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FARM EMPLOYMENT, MAY 1, 1935

Total employment on farms of crop reporters increased slightly less than the usual seasonal amount during April, as the lateness of the spring retarded farm work somewhat in last year's drought affected areas and cold wet weather in the North Central States delayed seeding operations. Employment of both family and hired workers amounted to 291 persons per 100 farms on May 1 as compared with 284 persons a month earlier. During the five years 1929-1933 the labor force working on farms of crop reporters registered an average increase of 9 persons per 100 farms or an increase of two workers more than that occurring this year.

Crop correspondents reported an average of 79 hired men employed per 100 farms on May 1 as compared with 72 one month earlier and 80 persons a year ago. An increase in the number of hired workers employed was registered in every geographic division during April of this year, with the largest increases being recorded on the Pacific Coast, in New England, and in the West South Central States.

The number of family workers per 100 crop-reporter farms amounted to 212 on the first of this month, or the same as on April 1, and 4 persons less than on May 1, 1934. Ordinarily, there is but little change in the number of family workers during April.

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Employment on Farms of Crop Reporters, May 1, 1935
with Comparisons

Estimated number of persons employed per 100 farms on farms of crop reporters, based on reports from 20,329 farmers. Data for previous months appear in current issues of Crops and Markets.

	March	April	May	March	April	May
	1934	1934	1934	1935	1935	1935

FAMILY LABOR

United States	217	223	216	211	212	212
New England	156	159	154	144	145	142
Middle Atlantic	162	167	170	176	176	174
East North Central	168	169	167	171	170	167
West North Central	173	178	175	172	173	171
South Atlantic	286	287	285	274	280	276
East South Central	353	367	356	361	355	374
West South Central	249	269	237	233	239	240
Mountain	190	192	184	161	161	165
Pacific	171	175	173	165	165	168

HIRED LABOR

United States	67	80	80	68	72	79
New England	91	98	108	67	74	90
Middle Atlantic	56	72	79	57	66	71
East North Central	38	46	54	45	51	58
West North Central	36	45	47	31	36	40
South Atlantic	120	143	131	135	134	138
East South Central	94	105	97	95	90	92
West South Central	60	77	61	56	51	65
Mountain	59	67	64	56	63	68
Pacific	152	185	204	163	191	219

FAMILY AND HIRED LABOR COMBINED

United States	284	303	296	279	284	291
New England	247	257	262	211	219	232
Middle Atlantic	218	239	249	233	242	245
East North Central	206	215	221	216	221	225
West North Central	209	221	222	203	209	211
South Atlantic	406	430	416	409	414	414
East South Central	447	472	453	456	445	466
West South Central	309	346	298	289	290	305
Mountain	249	259	248	217	224	233
Pacific	323	360	377	328	356	387