

**2006 FOURTH QUARTER AND ANNUAL AVERAGE FIELD AND LIVESTOCK WORKER
WAGES (2007 ADVERSE EFFECT WAGE RATES)**

Region/State	Average Hourly Wage Fourth Quarter, 2006 \$/hr	2006-2007 % Change	2006 Average Hourly Wage \$/hr (2007 AEWRs)	2006-2007 % Change
<u>Northeast I</u> CT/ME/MA NH/NY/RI VT	9.42	nc	9.50	3.6
<u>Northeast II</u> DE/MD/NJ PA	8.86	- 2.5	9.29	3.7
<u>Appalachian I</u> NC/VA	8.90	5.6	9.02	5.9
<u>Appalachian II</u> KY/TN/WV	8.85	5.4	8.65	5.0
<u>Southeast</u> AL/GA/SC	8.72	1.4	8.51	1.6
<u>Florida</u>	8.58	nc	8.56	nc
<u>Lake</u> MI/MN/WI	9.80	nc	9.65	2.3
<u>Cornbelt I</u> IL/IN/OH	9.75	1.9	9.88	7.2
<u>Cornbelt II</u> IA/MO	9.95	- 0.7	9.95	4.7
<u>Delta</u> AR/LA/MS	7.90	8.8	8.01	5.7
<u>Northern Plains</u> KS/NE/ND SD	9.95	0.9	9.55	3.5

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<u>Southern Plains</u> OK/TX	9.02	17.4	8.66	4.1
<u>Mountain I</u> ID/MT/WY	9.00	5.0	8.76	3.2
<u>Mountain II</u> CO/NV/UT	9.05	11.2	8.64	3.2
<u>Mountain III</u> AZ/NM	8.05	5.0	8.27	3.2
<u>Pacific</u> OR/WA	10.31	14.6	9.77	8.3
<u>California</u>	9.31	- 0.6	9.20	1.7
<u>Hawaii</u>	10.69	5.0	10.32	3.2
<u>United States</u>	9.29	3.7	9.15	3.5

nc = no change

NOTE: Under current U.S. Department of Labor H-2A regulations, the 2006 annual average field and livestock worker wage rates shown above will be the 2007 Adverse Effect Wage Rates (AEWR) when published in the *Federal Register* pursuant to 20 CFR 655.107.

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