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FARM EMPLOYMENT, SEPTEMBER 1, 1934

Employment on farms of crop reporters was but little different on September 1 than a month earlier. No data are available for the corresponding dates of last year. Crop correspondents reported an average of 224 family workers (operators and unpaid workers) per 100 farms, employed on September 1 as compared with 226 a month earlier. Eighty-eight hired hands were reported as working on each 100 farms on the first of this month or 1 more than on August 1.

The widespread drought is primarily responsible for the absence of a seasonal decline in employment on farms of crop reporters during August. Drought cut declining late summer labor requirements much earlier this year than they usually occur and by September 1 cotton picking and preparation of the seed-bed for winter wheat apparently required as much labor on farms of crop reporters as did the spring wheat harvest and other jobs a month earlier. The employment of hired labor on Cotton Belt farms increased 6 persons per 100 farms in the South Atlantic States on September 1 over August 1, 5 persons per 100 farms in the East South Central Division and 13 persons in West South Central States. Crop reporters hired about the same number of workers on September 1 as a month earlier in the North Central States as compared with an average seasonal decline of about 6 persons per 100 farms during the corresponding period of the 5 years, 1928-1932.

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1934, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Estimated number of persons employed per 100 farms on farms of crop reporters as based on reports from 20,169 farmers. Data for previous months appear in current issues of Crops and Markets.

Month & Year	United States	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific
<u>Family Labor</u>										
July 1, 1933	237	166	183	185	188	297	390	282	203	186
Aug. 1, 1933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sept. 1, 1933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 1, 1934	237	174	182	179	187	321	396	268	198	197
Aug. 1, 1934	226	169	182	172	181	300	368	249	198	179
Sept. 1, 1934	224	159	176	173	175	298	366	249	214	173
<u>Hired Labor</u>										
July 1, 1933	101	150	98	66	61	151	122	80	94	269
Aug. 1, 1933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sept. 1, 1933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 1, 1934	102	134	91	66	55	179	130	69	83	276
Aug. 1, 1934	87	135	85	53	47	147	97	55	87	268
Sept. 1, 1934	88	120	83	52	47	153	102	68	98	226
<u>Family and Hired Labor Combined</u>										
July 1, 1933	338	316	281	251	249	448	512	362	297	455
Aug. 1, 1933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sept. 1, 1933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July 1, 1934	339	308	273	245	242	500	526	337	281	473
Aug. 1, 1934	313	304	267	225	228	447	465	304	285	447
Sept. 1, 1934	312	279	259	225	222	451	468	317	312	399

1/ Questions on the number of family and hired workers were omitted from the questionnaire in August and September 1933. Consequently, no information is available for these dates.