

## Bureau of Labor Statistics Data on Agricultural Wages at the County Level in Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming

### County-level Wage Data for Agricultural Workers Now Available

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) compiles data on the number of establishments, monthly employment, and quarterly wages for workers covered by state unemployment insurance laws and federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program.

#### Overview of QCEW Data

These data are aggregated to many different levels, starting at the 6-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industry level, to higher industry levels (NAICS industry groups, sectors, and supersectors), and to higher geographic levels (MSA, State, and national).

The BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program publishes a quarterly count of employment and wages reported by business establishments which are reporters to the BLS in partnership with the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (a total of 53 entities).

Wage data represent the total compensation paid during the calendar quarter, regardless of when the services were performed. In most states, covered employers report total compensation paid during the calendar quarter, regardless of when the services were performed. A few state laws, however, specify that wages be reported for or be based on the period during which services are performed rather than the period during which compensation is paid. Under most state laws or regulations, wages include bonuses, stock options, severance pay, the cash value of meals and lodging, tips, and other gratuities. In some states, wages also include employer contributions to certain deferred compensation plans, such as 401(k) plans.

#### Exclusions and Limitations

Besides excluding national security agencies, QCEW excludes proprietors, the unincorporated self-employed, unpaid family members, certain farm and domestic workers from having to report employment data, and railroad workers covered by the railroad unemployment insurance system. Excluded as well are workers who earned no wages during the entire applicable pay period because of work stoppages, temporary layoffs, illness, or unpaid vacations.

#### Recent Reports on Agricultural Data

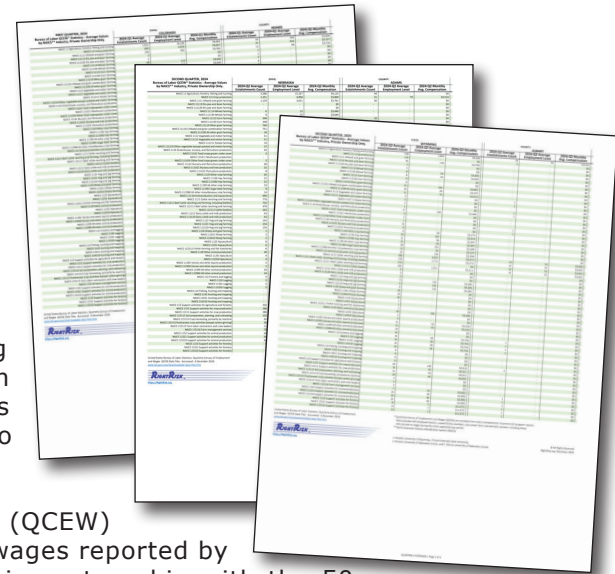
Reports for NAICS agricultural sector codes have recently been compiled and released, providing county-level data for Colorado-Q1\*, Nebraska-Q2, and Wyoming-Q2. Quarterly data provide updates to the annual reports made available by BLS each year. These reports detail the most recent statewide and county-level Establishments Count, Employment Level, and Monthly Average Compensation for each NAICS code where data are available.

#### For more information:

For more information or other reports on agricultural labor statistics available from RightRisk, see: <https://rightrisk.org/news.shtml> > Ag Labor Updates.

For more information on wages across the U.S. economy or to access the complete set of labor statistics available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, see: <https://www.bls.gov>.

\* 2024-Q2 data are not currently available for Colorado.

The image displays three overlapping spreadsheets, likely representing the county-level wage data mentioned in the text. Each spreadsheet has a header with columns for 'County', 'NAICS Code', 'Establishments', 'Employment', and 'Wages'. The data rows are organized by county and NAICS code, with columns for quarterly and annual figures. The spreadsheets are slightly offset to show multiple pages of data.