 2,640	1,196	646	269	226	302	100	45	25	10	9	11		
REGION														
Northeast	: 279	131	57	29	22	39	100	47	20	11	8	14		
North Central	: 556	295	130	48	29	53	100	53	23	9	5	10		
South	: 1,333	564	358	141	143	128	100	42	27	10	11	10		
West	: 751	309	186	90	62	104	100	41	25	12	8	14		

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm				Farm				Nonfarm			
	Number of workers	Days worked	Wages earned per year	Per day 1/	Days worked	Wages earned per year	Per day 1/	Days worked	Wages earned per year	Per day 1/	Days worked	Wages earned per year
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1968	2,919	116	1,346	11.60	79	834	10.55	36	512	14.20		
COLOR AND SEX												
White	2,225	121	1,481	12.25	81	883	10.90	40	598	14.95		
Nonwhite	693	99	913	9.20	74	677	9.15	24	235	9.80		
Male	2,111	137	1,675	12.20	94	1,027	10.90	43	648	15.05		
White	1,700	140	1,780	12.70	93	1,050	11.30	46	729	15.85		
Nonwhite	411	125	1,245	9.95	98	931	9.50	27	313	11.60		
Female	808	60	485	8.10	40	329	8.20	20	155	7.75		
White	526	60	515	8.60	40	341	8.50	20	173	8.65		
Nonwhite	282	61	430	7.05	40	307	7.65	20	122	6.10		
CHIEF ACTIVITY												
Farm work	784	211	2,448	11.60	199	2,274	11.40	12	174	14.50		
Farm wagework	649	239	2,745	11.50	228	2,598	11.40	10	147	14.70		
Without nonfarm work	525	240	2,755	11.45	240	2,755	11.45	---	---	---		
With nonfarm work	124	231	2,701	11.70	176	1,931	10.95	55	769	14.00		
Other farm work 2/	134	78	1,011	12.95	58	708	12.20	20	303	15.15		
Nonfarm work	373	224	3,511	15.65	39	456	11.70	185	3,055	16.50		
Unemployed 3/	37	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Not in labor force	1,725	50	388	7.75	34	271	7.95	15	117	7.80		
Keeping house	449	43	339	7.90	33	269	8.15	10	70	7.00		
Attending school	1,107	53	383	7.20	35	263	7.50	18	120	6.65		
Other	170	50	545	10.90	35	326	9.30	15	219	14.60		
RESIDENCE, SEX, AND DURATION OF FARM WAGework												
All workers												
Less than 25 days	1,299	59	789	13.35	10	85	8.50	48	703	14.65		
25-74	731	78	823	10.55	45	398	8.85	33	424	12.85		
75-149	308	154	1,687	10.95	108	1,089	10.10	45	598	13.30		
150-249	256	214	2,268	10.60	200	2,044	10.20	14	223	15.90		
250 and over	324	318	3,705	11.65	312	3,616	11.60	6	89	14.85		
Farm residence	835	119	1,259	10.55	94	916	9.75	24	342	14.25		
Less than 25 days	346	41	514	12.55	9	76	8.45	31	437	14.10		
25-74	190	76	868	11.40	45	408	9.05	31	460	14.85		
75-149	92	138	1,497	10.85	105	1,076	10.25	33	421	12.75		
150-249	77	205	2,072	10.10	201	2,019	10.05	3	53	17.65		
250 and over	132	322	3,141	9.75	347	3,104	9.80	4	37	9.25		
Nonfarm residence	2,083	115	1,381	12.00	73	801	10.95	41	579	14.10		
Less than 25 days	953	65	888	13.65	10	89	8.90	55	799	14.50		
25-74	542	78	807	10.35	45	395	8.75	33	411	12.45		
75-149	216	160	1,768	11.05	109	1,095	10.05	50	673	13.45		
150-249	179	218	2,352	10.80	200	2,055	10.25	18	296	16.45		
250 and over	193	315	4,091	13.00	307	3,965	12.90	7	125	17.85		
Males												
Less than 25 days	855	73	1,078	14.75	10	91	9.10	62	987	15.90		
25-74	486	87	1,001	11.50	46	440	9.55	40	560	14.00		
75-149	241	162	1,828	11.30	109	1,115	10.20	52	713	13.70		
150-249	213	218	2,361	10.85	203	2,111	10.40	15	249	16.60		
250 and over	317	317	3,745	11.80	312	3,657	11.70	5	87	17.40		
Females												
Less than 25 days	444	32	232	7.25	10	75	7.50	22	156	7.10		
25-74	246	60	472	7.85	42	316	7.50	18	155	8.60		
75 and over	118	165	1,467	8.90	147	1,314	8.95	17	152	8.95		

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Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1968--Continued

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm				Farm				Nonfarm			
	Number of workers	Wages earned	Days worked	Per year	Days worked	Wages earned	Days worked	Per year	Days worked	Wages earned	Days worked	Per year
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.
			day 1/			year	day 1/			year	day 1/	
MIGRATORY STATUS AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK												
Migratory	279	124	1,562	12.60	80	917	11.45	43	644	14.95		
Less than 25 days	103	82	1,304	15.90	10	111	11.10	71	1,193	16.80		
25-74	85	78	783	10.05	49	433	8.85	29	349	12.05		
75-149 3/	39	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
150 and over	52	257	3,171	12.35	245	2,947	12.00	12	223	18.60		
Nonmigratory	2,640	115	1,323	11.50	79	825	10.45	36	497	13.80		
Less than 25 days	1,196	57	744	13.05	10	83	8.30	46	661	14.35		
25-74	646	78	828	10.60	44	394	8.95	33	434	13.15		
75-149	269	154	1,674	10.85	108	1,049	9.70	45	624	13.85		
150-249	226	215	2,245	10.45	200	2,003	10.00	15	241	16.05		
250 and over	302	317	3,673	11.60	312	3,607	11.55	5	66	13.20		
REGION AND COLOR												
Northeast	279	129	1,423	11.05	90	939	10.45	38	483	12.70		
White	267	132	1,453	11.00	93	960	10.30	39	493	12.65		
Nonwhite 3/	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
North Central	556	115	1,463	12.70	66	621	9.40	49	842	17.20		
White	540	114	1,438	12.60	64	603	9.40	49	835	17.05		
Nonwhite 3/	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
South	1,333	109	1,080	9.90	78	702	9.00	31	378	12.20		
White	734	120	1,325	11.05	83	808	9.75	37	517	13.95		
Nonwhite	599	96	781	8.15	72	572	7.95	24	208	8.65		
West	751	123	1,702	13.85	87	1,187	13.65	36	514	14.25		
White	685	124	1,692	13.65	87	1,154	13.25	37	537	14.50		
Nonwhite	66	113	1,807	16.00	95	1,529	16.10	17	278	16.35		
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR												
All workers												
Migratory												
White	237	119	1,514	12.70	70	782	11.15	48	731	15.20		
Nonwhite 3/	42	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Nonmigratory												
White	1,989	122	1,477	12.10	82	895	10.90	39	582	14.50		
Nonwhite	651	96	853	8.90	71	613	8.65	25	240	9.60		
South												
Migratory	115	131	1,551	11.85	92	1,036	11.25	39	514	13.15		
White	84	116	1,374	11.85	70	745	10.65	46	628	13.65		
Nonwhite 3/	31	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Nonmigratory	1,218	107	1,036	9.70	77	670	8.70	30	365	12.15		
White	650	121	1,319	10.90	85	816	9.60	36	503	13.95		
Nonwhite	568	92	712	7.75	68	504	7.40	24	208	8.65		
West												
Migratory	92	116	1,704	14.70	71	963	13.55	44	740	16.80		
White	83	118	1,740	14.75	69	912	13.20	49	827	16.85		
Nonwhite 3/	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Nonmigratory	659	125	1,702	13.60	90	1,218	13.55	34	483	14.20		
White	602	125	1,685	13.50	89	1,187	13.35	36	498	13.85		
Nonwhite	56	116	1,877	16.20	95	1,551	16.30	21	325	15.45		

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 8.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics and average daily earnings at farm wagework, 1968

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Average daily earnings from farm wagework										Median daily earnings	
		Less than \$3.00		\$3.00-\$4.99		\$5.00-\$6.99		\$7.00-\$8.99		\$9.00-\$10.99			
		Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.		
ALL WORKERS, 1968	2,919	100	7	15	18	15	16	10	19	8.35			
COLOR AND SEX													
White	2,225	100	6	14	16	14	17	11	22	8.95			
Nonwhite	693	100	7	19	26	18	11	7	12	6.85			
Male	2,111	100	5	12	16	16	16	11	24	9.00			
White	1,700	100	6	12	14	15	17	11	25	9.35			
Nonwhite	411	100	5	13	24	20	13	8	17	7.80			
Female	808	100	8	21	25	14	15	8	9	6.65			
White	526	100	8	18	23	13	18	9	11	7.25			
Nonwhite	282	100	10	27	30	15	9	4	5	5.85			
AGE, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND SEX													
14-19 years	1,216	100	10	17	21	17	15	8	12	7.20			
Migratory	120	100	10	16	17	12	20	10	15	8.15			
Nonmigratory	1,097	100	10	17	22	17	15	7	12	7.10			
20 years and over	1,702	100	4	13	17	14	16	11	25	9.30			
Migratory	159	100	3	5	12	14	15	15	36	11.15			
Male	111	100	3	3	5	12	14	17	46	12.45			
Female	48	2/	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
Nonmigratory	1,543	100	4	14	17	14	16	11	24	9.10			
Male	1,036	100	2	10	14	14	16	12	32	10.10			
Female	507	100	8	22	24	12	16	8	10	6.75			
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK													
Less than 25 days	1,299	100	9	17	22	15	15	8	14	7.25			
25-74	730	100	5	16	20	17	15	9	18	8.05			
75-149	304	100	5	10	15	16	19	9	26	9.40			
150-249	251	100	3	12	11	16	21	14	23	9.70			
250-299	134	100	1	8	10	9	11	12	49	12.85			
300 and over	200	100	6	8	12	12	13	16	33	10.80			
REGION AND SEX													
Northeast	279	100	10	9	19	11	16	10	25	9.05			
Male	196	100	12	12	19	9	13	7	28	8.70			
Female	83	100	6	3	19	17	24	16	15	9.40			
North Central	556	100	8	10	15	19	19	14	15	8.75			
Male	485	100	6	9	15	20	19	14	17	8.95			
Female	70	100	17	21	15	12	18	12	5	6.65			
South	1,333	100	5	19	25	19	15	7	10	7.10			
Male	900	100	5	15	22	19	18	4	4	6.00			
Female	433	100	7	27	31	17	10	12	38	11.00			
West	751	100	6	12	10	7	9	11	12	46	12.35		
Male	529	100	5	10	7	6	20	11	19	8.90			
Female	222	100	9	17	18	6							

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm				Farm				Nonfarm			
	Number of workers	Days worked	Wages earned per year	Wages earned per day 1/	Days worked	Wages earned per year	Wages earned per day 1/	Days worked	Wages earned per year	Wages earned per day 1/		
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.		
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK, 1968	1,620	162	1,793	11.05	135	1,434	10.60	27	358	13.25		
COLOR AND SEX												
White	1,212	170	1,964	11.55	140	1,546	11.05	30	418	13.95		
Nonwhite	408	137	1,284	9.35	120	1,102	9.20	17	182	10.70		
Male	1,256	181	2,082	11.50	152	1,664	10.95	29	417	14.35		
White	990	186	2,206	11.85	153	1,737	11.35	33	469	14.20		
Nonwhite	266	163	1,621	9.95	146	1,394	9.55	17	227	13.35		
Female	364	94	795	8.45	76	640	8.40	18	154	8.55		
White	222	98	887	9.05	80	696	8.70	18	191	10.60		
Nonwhite	141	88	649	7.35	70	551	7.85	17	97	5.70		
SEX AND AGE												
Both sexes												
14-17 years	392	88	580	6.60	72	493	6.85	15	87	5.80		
18-24	327	153	1,680	11.00	109	1,089	10.00	43	590	13.70		
25-34	221	218	2,982	13.65	178	2,271	12.75	39	710	18.20		
35-44	217	204	2,455	12.05	175	2,002	11.45	29	453	15.60		
45-54	212	196	2,316	11.80	171	1,996	11.65	24	319	13.30		
55-64	167	183	1,976	10.80	169	1,813	10.70	13	162	12.45		
65 and over	84	156	1,370	8.80	149	1,329	8.90	6	40	6.65		
Males												
14-17 years	315	93	619	6.65	76	521	6.85	17	98	5.75		
18-24	258	171	1,911	11.15	123	1,249	10.15	47	662	14.10		
25-34	173	255	3,617	14.20	206	2,734	13.25	49	882	18.00		
35-44	141	251	3,225	12.85	218	2,631	12.05	32	594	18.55		
45-54	155	230	2,833	12.30	203	2,443	12.05	26	390	15.00		
55-64	138	198	2,184	11.05	184	2,012	10.95	13	171	13.15		
65 and over	77	162	1,432	8.85	155	1,390	8.95	7	42	6.00		
CHIEF ACTIVITY												
Farm work												
Farm wagework	705	232	2,688	11.60	220	2,520	11.45	11	168	15.25		
Without nonfarm work	638	243	2,792	11.50	232	2,642	11.40	10	150	15.00		
With nonfarm work	515	245	2,808	11.45	245	2,808	11.45	---	---	---		
Other farm work 2/	123	233	2,725	11.70	177	1,948	11.00	55	776	14.10		
Nonfarm work	67	129	1,696	13.15	109	1,352	12.40	20	343	17.15		
Unemployed 3/	162	227	3,198	14.10	79	929	11.75	147	2,268	15.40		
Not in labor force	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Keeping house	736	82	637	7.75	67	522	7.80	15	114	7.60		
Attending school	197	72	602	8.35	61	510	8.35	10	92	9.20		
Other	464	86	623	7.25	69	510	7.40	17	112	6.60		
REGION AND COLOR												
Northeast	148	190	2,066	10.85	160	1,668	10.40	29	398	13.70		
White	144	192	2,085	10.85	162	1,682	10.40	30	403	13.45		
Nonwhite 3/	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
North Central	261	168	1,901	11.30	129	1,224	9.50	38	677	17.80		
White	252	167	1,886	11.30	127	1,192	9.40	39	693	17.75		
Nonwhite 3/	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		

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Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1968--Continued

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm				Farm				Nonfarm			
	Number of workers	Days worked	Wages Per year	Wages Per day 1/	Days worked	Wages Per year	Wages Per day 1/	Days worked	Wages Per year	Wages Per day 1/		
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.		
REGION AND COLOR--Continued												
South	769	152	1,415	9.30	128	1,167	9.10	23	247	10.75		
White	420	166	1,681	10.10	138	1,359	9.85	28	322	11.50		
Nonwhite	349	135	1,094	8.10	116	937	8.05	18	157	8.70		
West	442	166	2,296	13.85	141	1,944	13.80	25	351	14.05		
White	396	168	2,270	13.50	142	1,920	13.50	26	350	13.45		
Nonwhite 3/	46	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR												
All workers												
Migratory	176	148	1,711	11.55	120	1,385	11.55	27	326	12.05		
White	144	139	1,585	11.40	110	1,222	11.10	29	362	12.50		
Nonwhite 3/	33	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Nonmigratory	1,443	164	1,803	11.00	137	1,440	10.50	27	362	13.40		
White	1,068	174	2,015	11.60	144	1,589	11.05	30	425	14.15		
Nonwhite	375	133	1,198	9.00	115	1,015	8.80	17	183	10.75		
South												
Migratory	84	148	1,649	11.15	121	1,377	11.40	26	272	10.45		
White	59	123	1,319	10.70	94	1,023	10.90	28	295	10.55		
Nonwhite 3/	25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Nonmigratory	685	153	1,386	9.05	129	1,142	8.85	23	244	10.60		
White	361	174	1,741	10.00	145	1,414	9.75	28	326	11.65		
Nonwhite	324	129	991	7.70	111	838	7.55	17	152	8.95		
West												
Migratory	50	147	1,986	13.50	125	1,684	13.45	22	301	13.70		
Nonmigratory	392	168	2,335	13.90	143	1,977	13.80	25	357	14.30		
NONMIGRATORY WORKERS, SEX, AND COLOR												
All workers												
Nonmigratory												
Male	1,124	183	2,095	11.45	154	1,670	10.85	29	424	14.60		
White	883	190	2,254	11.85	157	1,777	11.30	33	477	14.45		
Nonwhite	241	158	1,508	9.55	140	1,278	9.10	17	229	13.45		
Female	319	94	776	8.25	77	632	8.20	17	144	8.45		
White	185	98	873	8.90	81	697	8.60	17	176	10.35		
Nonwhite	134	88	642	7.30	70	542	7.75	17	100	5.90		
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS												
Household heads	730	221	2,761	12.50	187	2,228	11.90	34	532	15.65		
Migratory	81	187	2,464	13.15	157	2,015	12.85	29	449	15.50		
Nonmigratory	649	225	2,798	12.45	191	2,255	11.80	34	543	15.95		
Other household members	890	113	998	8.85	92	782	8.50	21	215	10.25		
Migratory	95	114	1,067	9.35	89	845	9.50	25	221	8.85		
Nonmigratory	795	113	990	8.75	93	775	8.35	20	215	10.75		

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

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3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 10.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm				Farm				Nonfarm			
	Number	Wages earned	Days worked	Wages earned	Days	Wages earned	Days worked	Wages earned	Days	Wages earned	Days	Wages earned
	of workers	Per year	Per day 1/	of workers	Per year	Per day 1/	of workers	Per year	Per day 1/	of workers	Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK, 1968	1,299	59	789	13.35	10	85	8.50	48	703	14.65		
SEX AND AGE												
Both sexes												
14-17 years	548	26	155	5.95	11	80	7.25	15	75	5.00		
18-24	248	91	1,209	13.30	9	95	10.55	82	1,113	13.55		
25-34	151	116	2,198	18.95	9	92	10.20	107	2,105	19.65		
35-44	110	90	1,482	16.45	10	96	9.60	79	1,386	17.55		
45-54	92	71	995	14.00	9	76	8.45	62	918	14.80		
55-64	82	46	431	9.35	9	76	8.45	36	354	9.85		
65 and over	68	24	279	11.60	11	83	7.55	13	196	15.05		
Males	855	73	1,078	14.75	10	91	9.10	62	987	15.90		
14-17 years	425	27	170	6.30	10	83	8.30	16	86	5.35		
18-24	171	112	1,573	14.05	9	104	11.55	102	1,468	14.40		
25-34	77	192	3,995	20.80	8	99	12.35	183	3,896	21.30		
35-44 3/	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
45 and over	136	67	935	13.95	9	90	10.00	57	844	14.80		
Females	444	32	232	7.25	10	75	7.50	22	156	7.10		
14-17 years	124	25	107	4.30	11	71	6.45	13	35	2.70		
18-24	76	44	391	8.90	9	75	8.35	35	316	9.00		
25-34	73	36	298	8.25	10	85	8.50	26	213	8.20		
35-44	65	37	305	8.25	12	91	7.60	25	213	8.50		
45 and over	106	27	171	6.30	10	63	6.30	17	107	6.30		
CHIEF ACTIVITY												
Farm wagework and other farm work 2/	79	26	303	11.65	8	78	9.75	17	225	13.25		
Nonfarm work	211	222	3,751	16.90	8	94	11.75	214	3,657	17.10		
Unemployed 3/	20	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	989	27	202	7.50	10	83	8.30	16	118	7.35		
Keeping house	252	21	133	6.35	10	81	8.10	10	52	5.20		
Attending school	643	29	210	7.25	10	84	8.40	18	126	7.00		
Other	94	24	329	13.70	9	85	9.45	14	244	17.40		
MIGRATORY STATUS												
Migratory	103	82	1,304	15.90	10	111	11.10	71	1,193	16.80		
Nonmigratory	1,196	57	744	13.05	10	83	8.30	46	661	14.35		
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS												
Household heads	324	122	2,106	17.25	9	90	10.00	112	2,015	18.00		
Migratory 3/	27	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	296	116	1,958	16.85	9	88	9.75	106	1,869	17.65		
Other household members	975	38	351	9.25	10	84	8.40	27	267	9.90		
Migratory	75	43	427	9.95	10	109	10.90	32	317	9.90		
Nonmigratory	900	37	345	9.30	10	82	8.20	27	263	9.75		

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

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3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 11.--Percentage of workers who did farm and nonfarm wagework, and average number of days worked and wages earned, for workers who did farm wagework only, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Farm wageworkers		Workers who did farm wagework only			
	Number of workers	Percentage who also did some nonfarm wage work	Number of workers	Farm		
				Thou.	Pct.	No.
ALL WORKERS, 1968	2,919	37	1,851	96	1,025	10.65
COLOR AND SEX						
White	2,225	38	1,373	100	1,109	11.10
Nonwhite	693	31	479	86	783	9.10
Male	2,111	39	1,291	120	1,316	10.95
White	1,700	41	1,010	121	1,380	11.40
Nonwhite	411	32	280	115	1,086	9.45
Female	808	31	561	42	354	8.40
White	526	31	362	41	354	8.65
Nonwhite	282	30	198	45	354	7.85
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farm work	784	21	619	214	2,458	11.50
Farm wagework	649	19	525	240	2,755	11.45
Without nonfarm work	525	---	525	240	2,755	11.45
With nonfarm work	124	100	---	---	---	---
Other farm work 2/	134	30	94	66	795	12.05
Nonfarm work	373	91	3/ 35	---	---	---
Unemployed 3/	37	---	3/ 13	---	---	---
Not in labor force	1,725	31	1,185	36	282	7.85
Keeping house	449	24	342	34	278	8.15
Attending school	1,107	34	728	37	277	7.50
Other	170	32	115	36	326	9.05
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,299	43	746	11	86	7.80
25 days and over	1,620	32	1,105	154	1,659	10.75
RESIDENCE						
Farm	835	27	613	111	1,065	9.60
Nonfarm	2,083	41	1,238	89	1,005	11.30
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	279	43	158	91	1,018	11.20
Nonmigratory	2,640	36	1,693	97	1,025	10.55
REGION AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Northeast	279	39	171	115	1,221	10.60
Less than 25 days	131	42	76	13	131	10.05
25-149	86	51	3/ 42	---	---	---
150 and over	61	11	54	298	3,306	11.10
North Central	556	42	322	81	743	9.15
Less than 25 days	295	44	165	10	83	8.30
25-149	178	47	94	62	507	8.15
150 and over	82	23	63	296	2,840	9.60
South	1,333	34	874	92	822	8.95
Less than 25 days	564	39	346	10	64	6.40
25-149	498	41	296	61	473	7.70
150 and over	271	15	231	252	2,402	9.50
West	751	36	484	109	1,509	13.85
Less than 25 days	309	49	159	12	115	9.60
25-149	276	34	181	65	802	12.30
150 and over	166	14	143	270	3,944	14.60

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3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 12.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for farm wage workers who also did some nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm				Farm				Nonfarm			
	Number of workers worked		Wages earned		Wages earned		Wages earned		Number of workers worked		Wages earned	
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	No.	Dol.
	:	:	1/	1/	:	1/	1/	1/	:	1/	1/	1/
WORKERS WHO ALSO DID SOME NONFARM WAGEWORK, 1968	:	1,067	150	1,903	12.70	50	503	10.05	100	1,400	14.00	
COLOR AND SEX	:											
White	:	853	156	2,080	13.35	50	519	10.40	106	1,561	14.70	
Nonwhite	:	215	128	1,203	9.40	49	441	9.00	79	761	9.65	
Male	:	820	165	2,242	13.60	54	572	10.60	111	1,669	15.05	
White	:	689	169	2,366	14.00	53	567	10.70	115	1,798	15.65	
Nonwhite	:	131	146	1,586	10.85	61	598	9.80	85	988	11.60	
Female	:	247	101	782	7.75	34	274	8.05	66	508	7.70	
White	:	163	101	872	8.65	37	313	8.45	64	559	8.75	
Nonwhite	:	84	100	608	6.10	30	198	6.60	70	410	5.85	
CHIEF ACTIVITY	:											
Farm work	:	165	200	2,409	12.05	142	1,581	11.15	58	827	14.25	
Farm wagework	:	124	231	2,701	11.70	176	1,931	10.95	55	769	14.00	
Other farm work 2/ 3/	:	41	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Nonfarm work	:	338	240	3,764	15.70	36	396	11.00	204	3,368	16.50	
Unemployed 3/	:	25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Not in labor force	:	540	82	619	7.55	31	245	7.90	50	374	7.50	
Keeping house	:	106	75	536	7.15	30	240	8.00	44	295	6.70	
Attending school	:	378	84	586	6.95	31	234	7.55	53	352	6.65	
Other	:	55	80	1,004	12.55	33	327	9.90	46	677	14.70	
DURATION OF WAGEWORK	:											
Farm	:	1,067	150	1,903	12.70	50	503	10.05	100	1,400	14.00	
Less than 25 days	:	553	124	1,738	14.00	9	85	9.45	115	1,653	14.35	
25-74	:	288	128	1,466	11.45	45	390	8.65	83	1,076	12.95	
75-149	:	138	209	2,500	11.95	108	1,167	10.80	101	1,333	13.20	
150-249	:	59	254	2,949	11.60	192	1,980	10.30	61	969	15.90	
250 and over 3/	:	29	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Nonfarm	:	1,067	150	1,903	12.70	50	503	10.05	100	1,400	14.00	
Less than 25 days	:	304	67	621	9.25	55	510	9.25	12	110	9.15	
25-74	:	286	102	1,004	9.85	54	527	9.75	48	477	9.95	
75-149	:	194	169	2,028	12.00	56	670	11.95	112	1,357	12.10	
150-249	:	186	248	3,623	14.60	41	430	10.50	206	3,192	15.50	
250 and over	:	97	328	5,013	15.30	25	218	8.70	303	4,795	15.80	
Farm and nonfarm	:	1,067	150	1,903	12.70	50	503	10.05	100	1,400	14.00	
Less than 25 days	:	90	16	120	7.50	7	65	9.30	8	55	6.85	
25-74	:	273	50	428	8.55	19	154	8.10	30	274	9.15	
75-149	:	238	108	1,024	9.50	40	357	8.90	67	666	9.95	
150-249	:	219	202	2,630	13.00	66	663	10.05	136	1,967	14.45	
250 and over	:	247	306	4,393	14.35	94	1,049	11.15	212	3,344	15.75	
RESIDENCE	:											
Farm	:	222	143	1,794	12.55	49	505	10.30	93	1,288	13.85	
Nonfarm	:	845	152	1,932	12.70	50	502	10.05	102	1,429	14.00	
MIGRATORY STATUS	:											
Migratory	:	121	166	2,274	13.70	65	783	12.05	100	1,491	14.90	
Nonmigratory	:	947	148	1,856	12.55	48	467	9.70	100	1,388	13.90	
REGION	:											
Northeast	:	108	152	1,746	11.50	52	491	9.45	100	1,254	12.55	
North Central	:	233	163	2,457	15.05	45	451	10.00	118	2,006	17.00	
South	:	459	144	1,572	10.90	52	474	9.10	91	1,098	12.05	
West	:	267	150	2,052	13.70	49	604	12.30	101	1,448	14.35	

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3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 13.--Distribution of workers who did farm wagework only and workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1968

Selected characteristics	Workers who did farm wagework only				Workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework							
	Farm		Farm and nonfarm		Farm				Nonfarm			
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
ALL WORKERS, 1968	1,291	561	320	247	820	247	820	247	820	247	820	247
Total		100		100		100		100		100		100
NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED												
Less than 25 days	35	55	7	13	51	55	26	38				
25-74	22	29	22	39	25	34	25	34				
75-149	9	9	21	25	15	7	19	14				
150-249	12	6	22	16	6	3	19	11				
250 and over	22	1	28	7	3	1	11	3				
DAILY EARNINGS												
Less than \$3.00	6	7	9	17	5	13	12	21				
\$3.00-4.99	13	19	8	22	10	25	7	20				
\$5.00-6.99	16	26	11	16	16	23	11	16				
\$7.00-8.99	16	14	14	14	16	12	9	11				
\$9.00-10.99	14	17	14	13	18	11	12	12				
\$11.00-12.99	10	8	11	7	11	6	10	7				
\$13.00 and over	25	9	34	11	24	10	39	13				
ANNUAL EARNINGS												
Less than \$100	23	39	5	12	35	45	18	33				
\$100-199	13	19	7	13	15	18	26	39				
\$200-499	15	24	15	30	19	21	12	12				
\$500-999	11	9	15	20	13	9	14	8				
\$1,000-2,999	21	9	27	22	15	6	8	7				
\$3,000-4,999	12	---	15	3	2	1	10	1				
\$5,000-7,499	4	---	13	---	1	---	10	---				
\$7,500-9,999	1	---	3	---	---	---	2	---				
\$10,000 and over	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				

## APPENDIX A

### SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates in this report are based on data obtained in December 1968 through supplementary questions in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The sample is spread over 449 areas comprising 863 counties and independent cities with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Approximately 50,000 occupied households are designated for interview each month. Of this number, 2,250 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 50,000 there are also about 8,500 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed.

The estimates in this report concern persons 14 years of age or older who did farm wagework in 1968. This data was compiled from supplementary questions to the Current Population Survey asked only if a person 14 years of age or older had performed farmwork for wages or salary during 1968. These questions concerned number of days of farm wagework, farm wages, migratory status, nonfarm wagework and nonfarm wages, chief activity in 1968, residence, and other matters. Not included in this report are hired farmworkers who died, who entered the Armed Forces, or who were removed from the civilian noninstitutional population for other reasons prior to the survey. Also not included are foreign nationals who did farm wagework in this country and returned to their homes before the survey. The number of foreign nationals admitted declined sharply after the termination of Public Law 78 in December 1964, and in 1968 totaled only 13,323. <sup>1/</sup> The total number of persons excluded from this report probably does not exceed 400,000.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, color and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1960 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the estimates.--Since the estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from figures obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and enumerators. As in any survey work, the results are subject to errors of response and reporting as well as being subject to sampling variability.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report,

<sup>1/</sup> Farm Labor Developments, Manpower Administration, Dept. of Labor.

the standard error also partially measures the effect of response and enumeration errors but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

The figures presented in tables 14-18 are approximations to the standard errors of various estimates shown in this report. In order to derive standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of items and could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors provide an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard errors rather than the precise standard error for any specific item.

Table 14---Standard errors for estimated numbers of persons who did farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Size of estimate	Standard error
25,000	9,000
50,000	12,000
100,000	18,000
250,000	29,000
500,000	42,000
1,000,000	65,000
2,500,000	121,000

Estimated percentages and estimated averages are computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator. The reliability of these estimates depends both upon the size of the estimate and the size of the totals upon which the estimates are based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. Table 15 contains the standard errors of estimated percentages. Averages are subject to large sampling variability since the sample estimate of an average is affected by extreme estimates. If sensitive indicators are needed, other types of statistics, such as medians, should be considered. Tables 16, 17, and 18 contain the standard errors of estimated averages.

Table 15.--Standard errors of percentages of persons who did farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Estimated percentage	Base of percentage in thousands							
	25		50		100		250	
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
2 or 98	4.9	3.5	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	
5 or 95	7.6	5.4	3.8	2.4	1.7	1.2	0.8	
10 or 90	10.5	7.4	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	
15 or 85	12.5	8.8	6.2	3.9	2.8	2.0	1.2	
20 or 80	14.0	9.9	7.0	4.4	3.1	2.2	1.4	
25 or 75	15.1	10.7	7.6	4.8	3.4	2.4	1.5	
35 or 65	16.6	11.8	8.3	5.3	3.7	2.6	1.7	
50	17.4	12.3	8.9	5.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	

Table 16.--Standard errors of average number of days of farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)

Average number of days of farm wage-work per year per person	Base of average in thousands							
	Number of farm wageworkers							
	50		100		250		500	
10	1.2		1.0		0.7		0.5	
25	3.5		3.1		2.2		1.5	
50	10.2		7.2		5.7		4.0	
100	19.2		13.6		9.6		6.8	
150	19.7		14.0		9.5		6.8	
200	15.5		11.0		7.0		5.0	
250	11.3		8.0		5.0		3.5	

Note: This table pertains to averages computed from distributions allowed to vary over the entire range of days worked. Standard errors for truncated distributions (e.g., workers with less than 25 days of farm wagework) are somewhat smaller.

Table 17.--Standard errors of average annual earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)							
Average earnings from farm wage- work per year per person	Base of average in thousands						
	Number of farm wageworkers						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	
\$ 150	31	22	14	10	9	6	
250	58	41	26	19	16	11	
500	118	84	53	41	35	23	
750	178	126	80	64	54	36	
1,000	219	155	98	85	68	45	
2,000	314	223	141	132	96	64	
3,000	331	235	149	138	99	66	

Table 18.--Standard errors of average daily earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)							
Average earnings from farm wage- work per day per person	Base of average in thousands						
	Number of farm wageworkers						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	
\$ 5.00	.60	.42	.27	.19	.14	.09	
7.00	1.13	.81	.51	.36	.26	.17	
9.00	1.46	1.04	.66	.50	.35	.23	
11.00	1.52	1.08	.68	.53	.43	.28	
13.00	1.54	1.09	.69	.55	.47	.31	
15.00	1.57	1.11	.71	.56	.50	.33	

Illustration of the use of the tables of standard errors.--Table 4 of this report shows that 279,000 persons were migratory farm wageworkers. Table 14 shows the standard error on an estimate of this size to be approximately 31,000. The chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 31,000. The chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 62,000.

Of these 279,000 migratory farm wageworkers, 115,000 or 41 percent are from the Southern Region. Table 15 shows the standard error of 41 percent on a base of 279,000 to be approximately 5.2 percent. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated 41 percent would be within 5.2 percent of a complete census figure, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within 10.4 percent of a census figure, i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from 30.6 to 51.4 percent.

Table 7 of this report shows that average annual earnings at farm wagework for migratory farm wageworkers is \$917. Table 17 shows the standard error of \$917 on a base of 279,000 workers to be approximately \$90. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated \$917 would be within \$90 of a complete census figure, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within \$180 of a census figure, i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from \$735 to \$1,097.

## APPENDIX B

### DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Farm wageworkers.--Persons 14 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States at the time of the survey who did any farmwork for cash wages or salary at any time in the year, even if only for 1 day.

Farmwork for cash wages or salary consists of the following: (1) Work done on any farm for cash wages in connection with the production, harvesting, threshing, preparation for market, or delivery to market of agricultural products; (2) work done off the farm for a farmer by his hired farmworker, such as trips to town to buy feed, seeds, or fertilizer, or to handle other matters involved in running the farm business; (3) repairs of farm buildings, machinery, etc., performed by a farm wageworker when done along with the type of work specified in (1) and (2) above; and (4) managing a farm enterprise for cash salary. Not included as farmwork for cash wages or salary are (1) work performed by farm operators on their own farms, or "exchange" work between farmers; (2) work done exclusively for "pay in kind"; (3) work done without pay on a family farm by a member of the farm operator's family, (a small regular cash allowance is not considered as farm wages); and (4) nonfarm work performed on a farm, such as the building of a farm structure, the drilling of a well, the hauling of agricultural products to market by commercial truckers, or domestic service in the home of a farmer; and (5) custom work such as spraying, threshing, combining, etc., when a person is paid a combined rate for the use of his equipment and labor.

Casual workers.--Persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework.

Noncasual workers.--Persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework.

Noncasual workers include:

Seasonal workers.--Persons who did 25-149 days of farm wagework.

Regular workers.--Persons who did 150-249 days of farm wagework.

Year-round workers.--Persons who did 250 days or more of farm wagework.

(The use here of the terms "seasonal" and "regular" differs from that in the Census of Agriculture, where "seasonal workers" refers to persons employed on one farm for less than 150 days during the year, and "regular workers" to those employed on one farm for 150 days or more during the year.)

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Color.--The term "color" refers to the division of the population into two groups -- white and nonwhite. Nonwhites include such groups as Negroes, Indians, Japanese, and Chinese.

Chief activity.--Information on the chief activity of farm wageworkers during the year was derived from the question, "What was . . . doing most of 1968--working, keeping house, going to school, or something else?" If "working" was reported as the chief activity, the kind of work the person was doing most of the year was determined. Farm wagework was reported if the person spent most of his working time doing farm wagework. Operating a farm was reported if a person spent most of his working time operating his own farm (as a tenant, owner, or sharecropper). Nonfarm work was reported if a person spent most of his working time in his own business or profession, worked without pay in a family business, or worked for pay (or pay in kind) in any nonfarm activity, such as manufacturing, trade, construction, domestic service, etc. If the person did not report "working" as his chief activity, information was obtained on what he was doing most of the year. Looking for work (unemployed) was reported for a person who spent most of his time without employment, but was actively looking for a job. Keeping house was reported for persons who spent most of their time doing their own housework. Going to school was reported for persons who spent most of their time during the year going to school. The category "other" was reported for persons who spent most of their time at some activity other than those named above.

Residence.--Residence is determined on the basis of the classification of the place in which the worker lived at the time of the survey. In the Current Population Survey, farm wageworkers were classified as living on farms (farm residents) if they lived in rural territory on places of 10 or more acres of land, and if as much as \$50 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Also included are those who lived on places of less than 10 acres if as much as \$250 worth of agricultural

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products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Nonfarm-resident workers lived in urban places, rural towns or villages, or in the open country on places that did not meet the criteria for farm classification.

Migratory status.--Migratory farm wageworkers are those from whom a "yes" answer was obtained to one of two questions: "Some farmworkers leave home to harvest crops or do other seasonal farmwork in a different State. Did . . . do this in 1968?" If the answer to that question was "No," the question was asked: "During 1968, did . . . leave home to do this work in a different county in this State?" Enumerators were instructed to consider as migratory workers (a) persons who were reported to have left their homes temporarily overnight to do farm wagework in another county within the same State or in a different State with expectation of eventually returning home, and (b) persons who had no usual place of residence, if they did farm wagework in two or more counties during the year. They were instructed to consider as nonmigratory workers (a) persons who were reported as farm wageworkers in the county for part of the year and who made a more or less permanent move to another county during the year and also did farm wagework in the second county, and (b) persons who commuted daily across the county or State line to do farm wagework and returned home each night.

Region.--The States included in each of the four regions are as follows: Northeast--Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey; North Central--Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas; South--Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas; and West--Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Alaska.

Days of farm or nonfarm wagework.--Days on which any farm or nonfarm wagework was reported. The work may have been for all or only part of a day.

Earnings from farm or nonfarm work.--Total cash wages or salary received for farmwork or for nonfarm work. Estimates of earnings do not include the value of perquisites received in connection with farmwork nor the value of fringe benefits received in connection with nonfarm work.