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FARM EMPLOYMENT, MARCH 1, 1937

Total employment on farms of crop reporters declined during February, according to a report issued today by the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Ordinarily, farm employment increases slightly during the month. Employment on March 1 averaged 266 persons per 100 farms as compared with 272 persons a month earlier and 275 persons per 100 farms a year ago.

The decline in employment was shared by family and hired labor alike. The number of family workers on crop reporter farms averaged 194 persons per 100 farms on the first of this month as compared with 196 on February 1, and with 201 on March 1, 1936. Labor hired by crop correspondents averaged 72 persons on March 1 as compared with 76 a month earlier and 74 persons a year ago.

The declines recorded were fairly general throughout the country; the total number employed was lower than on February 1 in each region except in the South Central States, where very minor increases were recorded. Increases over a year ago were shown only in New England and Pacific Coast States.

East of the Mississippi River, farm work was impeded on March 1 by extensive snow cover. In fact, the snow line extended farther south at that time than at any other time this winter, and covered a much more extensive area than it did a year ago.

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WITH COMPARISONS

Estimated number of persons employed per 100 farms of crop reporters, based on reports from 24,313 farmers. Data for previous months appear in current issues of "Crops and Markets."

	Jan. 1, 1936	Feb. 1, 1936	Mar. 1, 1936	Jan. 1, 1937	Feb. 1, 1937	Mar. 1, 1937
<u>FAMILY LABOR</u>						
United States	199	198	201	194	196	194
New England	149	155	152	152	160	154
Middle Atlantic	173	169	173	166	167	164
East North Central	165	165	166	160	161	161
West North Central	170	171	170	163	166	163
South Atlantic	262	256	267	260	263	253
East South Central	283	283	287	285	283	289
West South Central	224	212	219	212	209	207
Mountain	160	164	163	154	159	153
Pacific	159	155	169	151	153	154
<u>HIRED LABOR</u>						
United States	62	71	74	69	76	72
New England	77	75	80	79	86	85
Middle Atlantic	56	61	61	61	65	63
East North Central	40	46	43	42	50	43
West North Central	31	33	34	29	32	32
South Atlantic	107	126	132	111	126	122
East South Central	91	101	124	106	120	117
West South Central	51	64	65	52	59	62
Mountain	40	46	40	44	49	47
Pacific	152	187	170	230	217	189
<u>FAMILY AND HIRED LABOR COMBINED</u>						
United States	261	269	275	263	272	266
New England	226	230	232	231	246	239
Middle Atlantic	229	230	234	227	232	227
East North Central	205	211	209	202	211	204
West North Central	201	204	204	192	198	195
South Atlantic	369	382	399	371	389	375
East South Central	374	384	411	391	403	406
West South Central	275	276	284	264	268	269
Mountain	200	210	203	193	208	200
Pacific	311	342	339	381	370	343