



AGRICULTURAL LABOR EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE TRENDS

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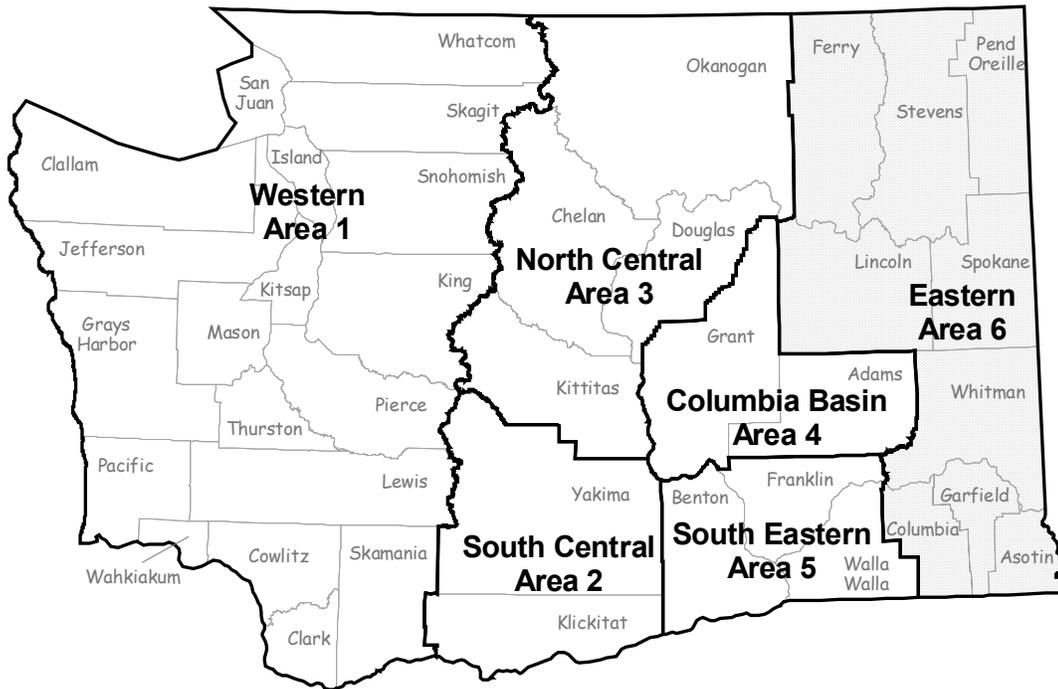
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Agricultural Reporting Areas in Washington State



Counties Within Agricultural Reporting Areas

Area 1 = Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Whatcom

Area 2 = Klickitat and Yakima

Area 3 = Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas and Okanogan

Area 4 = Adams and Grant

Area 5 = Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla

Area 6 = Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Statewide seasonal employment dipped by 0.7% from June 2004 to June 2005. Agricultural activities displaying over-the-year increases were other seasonal work (702), nursery work (592), strawberry work (522), blueberry work (284), other tree fruit work (188), cucumber work (64), hops work (42), and pear work (30). Activities displaying declines were raspberry work (-784), miscellaneous vegetables work (-766), onion work (-739), grape work (-214), potato work (-203), apple work (-80), cherry work (-58), wheat/grain work (-22), asparagus work (-6) and bulb work (-6). Regionally, Western (Area 1) seasonal employment grew by 12.4%, due to an increase in strawberry work (512). South Central (Area 2) seasonal employment also increased by 12.0% driven by a growth in cherry work (3,629). North Central (Area 3) seasonal employment slipped back by 6.3%, thanks to a decline in cherry work (-2,792). Columbia Basin (Area 4) seasonal employment slipped by 7.1%, led by a decline in cherry work (-873). South Eastern (Area 5) seasonal employment softened by 13.7%, caused by a downturn in asparagus work (-606). Eastern (Area 6) seasonal employment lagged by 3.5%, courtesy of a pullback in wheat/grain work (-60).

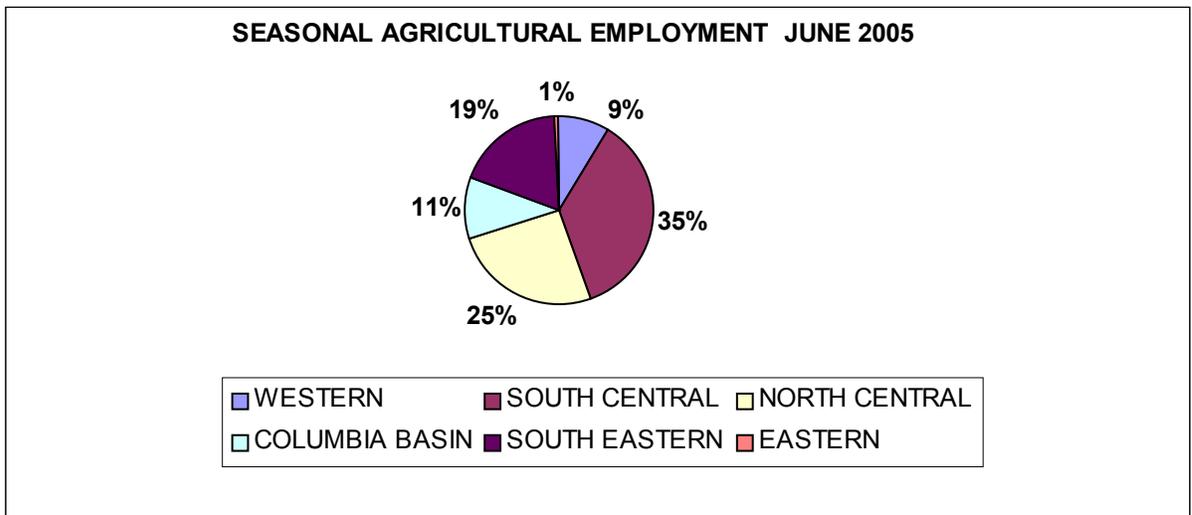
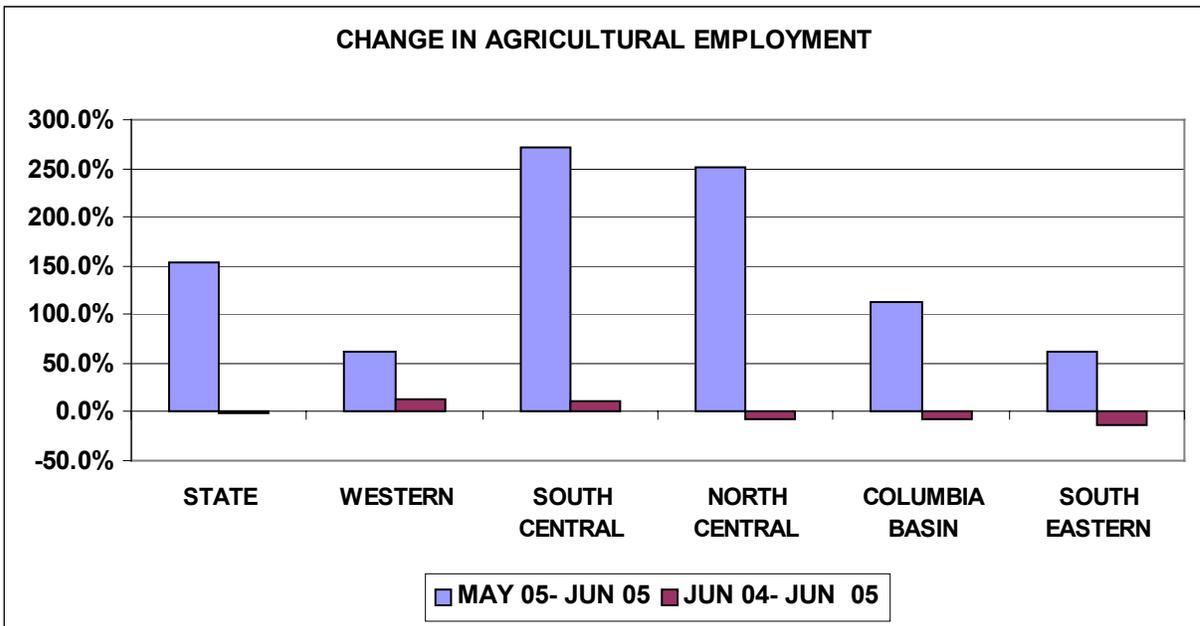
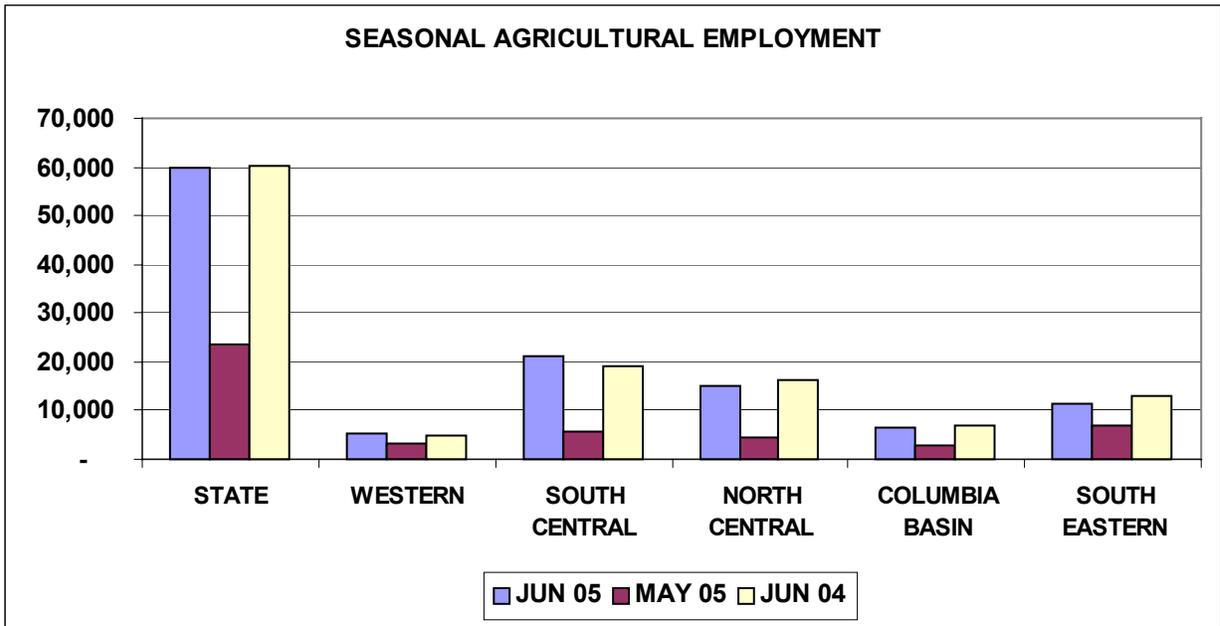
ECONOMIC FACTORS IMPACTING AGRICULTURE

According to a report in the Capital Press Agricultural Weekly, this year's drought could impact Washington State's economy by anywhere from \$385 million to \$590 million. The overall crop production is expected to be down from 5 percent to 8 percent due to the drought. The projection includes a 10 percent to 20 percent reduction in harvest for dryland agriculture, with between \$52 million and \$104 million in reduced production. For irrigated agriculture, production could be down from 11 percent to 15 percent in the Yakima Basin, the part of the state hardest hit by water shortages. That could translate into farm revenue losses of \$143 million to \$195 million. The drop in production could result in 3,500 to 5,400 fewer agricultural jobs in 2005. Reduced yields could also impact food processors. The impact could result in reduced viability of some plants as well as reduced employment.

The latest confirmed case of mad cow disease in the United States, confirmed through DNA testing, has been traced to a beef cow born in Texas 12 years ago and slaughtered last November, Agriculture Department officials said. It was the first time the disease has been confirmed in a U.S.-born cow. The other U.S. case, confirmed in December 2003 in Washington State was in a dairy cow imported from Canada. The herd from which the Texas cow came has been quarantined and none of the infected animal's carcass entered the food or animal feed chain. The U.S. Agriculture department's chief veterinarian, Dr. John Clifford said that given the cow's age, officials believe it probably was infected before the 1997 ban forbidding the use of cattle parts in cattle feed.

The government in Mexico has temporarily lifted a 46.6 percent tariff on some varieties of U.S. apples while it reopens an investigation into dumping. Since 1997, Mexico has accused U.S. producers of dumping, or unfairly selling apples in Mexico at levels below the sales price for apples in the U.S. market. Mexico had imposed a 46.6 percent tariff on Northwest Red and Golden Delicious apples since August 2002. The lifting of the ban provides Washington State's apple industry with a much-needed outlet for the 2004 harvest, a record 103 million boxes.

SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT							
	<u>JUN 05</u>	<u>MAY 05</u>	<u>JUN 04</u>	CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				<u>MAY 05- JUN 05</u>	<u>JUN 04- JUN 05</u>	<u>MAY 05- JUN 05</u>	<u>JUN 04- JUN 05</u>
STATE	59,702	23,613	60,140	36,089	(438)	152.8%	-0.7%
WESTERN	5,367	3,297	4,773	2,070	594	62.8%	12.4%
SOUTH CENTRAL	21,244	5,706	18,971	15,538	2,273	272.3%	12.0%
NORTH CENTRAL	15,169	4,332	16,188	10,837	(1,019)	250.2%	-6.3%
COLUMBIA BASIN	6,320	2,974	6,805	3,346	(485)	112.5%	-7.1%
SOUTH EASTERN	11,248	6,917	13,036	4,331	(1,788)	62.6%	-13.7%
EASTERN	354	387	367	(33)	(13)	-8.5%	-3.5%



STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL TRENDS

Statewide seasonal employment decreased by 0.7% from June 2004 to June 2005. However, seasonal employment expanded by 152.8% statewide from May 2005 to June 2005. The crop activity adding the most employment from June 2004 to June 2005 was other seasonal work (702). Raspberry work lost the largest number of jobs (-784) for that same time period. Cherry work gained the largest amount of employment (25,549) from May 2005 to June 2005. Asparagus work had the largest downturn in employment (-1,560) during that same time period. The statewide weighted seasonal average wage for hourly paid farm workers for June 2005 was \$7.54 per hour.

STATEWIDE SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT**							
STATE				CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
CROP	JUN 05	MAY 05	JUN 04	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05
Apples	17,259	7,936	17,339	9,323	(80)	117.5%	-0.5%
Asparagus	4,074	5,634	4,080	(1,560)	(6)	-27.7%	-0.1%
Blueberry	383	197	99	186	284	94.4%	286.9%
Bulb	32	37	38	(5)	(6)	-13.5%	-15.8%
Cherries	26,496	947	26,554	25,549	(58)	2697.9%	-0.2%
Cucumbers	93	233	29	(140)	64	-60.1%	220.7%
Grapes	1,573	1,334	1,787	239	(214)	17.9%	-12.0%
Hops	200	827	158	(627)	42	-75.8%	26.6%
Misc Vegetables	578	536	1,344	42	(766)	7.8%	-57.0%
Nursery	2,272	2,061	1,680	211	592	10.2%	35.2%
Onion	159	173	898	(14)	(739)	-8.1%	-82.3%
Other Seasonal	2,360	1,896	1,658	464	702	24.5%	42.3%
Other Tree Fruit	335	527	147	(192)	188	-36.4%	127.9%
Pears	642	160	612	482	30	301.3%	4.9%
Potato	361	511	564	(150)	(203)	-29.4%	-36.0%
Raspberry	182	384	966	(202)	(784)	-52.6%	-81.2%
Strawberries	2,540	97	2,018	2,443	522	2518.6%	25.9%
Wheat/Grain	147	120	169	27	(22)	22.5%	-13.0%

**Crop detail may not add due to rounding

Western (Area 1) seasonal employment expanded by 12.4% from June 2004 to June 2005. However, seasonal employment leaped ahead by 62.8% from May 2005 to June 2005. Strawberry work rose by the largest employment (512) from June 2004 to June 2005. Raspberry work posted the largest over-the-year loss of jobs (-784) for that same time period. Strawberry work added the most jobs (2,321) from May 2005 to June 2005. Raspberry work displayed the greatest downturn in employment (-202) during that same time period. The weighted seasonal average wage for hourly paid farm workers for June 2005 in Area 1 was \$7.90 per hour. (See pages 14 -15 for Area 1 detail)

AREA 1 SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT							
WESTERN				CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	JUN 05	MAY 05	JUN 04	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05
CROP							
Blueberry	383	197	99	186	284	94.4%	286.9%
Bulb	32	37	38	(5)	(6)	-13.5%	-15.8%
Cucumbers	93	233	29	(140)	64	-60.1%	220.7%
Misc Vegetables	108	118	151	(10)	(43)	-8.5%	-28.5%
Nursery	1,808	1,680	1,376	128	432	7.6%	31.4%
Other Seasonal	303	363	115	(60)	188	-16.5%	163.5%
Potato	102	131	68	(29)	34	-22.1%	50.0%
Raspberry	182	384	966	(202)	(784)	-52.6%	-81.2%
Rhubarb	0	117	83	(117)	(83)	-100.0%	-100.0%
Strawberries	2,360	39	1,848	2,321	512	5951.3%	27.7%

**Crop detail may not add due to rounding

South Central (Area 2) seasonal employment moved forward by 12.0% from June 2004 to June 2005. This was overtaken by a larger gain of 272.3% in employment from May 2005 to June 2005. Cherry work enjoyed the largest bump in employment (3,629) from June 2004 to June 2005. Apple work lost the largest number of jobs (-1,845) for that same time period. Due to harvest, cherry work grew by the largest amount of employment (11,573) from May 2005 to June 2005. Hops work softened by the greatest number of jobs (-364) for that same time period. The weighted seasonal average wage for hourly paid farm workers for June 2005 in Area 2 was \$7.45 per hour. (See pages 16 -17 for Area 2 detail)

AREA 2 SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT							
SOUTH CENTRAL				CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	JUN 05	MAY 05	JUN 04	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05
CROP							
Apples	4,677	1,220	6,522	3,457	(1,845)	283.4%	-28.3%
Asparagus	1,907	1,983	1,448	(76)	459	-3.8%	31.7%
Cherries	12,190	617	8,561	11,573	3,629	1875.7%	42.4%
Grapes	1,105	505	1,139	600	(34)	118.8%	-3.0%
Hops	128	492	96	(364)	32	-74.0%	33.3%
Misc Vegetables	153	92	196	61	(43)	0.0%	-21.9%
Onions	0	23	159	(23)	(159)	-100.0%	-100.0%
Other Seasonal	496	740	474	(244)	22	-33.0%	4.6%
Other Tree Fruit	162	30	0	132	162	440.0%	0.0%
Pears	428	4	376	424	52	10600.0%	13.8%

**Crop detail may not add due to rounding

North Central (Area 3) seasonal employment displayed a small decrease of 6.3% from June 2004 to June 2005. However, this trend was beaten by a giant gain of 250.2% from May 2005 to June 2005. Apple work moved ahead by the greatest number of jobs (1,760) from June 2004 to June 2005. Cherry work displayed the greatest loss in employment (-2,792) for that same time period. However due to harvest, cherry work expanded by the largest amount of employment (9,269) from May 2005 to June 2005. Other tree fruit work showed the greatest decline in employment (-270) during that same time period. The weighted seasonal average wage for hourly paid farm workers for June 2005 in Area 3 was \$7.51 per hour. (See pages 18 and 19 for Area 3 detail)

AREA 3 SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT							
NORTH CENTRAL				CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
CROP	JUN 05	MAY 05	JUN 04	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05
Apples	5,314	3,563	3,554	1,751	1,760	49.1%	49.5%
Cherries	9,432	163	12,224	9,269	(2,792)	5686.5%	-22.8%
Other Seasonal	211	108	152	103	59	95.4%	38.8%
Other Tree Fruit	89	359	135	(270)	(46)	-75.2%	-34.1%
Pears	124	138	123	(14)	1	-10.1%	0.8%
**Crop detail may not add due to rounding							

Columbia Basin (Area 4) seasonal employment slowed by 7.1% from June 2004 to June 2005. However this loss was reversed by an increase of 112.5% in employment from May 2005 to June 2005. Apple work experienced the greatest over-the-year gain in employment (414) from June 2004 to June 2005. Cherry work lost the largest amount of employment (-873) during that same time period. Apple work moved ahead by the largest amount of employment (1,772) from May 2005 to June 2005. Potato work had the greatest decline in jobs (-145) during that same time period. The weighted seasonal average wage for hourly paid farm workers for June 2005 in Area 4 was \$7.50 per hour. (See pages 20 - 22 for Area 4 detail)

AREA 4 SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT							
COLUMBIA BASIN				CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
CROP	JUN 05	MAY 05	JUN 04	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05
Apples	3,591	1,819	3,177	1,772	414	97.4%	13.0%
Asparagus	214	285	73	(71)	141	-24.9%	193.2%
Cherries	1,314	65	2,187	1,249	(873)	1921.5%	-39.9%
Mint	0	113	3	(113)	(3)	-100.0%	-100.0%
Misc Vegetables	68	123	297	(55)	(229)	-44.7%	-77.1%
Nursery	271	155	227	116	44	74.8%	19.4%
Onion	87	14	31	73	56	521.4%	180.6%
Other Seasonal	623	180	335	443	288	246.1%	86.0%
Other Tree Fruit	4	18	0	(14)	4	-77.8%	0.0%
Pears	90	18	113	72	(23)	400.0%	-20.4%
Potato	30	175	327	(145)	(297)	-82.9%	-90.8%
Wheat/Grain	27	6	35	21	(8)	350.0%	-22.9%
**Crop detail may not add due to rounding							

South Eastern (Area 5) seasonal employment declined by 13.7% from June 2004 to June 2005. June 2005 employment leapt ahead by 62.6% over May 2005. Other seasonal work added the largest number of jobs (147) from June 2004 to June 2005. Asparagus work declined by the largest employment (-606) during that same time period. Cherry work experienced the greatest over-the-month gain in employment (3,458) from May 2005 to June 2005. Asparagus work lost the most employment (-1,413) for that same time period. The weighted seasonal average wage for hourly paid farm workers for June 2005 in Area 5 was \$7.43 per hour. (See pages 23 - 25 for Area 5 detail)

AREA 5 SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT							
SOUTH EASTERN				CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	JUN 05	MAY 05	JUN 04	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05	MAY 05- JUN 05	JUN 04- JUN 05
CROP							
Apples	3,677	1,334	4,086	2,343	(409)	175.6%	-10.0%
Asparagus	1,953	3,366	2,559	(1,413)	(606)	-42.0%	-23.7%
Cherries	3,560	102	3,582	3,458	(22)	3390.2%	-0.6%
Grapes	468	829	648	(361)	(180)	-43.5%	-27.8%
Hops	72	335	62	(263)	10	-78.5%	16.1%
Misc Vegetables	249	86	617	163	(368)	189.5%	-59.6%
Nursery	72	18	2	54	70	300.0%	3500.0%
Onion	72	136	708	(64)	(636)	-47.1%	-89.8%
Other Seasonal	560	310	413	250	147	80.6%	35.6%
Other Tree Fruit	80	120	12	(40)	68	-33.3%	566.7%
Potatoes	229	205	169	24	60	11.7%	35.5%
Strawberries	180	58	170	122	10	210.3%	5.9%
Wheat/Grain	54	16	8	38	46	237.5%	575.0%
**Crop detail may not add due to rounding							

Eastern (Area 6) seasonal employment did not meet the criterion of 500 employees and therefore is not published for the month of June.

Methodology

The "Agricultural Workforce Report" uses data from the monthly Seasonal Farm Labor Survey. This is a survey of 600 agricultural growers in the state. They report monthly the number of total and seasonal workers by crop, activity, and wage. Both hourly and piece rates are used. "Seasonal" workers for the purpose of the survey are those working less than 150 days per year. The state is grouped into six areas based on agricultural economic similarity. The tables and charts presented compare the seasonal agricultural employment for the state and the six areas for the current month, previous month and year ago. Percentage increases as well as raw numbers are given. The weighted monthly wage for seasonal employment is given for the state and the six areas. Each crop activity having significant employment is noted as a percentage change for previous month and year ago. The crops having the highest gain and highest decline in employment are highlighted in the narrative. The Farm Labor Abstract is also included. This contains the top four crop activities by employment and wage for each of the six areas. Piece rates are given in addition to hourly wages when available and disclosable. Some variation in the reporting of the seasonal data can be attributed to the requirement that employment be reported in the pay period including the 12th of the month. Due to the fact that the timing of a given crop's harvest and other activities can be affected by weather and other conditions, periods of peak employment do not always fit precisely within this reporting period. This can lead to some variation of estimated employment by crop when comparing activity in similar time periods. The report is used by economists, growers' associations, educators, state agencies, labor unions and outreach workers.

Related Ag Links:

Click on <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wa> for Washington crop harvest and weather information.

Click on <http://www.usda.gov/oce/oce/labor-affairs/whatsnew.htm> for What's New in Agricultural Employment.

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Washington State Employment Security, Labor Market and Economic Analysis

SEASONAL LABOR ABSTRACT JUNE 2005

A mid-month survey of farm labor employment and wages is conducted by the Washington State Employment Security Department. At least five percent of all growers are surveyed for employment data about seasonal workers, type of crop, work activity, wages and their residence. Based on that data, the Washington employment Security Department develops estimates on the size of the workforce, average wages for each crop activity, and whether workers commute, live within the state, or come in from outside of Washington State. These data are reported for each agricultural area identified as having similar farm labor characteristics and a significant supply/demand for seasonal hired workforce.

WESTERN (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Whatcom Counties)

Estimated seasonal workforce: 5,367 (4,177 local, 212 intrastate, 834 interstate, 8 foreign, 136 unknown origin)

Strawberry Harvester	1,536	\$ 7.35/hr	or \$ 0.14 - \$ 0.15 per pound
Nursery Worker	613	\$ 9.57/hr	
Nursery Sorter/Grader/Packer	554	\$ 7.44/hr	
Strawberry Sorter/Grader/Packer	478	\$ 7.47/hr	

SOUTH CENTRAL (Klickitat and Yakima Counties)

Estimated seasonal workforce: 21,244 (18,356 local, 241 intrastate, 708 interstate, 1,746 foreign, 193 unknown origin)

Cherry Harvester	8,342	\$ 7.80/hr	or \$ 0.14½ - \$ 0.16 per pound
Apple Hand Thinner	4,187	\$ 7.45/hr	or \$ 0.50 - \$ 4.00 per tree
Cherry Sorter/Grader/Packer	3,486	\$ 7.29/hr	
Asparagus Harvester	1,898	\$ 7.35/hr	or \$ 0.19 - \$ 0.24 per pound

NORTH CENTRAL (Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas and Okanogan Counties)

Estimated seasonal workforce: 15,169 (7,700 local, 398 intrastate, 1,350 interstate, 311 foreign, 5,410 unknown origin)

Cherry Harvester	8,619	\$ 7.38/hr	or \$45.00 - \$50.00 per bin
Apple Hand Thinner	2,505	\$ 7.40/hr	
Apple Pruner	2,352	Not Available	
Cherry Sorter/Grader/Packer	694	\$ 7.98/hr	

COLUMBIA BASIN (Adams and Grant Counties)

Estimated seasonal workforce: 6,320 (5,036 local, 66 intrastate, 432 interstate, 455 foreign, 331 unknown origin)

Apple Hand Thinner	3,211	\$ 7.41/hr	or \$ 0.30 - \$ 3.00 per tree
Cherry Harvester	1,267	\$ 7.41/hr	
Asparagus Harvester	214	\$ 7.35/hr	
Alfalfa Tractor Operator	199	\$10.45/hr	

SOUTH EASTERN (Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties)

Estimated seasonal workforce: 11,248 (7,846 local, 548 intrastate, 1,675 interstate, 536 foreign, 643 unknown origin)

Cherry Harvester	3,532	\$ 7.36/hr	or \$ 4.25 - \$ 6.00 per lug
Apple Hand Thinner	3,477	\$ 7.37/hr	or \$ 0.35 - \$ 3.50 per tree
Asparagus Harvester	1,750	\$ 7.36/hr	or \$ 0.15 - \$ 0.30 per pound
Grapes Hand Thinner	318	\$ 7.40/hr	

EASTERN (Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman Counties)

Estimated seasonal workforce: 354 (339 local, 0 intrastate, 0 interstate, 0 foreign, 15 unknown origin)

Misc Grain & Seed Crops Worker	56	\$ 9.04/hr	
Nursery Harvester	52	\$ 7.70/hr	
Wheat Tractor Operator	28	\$ 9.25/hr	
Wheat Worker	24	\$ 9.58/hr	

Washington State Agricultural Crop Areas Harvest Periods

Washington State crop harvest timetables are listed below by agricultural areas. The dates may vary considerably due to weather or other conditions.

Note that the five area groupings in the following five timeline charts do not directly match with the six agricultural area groupings that are used in the Seasonal Farm Labor Survey data used in this report.

Washington State Agricultural Crop Areas												
Major Crops	Okanogan and Wenatchee Crop Areas											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Apples												
Cherries												
Pears												
Golden Delicious												
Red Delicious												

Washington State Agricultural Crop Areas												
Major Crops	Bellingham and Mount Vernon Crop Areas											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Flowers												
Cucumbers												
Broccoli												
Cauliflower												
Spinach												
Blueberries												
Raspberries												
Strawberries												

Washington State Agricultural Crop Areas												
Major Crops	Tri-Cities and Walla Walla Crop Areas											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Asparagus												
Apples												
Cherries												
Apricots												
Peaches												
Pears												
Onions												
Strawberries												

Washington State Agricultural Crop Areas												
Major Crops	Bingen, Sunnyside and Yakima Areas											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Asparagus												
Apples												
Cherries												
Peaches												
Pears												
Grapes												
Hops												
Vegetables												

Washington State Agricultural Crop Areas												
Major Crops	Moses Lake Crop Area											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Asparagus												
Apples												
Cherries												
Peaches												
Potatoes												

AGRICULTURAL LABOR SURVEY
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE DETAIL BY CROP ACTIVITY
JUNE 2005

TABLE 1

JUNE 2005

**Agricultural Farm Labor Report, Washington State
 Estimated Number of Domestic Seasonal Hired Workers
 by Place of Origin**

Agricultural Reporting Area	Local	Intra-state	Inter-state	Foreign	Unknown	Area Total
1. Western	4,177	212	834	8	136	5,367
2. South Central	18,356	241	708	1,746	193	21,244
3. North Central	7,700	398	1,350	311	5,410	15,169
4. Columbia Basin	5,036	66	432	455	331	6,320
5. South Eastern	7,846	548	1,675	536	643	11,248
6. Eastern	339	0	0	0	15	354
State Totals	43,454	1,466	4,999	3,056	6,728	59,702
% State Total	72.8%	2.5%	8.4%	5.1%	11.3%	100%

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005

State: WASHINGTON

Area Name: **WESTERN** (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom)

SECTION A. (see attachments)

SECTION B. DOMESTIC SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Total domestic seasonal hired workers	5,367
a. Local	4,177
b. Intrastate migratory	212
c. Interstate migratory	834
d. Foreign	8
e. Unknown	136
2. Origin of nonlocal domestic seasonal hired workers	
a. Intrastate: Bellingham, Mount Vernon, Selah	
b. Interstate: California, Texas	
c. Foreign: Mexico	

SECTION C. REGULAR HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Supply and demand for regular hired farm workers:

The June 2005 estimate for regular hired farm workers in this agricultural area was 7,607.

2. Factors affecting the farm labor supply and demand situation:

a. Crop, market, and weather conditions:

Weather conditions were cooler and wetter than normal for the reporting period. U-Pick raspberry and blueberry growers were gearing up for harvest. Some crop development continued to be delayed due to cooler than normal temperatures. Seed potatoes had begun to bloom. Primary agricultural activities were strawberry harvest and nursery work.

b. Wages, housing, and transportation:

The weighted seasonal wage for hourly paid farm workers during the pay period in June averaged \$7.90 per hour. Hourly wages ranged from \$7.35 for strawberry harvester, nursery harvester, nursery weeder, potato sorter/grader/packer, raspberry worker, cauliflower weeder, bulbs sorter/grader/packer, raspberry pruner, nursery irrigator, general farm harvester and nursery chemical applicator to \$13.00 for miscellaneous vegetables worker. Typical piece rates were: \$.14 to \$.15 per pound for strawberry picking. Housing was limited. Transportation was provided by the workers.

c. Recruitment and composition of seasonal hired work force:

The labor force was estimated at 77.84% local, 4.0% intrastate, 15.5% interstate, foreign 0.2% and 2.5% unknown.

d. Changes in production practices: None reported.

e. Explanation of differences in employment from same period last year: None.

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005

State: WASHINGTON

Area 1: WESTERN (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL 5,367	* = piece rate
Strawberry Harvester	1,536	\$ 7.35 or * \$ 0.14 - \$ 0.15 per lb
Nursery Worker	613	\$ 9.57
Nursery Sorter/Grader/Packer	554	\$ 7.44
Strawberry Sorter/Grader/Packer	478	\$ 7.47
Blueberry Weeder	348	\$ 7.44
Nursery Planter	255	\$ 7.57
Strawberry Planter	192	Not Available
Nursery Harvester	190	\$ 7.35
Chicken Eggs Worker	190	\$ 7.49
Nursery Weeder	126	\$ 7.35
Strawberry Worker	112	\$ 8.31
Cucumber Sorter/Grader/Packer	93	\$ 7.63
Potato Sorter/Grader/Packer	89	\$ 7.35
Raspberry Weeder	85	\$ 7.50
Raspberry Worker	68	\$ 7.35
Misc Field Crops Weeder	66	\$ 8.56
Cauliflower Weeder	43	\$ 7.35
Cauliflower Planter	43	\$ 7.50
Nursery Vehicle Operator	35	\$12.00
Bulbs Sorter/Grader/Packer	32	\$ 7.35
Blueberry Worker	32	\$ 8.27
Raspberry Pruner	29	\$ 7.35
Strawberry Vehicle Operator	29	\$ 8.93
Nursery Irrigator	25	\$ 7.35
Misc Vegetables Worker	22	\$13.00
Summer fallow Worker	15	\$ 8.00
General Farm Worker	13	\$ 7.79
Potato Tractor Operator	13	\$10.40
Strawberry Manager	8	\$10.75
Strawberry Weeder	5	\$ 9.00
General Farm Harvester	5	\$ 7.35
Nursery Chemical Applicator	5	\$ 7.35
Nursery Tractor Operator	5	\$11.25
Misc Hay Fertilizer Applicator	4	\$ 9.00
Misc Hay Worker	4	\$ 9.00
Blueberry Mechanized Harvester	3	\$12.00

Area 1 (continued)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005

State: WASHINGTON

Area 1: WESTERN (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL	* = piece rate
Misc Under Cover Crop Sorter/Grader/Packer	3	\$ 8.00
Wheat Worker	3	\$ 8.00

AVERAGE WAGE RATE FOR SEASONAL WORKERS
 EARNING HOURLY WAGES AS REPORTED BY AG
 PRODUCERS IN WESTERN AREA 1 \$ 7.90/hr (weighted average)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area Name: **SOUTH CENTRAL** (Klickitat, Yakima)

SECTION A. (see attachments)

SECTION B. DOMESTIC SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Total domestic seasonal hired workers	21,244
a. Local	18,356
b. Intrastate migratory	241
c. Interstate migratory	708
d. Foreign	1,746
e. Unknown	193
2. Origin of nonlocal domestic seasonal hired workers	
a. Intrastate: Quincy, Sunnyside, Wenatchee	
b. Interstate: California, Oregon	
c. Foreign: Mexico	

SECTION C. REGULAR HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Supply and demand for regular hired farm workers:
The June 2005 estimate for regular hired farm workers in this agricultural reporting area was 14,469.
 2. Factors affecting the farm labor supply and demand situation:
 - a. Crop, market, and weather conditions:
Weather conditions were cooler and wetter than normal for the reporting period. No new crop losses were reported due to weather conditions. The first cutting of hay tonnage was below normal. Primary agricultural activities were cherry harvest, apple thinning, cherry warehouse work and asparagus harvest.
 - b. Wages, housing, and transportation:
The weighted seasonal wage for hourly paid farm workers during the pay period in June averaged \$7.45 per hour. Hourly wages ranged from \$7.29 for cherry sorter/grader/harvester to \$11.86 for cherry manager. Typical piece rates were: \$0.19 to \$0.24 per pound for asparagus cutting, \$0.50 to \$4.00 per tree for apple thinning and \$0.14½ to \$0.16 per pound for cherry picking. Housing was limited. Transportation was provided by the workers.
 - c. Recruitment and composition of seasonal hired work force:
The labor force was estimated to be 86.4% local, 1.2% intrastate, 3.3% interstate, foreign 8.2% and unknown 0.9%.
 - d. Changes in production practices: None reported.
 - e. Explanation of differences in employment from same period last year: None.
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DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area 2: SOUTH CENTRAL (Klickitat and Yakima Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL 21,244	* = piece rate
Cherry Harvester	8,342	\$ 7.80 or * \$ 0.14½ - \$ 0.16 per lb
Apple Hand Thinner	4,187	\$ 7.45 or * \$ 0.50 - \$ 4.00 per tree
Cherry Sorter/Grader/Packer	3,486	\$ 7.29
Asparagus Harvester	1,898	\$ 7.35 or * \$ 0.19 - \$ 0.24 per lb
Grapes Trainer	636	\$ 7.35
Pear Hand Thinner	428	Not Available
Apple Sorter/Grader/Packer	259	\$ 7.42
Grapes Planter	218	\$ 7.35
Apple Trainer	201	\$ 7.35
Grapes Suckering Worker	185	\$ 7.42
Dairy Worker	176	\$10.50
Cherry Worker	134	\$ 7.71
Hops Trainer	128	\$ 7.35
Beans Harvester	111	\$ 7.35
Nectarine Propper	107	\$ 7.35
Cherry Tractor Operator	107	\$ 9.40
Misc Field Crops Weeder	100	\$ 7.35
Cherry Manager	94	\$11.86
Mint Weeder	58	\$ 7.35
Misc Fruit Trees Hand Thinner	55	\$ 7.35
Contract Misc Crew Weeder	46	\$ 7.72
Misc Squash Weeder	36	\$ 7.50
Grapes Pruner	33	\$ 7.35
Nursery Planter	31	\$ 8.41
Grapes Worker	29	\$ 7.35
Silage Irrigator	28	\$ 8.19
Cherry Vehicle Operator	27	\$ 8.00
Alfalfa Irrigator	19	\$ 7.61
Apple Worker	17	\$ 7.68
Silage Tractor Operator	14	\$ 8.50
Contract Misc Crew Manager	13	\$10.00
Apple Chemical Applicator	9	\$ 7.63
Asparagus Tractor Operator	6	\$ 7.35
Misc Hay Mechanized Harvester	4	\$ 8.50
Apple Irrigator	4	\$ 7.75
Grapes Irrigator	4	\$ 7.35

Area 2 (continued)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
 State: WASHINGTON

Area 2: SOUTH CENTRAL (Klickitat and Yakima Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL	* = piece rate
Nursery Worker	4	\$ 9.00
Sweet Corn Irrigator	3	\$ 8.20
Misc Vegetables Harvester	3	\$ 7.35
Alfalfa Tractor Operator	3	\$ 8.00
Asparagus Manager	3	\$ 8.25

AVERAGE WAGE RATE FOR SEASONAL WORKERS
 EARNING HOURLY WAGES AS REPORTED BY AG
 PRODUCERS IN SOUTH CENTRAL AREA 2 \$ 7.45/hr (weighted average)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area Name: **NORTH CENTRAL** (Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, and Okanogan)

SECTION A. (see attachments)

SECTION B. DOMESTIC SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS

1.	Total domestic seasonal hired workers	15,169
	a. Local	7,700
	b. Intrastate migratory	398
	c. Interstate migratory	1,350
	d. Foreign	311
	e. Unknown	5,410
2.	Origin of nonlocal domestic seasonal hired workers	
	a. Intrastate: Benton City, Mattawa, Wenatchee, Yakima	
	b. Interstate: California	
	c. Foreign: Mexico	

SECTION C. REGULAR HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Supply and demand for regular hired farm workers:
The June 2005 estimate for regular hired farm workers in this agricultural reporting area was 14,770.

 2. Factors affecting the farm labor supply and demand situation:
 - a. Crop, market, and weather conditions:
Weather conditions were cooler and wetter than normal for the reporting period. Cherry harvest was in full swing. Yields were lower than originally expected. The winter wheat crop looked good as a result of earlier rains. Primary agricultural activities were cherry harvest, apple thinning, apple pruning and cherry warehouse work.

 - b. Wages, housing, and transportation:
The weighted seasonal wage for hourly paid farm workers during the pay period in June averaged \$7.51 per hour. Hourly wages ranged from \$7.35 for pear hand thinner, apple trainer and wheat weeder to \$25.00 for horse and equines manager. Typical piece rates were: \$45.00 to \$50.00 per bin for cherry picking. Housing was limited. Transportation was provided by the workers.

 - c. Recruitment and composition of seasonal hired work force:
The labor force was estimated to be 50.8% local, 2.6% intrastate, 8.9% interstate, 2.0% foreign and 35.7% unknown.

 - d. Changes in production practices: None reported.

 - e. Explanation of differences in employment from same period last year: None.
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DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area 3: NORTH CENTRAL (Chelan, Kittitas, Douglas and Okanogan Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL	15,169
		* = piece rate
Cherry Harvester	8,619	\$ 7.38 or * \$45.00 - \$50.00 per bin
Apple Hand Thinner	2,505	\$ 7.40
Apple Pruner	2,352	Not Available
Cherry Sorter/Grader/Packer	694	\$ 7.98
Apple Preparation	109	\$ 7.77
Apple Sorter/Grader/Packer	106	\$ 7.39
Pear Hand Thinner	104	\$ 7.35
Apple Trainer	104	\$ 7.35
Wheat Weeder	89	\$ 7.35
Misc Fruit Trees Worker	89	\$ 7.54
Apple Manager	79	\$ 8.25
Cherry Pruner	59	\$ 8.00
Apple Chemical Applicator	54	\$ 8.11
Cherry Worker	45	\$ 7.50
Misc Hay Tractor Operator	37	\$10.97
Misc Field Crops Worker	21	\$23.50
Horse and Equines Worker	21	\$13.00
Cherry Trainer	15	\$ 8.50
Beef Cattle Worker	11	\$ 9.25
Nursery Worker	11	\$ 7.42
Wheat Tractor Operator	11	\$10.00
Pear Preparation	10	\$ 7.75
Horse and Equines Manager	5	\$25.00
Misc Hay Irrigator	5	\$10.20
Pear Chemical Applicator	5	\$ 8.25
Pear Manager	5	\$ 8.00
Apple Tractor Operator	5	\$ 8.50

AVERAGE WAGE RATE FOR SEASONAL WORKERS
EARNING HOURLY WAGES AS REPORTED BY AG
PRODUCERS IN NORTH CENTRAL AREA 3 \$ 7.51/hr (weighted average)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area Name: **COLUMBIA BASIN** (Adams and Grant)

SECTION A. (see attachments)

SECTION B. DOMESTIC SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Total domestic seasonal hired workers	6,320
a. Local	5,036
b. Intrastate migratory	66
c. Interstate migratory	432
d. Foreign	455
e. Unknown	331
2. Origin of nonlocal domestic seasonal hired workers	
a. Intrastate: Ritzville	
b. Interstate: Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon	
c. Foreign: Mexico	

SECTION C. REGULAR HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Supply and demand for regular hired farm workers:
The June 2005 estimate for regular hired farm workers in this agricultural reporting area was 6,395.
 2. Factors affecting the farm labor supply and demand situation:
 - a. Crop, market, and weather conditions:
Weather conditions were cooler and wetter than normal for the reporting period. Winter wheat remained in mostly good to excellent condition. The first cutting of timothy hay and second cutting of alfalfa hay had started. Fresh pea harvest was underway. Cherry harvest began in the southern portion of the county. Primary agricultural activities were apple thinning and cherry harvest.
 - b. Wages, housing, and transportation:
The weighted seasonal wage for hourly paid farm workers during the pay period in June averaged \$7.50 per hour. Hourly wages ranged from \$7.35 for asparagus harvester, mint weeder, pear hand thinner, carrot weeder, grapes trainer, blueberry weeder, cherry worker, grapes planter, grapes planter, nursery suckering worker, cherry pruner, nursery planter, potato weeder, potato mechanic, nursery trainer, miscellaneous vegetables irrigator and nursery tractor operator to \$14.00 for nursery manager. Typical piece rates were: \$0.30 to \$3.00 per tree for apple thinning. Housing was limited. Transportation was provided by the workers.
 - c. Recruitment and composition of seasonal hired work force:
The labor force was estimated to be 79.7% local, 1.1% intrastate, 6.8% interstate 7.2% foreign and 5.2% unknown.
 - d. Changes in production practices: None reported.
 - e. Explanation of differences in employment from same period last year: None.
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DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area 4: COLUMBIA BASIN (Adams and Grant Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL 6,320	* = piece rate
Apple Hand Thinner	3,211	\$ 7.41 or * \$ 0.30 - \$ 3.00 per tree
Cherry Harvester	1,267	\$ 7.41
Asparagus Harvester	214	\$ 7.35
Alfalfa Tractor Operator	199	\$10.45
Nursery Worker	182	\$ 7.37
Mint Weeder	111	\$ 7.35
Apple Trainer	94	\$ 7.46
Pear Hand Thinner	90	\$ 7.35
Field Corn Irrigator	89	\$ 7.85
Misc Onion Weeder	87	\$ 7.75
Apple Pruner	76	\$ 7.44
Carrot Weeder	66	\$ 7.35
Apple Preparation	63	\$ 7.80
Apple Chemical Applicator	58	\$ 8.35
Alfalfa Vehicle Operator	58	\$ 8.10
Nursery Weeder	53	\$ 7.43
Grapes Trainer	41	\$ 7.35
Apple Manager	40	\$ 8.08
Apple Irrigator	36	\$ 7.71
Blueberry Weeder	36	\$ 7.35
Cherry Worker	25	\$ 7.35
Alfalfa Mechanized Harvester	21	\$ 9.50
Grapes Planter	21	\$ 7.35
Potato Worker	20	\$ 8.58
Nursery Suckering Worker	16	\$ 7.35
Apple Worker	13	\$ 7.78
Cherry Pruner	13	\$ 7.35
Wheat Worker	13	\$ 9.00
Misc Hay Tractor Operator	12	\$ 8.00
Misc Hay Irrigator	12	\$ 8.00
Misc Hay Worker	12	\$ 8.00
Nursery Planter	9	\$ 7.35
Cherry Forklift Driver	9	\$10.00
Wheat Tractor Operator	8	\$10.00
Potato Weeder	7	\$ 7.35
Wheat Mechanic	6	\$12.00

Area 4 (continued)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area 4: COLUMBIA BASIN (Adams and Grant Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL	* = piece rate
Misc Fruit Trees Worker	4	\$ 7.75
General Farm Irrigator	4	\$10.00
General Farm Worker	4	\$10.00
Potato Mechanic	3	\$ 7.35
Grass Seed Mechanized Harvester	3	\$ 8.50
Nursery Trainer	3	\$ 7.35
Nursery Harvester	3	\$ 7.67
Misc Vegetables Irrigator	2	\$ 7.35
Nursery Chemical Applicator	2	\$13.00
Nursery Manager	2	\$14.00
Nursery Tractor Operator	1	\$ 7.35

AVERAGE WAGE RATE FOR SEASONAL WORKERS
EARNING HOURLY WAGES AS REPORTED BY AG
PRODUCERS IN COLUMBIA BASIN AREA 4 \$ 7.50/hr (weighted average)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area Name: **SOUTHEASTERN** (Benton, Franklin, & Walla Walla)

SECTION A. (see attachments)

SECTION B. DOMESTIC SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS

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| 1. Total domestic seasonal hired workers | 11,248 |
| a. Local | 7,846 |
| b. Intrastate migratory | 548 |
| c. Interstate migratory | 1,675 |
| d. Foreign | 536 |
| e. Unknown | 643 |
2. Origin of nonlocal domestic seasonal hired workers
- a. Intrastate: Bow, Ellensburg, Mount Vernon, Othello, Prosser, Wenatchee, Yakima
 - b. Interstate: Arizona, California, Oregon, Texas
 - c. Foreign: El Salvador, Mexico

SECTION C. REGULAR HIRED FARM WORKERS

1. Supply and demand for regular hired farm workers:
The June 2005 estimate for regular hired farm workers in this agricultural reporting area was 10,944.
2. Factors affecting the farm labor supply and demand situation:
- a. Crop, market, and weather conditions:
Weather conditions were cooler and wetter than normal for the reporting period. Some growers had started their second cutting of hay. No reports of crop damaged were received. Asparagus cutting began in some areas and was finished in others. Cherry harvest was nearly finished. Primary agricultural activities were cherry harvest, apple hand thinning and asparagus harvest.
 - b. Wages, housing, and transportation:
The weighted seasonal wage for hourly paid farm workers during the pay period in June averaged \$7.43 per hour. Hourly wages ranged from \$6.25 for alfalfa irrigator to \$11.00 for cherry manager. Typical piece rates were: \$0.15 to \$0.30 per pound for asparagus cutting, \$0.35 to \$3.50 per tree for apple thinning and \$4.25 to \$6.00 per lug for cherry picking. Housing was limited. Transportation was provided by the workers.
 - c. Recruitment and composition of seasonal hired work force:
The labor force was estimated to be 69.7% local, 4.9% intrastate, 14.9% interstate, 4.8% foreign and 5.7% unknown.
 - d. Changes in production practices: None reported.
 - e. Explanation of differences in employment from same period last year: None.
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DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
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Area 5: SOUTH EASTERN (Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL 11,248	* = piece rate
Cherry Harvester	3,532	\$ 7.36 or * \$ 4.25 - \$ 6.00 per lug
Apple Hand Thinner	3,477	\$ 7.37 or * \$ 0.35 - \$ 3.50 per tree
Asparagus Harvester	1,750	\$ 7.36 or * \$ 0.15 - \$ 0.30 per lb
Grapes Hand Thinner	318	\$ 7.40
Chicken Eggs Worker	233	\$ 7.70
Potato Sorter/Grader/Packer	207	\$ 7.38
Asparagus Sorter/Grader/Packer	167	\$ 7.37
Carrot Weeder	155	\$ 7.36
Strawberry Harvester	150	Not Available
Misc Grain & Seed Crops Harvester	127	Not Available
Apple Trainer	108	\$ 7.36
Grass Seed Weeder	100	\$ 7.85
Alfalfa Mechanized Harvester	58	\$ 9.31
Carrot Planter	55	\$ 7.35
Grapes Cultivator	52	\$ 7.35
Peach Hand Thinner	48	\$ 7.53
Hops Trainer	41	\$ 7.35
Walla Walla Sweets Weeder	40	\$ 7.35
Nursery Weeder	36	\$ 7.40
Apple Irrigator	34	\$ 7.50
Apple Cultivator	34	\$ 7.35
Nursery Planter	31	\$ 7.35
Hops Cultivator	31	\$ 7.35
Grapes Planter	29	\$ 7.50
Grapes Suckering Worker	29	\$ 7.50
Grapes Irrigator	24	\$ 7.48
Wheat Weeder	20	\$ 8.00
Asparagus Loader	19	\$ 7.56
Cherry Worker	17	\$ 7.43
Beans Weeder	17	\$ 8.00
Strawberry Irrigator	15	\$ 7.35
Sweet Corn Tractor Operator	15	\$ 8.25
Potato Tractor Operator	15	\$ 9.25
Potato Mechanized Harvester	15	\$ 9.00
Misc Onion Weeder	14	\$ 7.35
Apple Planter	14	\$ 7.35

Area 5 (continued)

DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL LABOR REPORT

Period: JUNE 2005
State: WASHINGTON

Area 5: SOUTH EASTERN (Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties)

SECTION A. ALL SEASONAL HIRED FARM WORKERS		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY CROP ACTIVITY		
CROP ACTIVITY	ALL SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS	HOURLY WAGES and/or PIECE RATES FOR DOMESTIC SEASONAL WORKERS
	TOTAL	* = piece rate
Nectarine Hand Thinner	14	\$ 7.36
Wheat Worker	13	\$ 8.30
Misc Hay Irrigator	12	\$ 7.35
Asparagus Manager	12	\$ 9.00
Strawberry Vehicle Operator	10	\$ 7.35
General Farm Worker	10	\$10.00
Misc Other Fruit Worker	10	\$ 7.80
Misc Onion Tractor Operator	10	\$ 9.75
Walla Walla Sweets Irrigator	8	\$ 7.93
Field Corn Preparation	7	\$10.00
Potato Preparation	7	\$10.00
Apple Tractor Operator	7	\$ 8.00
Grapes Tractor Operator	7	\$ 8.25
Wheat Chemical Applicator	7	\$ 8.00
Wheat Vehicle Operator	7	\$ 7.35
Wheat Irrigator	7	\$ 7.35
Asparagus Forklift Driver	5	\$ 8.00
Misc Grain & Seed Crops Sorter/Grader/Packer	5	\$ 8.00
Pear Hand Thinner	5	\$ 8.00
Nursery Fertilizer Applicator	5	\$ 8.50
Strawberry Manager	5	\$ 7.35
Cherry Manager	5	\$11.00
Misc Vegetables Planter	5	\$ 8.00
Grapes Pruner	4	\$ 7.35
Field Corn Tractor Operator	4	\$10.00
Misc Fruit Trees Mechanic	3	\$ 8.00
Cherry Tractor Operator	3	\$ 8.25
Apple Chemical Applicator	3	\$ 8.00
Cherry Chemical Applicator	3	\$ 8.00
Grapes Chemical Applicator	3	\$ 8.00
Alfalfa Irrigator	2	\$ 6.25
Alfalfa Worker	2	\$ 8.50
Misc Vegetables Worker	2	\$ 8.00
Grapes Trainer	2	\$ 7.50

AVERAGE WAGE RATE FOR SEASONAL WORKERS
EARNING HOURLY WAGES AS REPORTED BY AG
PRODUCERS IN SOUTH EASTERN AREA 5 \$ 7.43/hr (weighted average)