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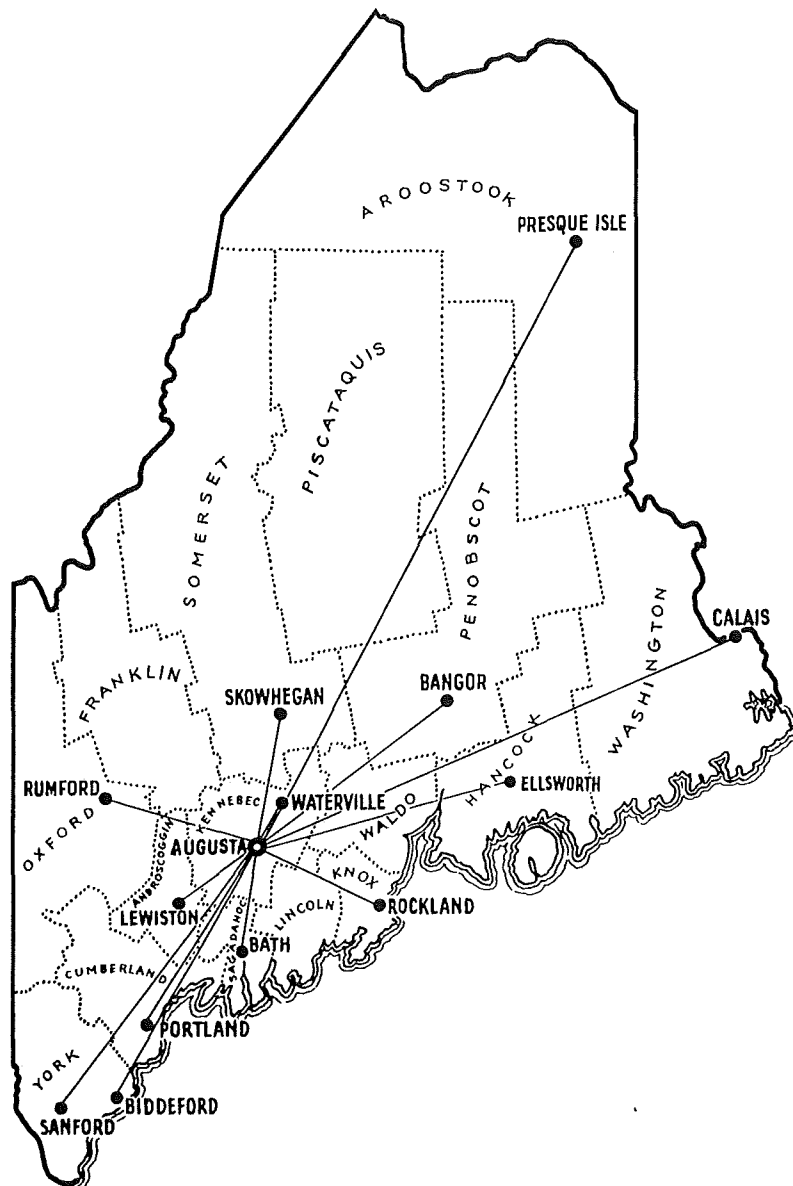
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Farm Labor Report

1964

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FOREWORD

The 1964 summary of the Maine Employment Security Commission's Agricultural Labor Recruitment, Placement and Supervision Activities for seasonal crops indicates the various areas of concentration and diversity of major responsibilities. These include the effects of weather, mechanization, labor shortages, importation, recruitment, supervision, planning, housing, wages, working conditions, training, co-operative efforts, public relations and information.

The season was generally successful. Demand continued to increase and supply of domestic help continued to decrease. Mechanization increased for the potato harvest. Crops were harvested without loss due to labor shortages.

The Commission wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the co-operative efforts of all those who contributed to the successful realization of caring for and harvesting Maine's major agricultural crops in areas of major responsibilities and especially for the co-operation, patience and understanding of growers with regard to the many 1964 operating regulations added since the last season.

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WITH TEMPORARY FARM PLACEMENT STAFFS

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PART I: ANNUAL SUMMARY

Planning

- A. The agricultural program is operated under the general administrative supervision of the Employment Service Director. Direct administration, planning, training, supervision, coordination, analysis, promotion and evaluation of statewide operations are the responsibilities of an Employment Specialist.

Local office managers have direct responsibilities for the operation of the Farm Placement Program in their areas, the supervision of interviewers, temporary farm placement representatives and temporary clerical employees with farm program assignments.

Each local office and the administrative office unit documented pre-season plans for operating the program for the 1964 season. These plans charted the course to meet anticipated area and State requirements and problems. This included plans to secure information from growers and canners regarding the amount and location of crops and acreages, whether or not machine or hand harvesting would be involved and the extent of each method. The information received was partly basic to establishing labor needs for various crops within each local office area of operations and the approximate dates for the peak harvest periods with estimates on potential surpluses or shortages.

Plans were made to include school recruitment of youth, starting about April 1, active file call-ins, complete surveys of all local office applicant files including youth registrations used during the previous season, utilization of the press, radio, television, crop posters, and visits to youth gathering spots such as swimming pools and playgrounds in accordance with the needs as they developed prior to and during the crop harvest season. The plans included intensive recruitment and training for crew supervisors as they are considered one of the most important elements in the success of the day-haul programs. Where potential importation of agricultural workers was indicated, plans were made to develop information on the potential domestic labor supply and the required labor force at the earliest dates possible, to provide for a realistic approach to intensified domestic recruitment and informational service on procedural requirements for employees.

The basis for this planning was initially established from the experiences and records of the previous years. The information available indicated that it would be necessary to have meetings with market garden growers regarding Puerto Rican usage; orchardists who might require Canadian importation for the apple harvest; the importation of Canadians for the Aroostook County potato crop.

- B. Meetings with agency employees, county extension agents, employers, growers, crew supervisors, canners, and grower associations were scheduled prior to the seasonal crop activities, during the harvest periods and following the season.

March, Aroostook Farm Labor Association, Presque Isle
June 10, Maine Pomological Association, Auburn
June 24, York County Apple Growers Association
July 14, Boston, Farm Conference
August 6, International Recruitment Meeting in Portland on Canadian Importation
for Aroostook County Potato Harvest
August 24, Presque Isle, on Housing Inspections and Wage Surveys
September 24, Presque Isle meeting, Aroostook County

Meetings were held by local office managers and farm placement interviewers with recruited day-haul supervisors for training, review of responsibilities to the job, growers, youth and the plan of action to be followed.

Economic Trends

Indicated trends continue to follow the intensifying shortage pattern and a slow change toward mechanization for the Aroostook County Potato Harvest. Each year there are fewer small operating farms. Large specialty farms continue to expand by greater production and the acquisition of other small specialty farms.

Apple and potato harvesting coincide during a short seasonal period of one month with a high demand and short supply. The demand for similar workers during this period is also heavy in other New England states.

The demand for apple pickers is increasing as the potential supply decreases. The supply of Canadians is decreasing, migratory crews on the Atlantic Seaboard are not available and utilization of Puerto Ricans presents many problems at the moment.

Supply of potato pickers for Aroostook County is more and more supplemented by the use of combine harvesters.

Potato processing plants in Aroostook continue with increased demands for full time employment, thus reducing the domestic supply for the harvest.

Employment Trends

A. Seasonal Hired Workers

About 30,000 seasonal workers are employed for the Aroostook County potato harvest and 6600 during the Spring. Importing apple growers employ about 1200 pickers. Market Garden employers use about 2000 stoop laborers on peak days, the majority being day-haul youth, completing a total of about 40,000 seasonal agricultural workers for these areas of employment.

Included are 25 Puerto Ricans for Market Gardens, 600 Canadians for Aroostook County Potato Spring activities, 6611 Potato Harvest hands from Canada and 400 Canadians for apple picking.

State wide peaks start with 7500 in May, increase to 12,000 in August and peak at 32,000 in September.

Boys and girls, adult men and women, handicapped and older workers are used, either part time or full time.

In-school youth are employed during vacations and week-ends; adult workers may be unemployed, partially employed, on vacation, employed but available week-ends, off-shift mill or factory workers, retired or available for limited employment due to mitigating circumstances.

1. Market Gardens:

Puerto Ricans dominate the supply of adult stoop labor. Without the services of youth day-haul workers most market gardeners would not continue operations.

April school recruitment of 500 youth 12-15 years old is now enough to meet demands in the Portland area. Many supervisors are older youth experienced in day-haul operations and trained for supervisory work.

2. Berries:

Small acreages of strawberries are grown in the Portland and Rockland areas and picked by the day-haul crews recruited in those areas.

Day-haul crews in the Bath, Rockland and Sanford areas rake the blueberry crop. Acreages in Washington County are raked by small groups of local area families and Indians in Washington County and from Canada. The Rockland area uses about 1800 day-haul crew members for peak operations. Day-hauls rake 7,000 acres of blueberries. Youth rakers average ages are now 13 to 16 whereas 5 years ago rakers were 16 years old and up. The Rockland office recruits and trains 32 crew supervisors. The supply of rakers is less in the area as the tourist trade, summer camps, motels and other increased seasonal activities offer longer seasonal employment at higher rates of pay.

3. Apples (Importing Growers)

Importing growers are located in the Augusta, Lewiston, Portland, Rumford, Sanford and Skowhegan areas. Normally, 29 importing growers harvest about 1,000,000 bushels, one half of the Maine apple crop. The estimated crop and peak period production was revised downward from 1,050,800 bushels to 990,800 bushels following hail loss by 3 potential importers. The peak period estimate, basis for demand-supply planning (see tabulation following Supply and Demand), was also reduced for the same reason, from 581,000 to 543,500 bushels. Final production for the peak period was 483,012 bushels, 60,488 bushels less than the estimate but partially accounted for by additional hail loss and damaged apples.

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DEMAND-SUPPLY, APPLES

PRE-SEASON ESTIMATES AND USAGE

APPLE CROP, PEAK, FULL-TIME PICKERS REQUIRED, USED AND IMPORTED

Local Order-Holding Office	Formula Justified Number Full-Time Pickers Required Actual Peak-Period	Total Number Domestic Full-Time Pickers Used Peak Period	Number Imported Pickers		Total Bushels	Apple Crop Two-Week Peak-Period Bushels
Augusta	202	158	84	Estimate Actual	282,000 279,400	145,500 142,500
Lewiston	190	118	114	Estimate Actual	284,800 255,667	169,200 133,188
Portland	83	40	48	Estimate Actual	111,000 87,656	59,000 59,822
Rumford	40	37	15	Estimate Actual	41,000 41,987	24,800 27,733
Sanford	154	30	119	Estimate Actual	250,000 211,488	128,000 106,593
Skowhegan	19	8	15	Estimate Actual	22,000 21,173	17,000 13,176
TOTALS	688	391	395	Estimate Actual	*990,800 897,371	*543,500 483,012

* Original estimate of peak 581,500 and crop 1,050,800 bushels, prior to adjustment for hail loss causing 3 importers to cancel.

4. Aroostook County Potatoes:

The crop produced from 147,000 acres currently requires about 7,000 domestic workers, 16,000 domestic youth, 1400 Indians and 7,000 Canadians or a total between 30,000 and 32,000.

Youth pick about one-fourth of the crop.

Harvesting the crop by stoop labor can be supplemented or greatly reduced by mechanization through use of single and double-row combine harvesters and special trucks for hauling; as reported under the following section on mechanization.

About 400 less Indians were employed this year compared to the 1963 season, as a result of better employment conditions in Canada.

No inter-state pickers were recorded and only about 100 intra-state were processed.

Fewer Canadian pickers were available and a lower demand also developed.

During Spring preparations, 78 growers requested 132 tractor operators but 98 were finally screened.

The Fall Harvest request was for 39 tractor operators by 27 growers with 21 tractor operators finally screened.

There were 6611 Canadian pickers imported compared to plans for recruiting 3700 from the Province of Quebec and 3300 from New Brunswick for a total of 7,000, including a carry-over of 307 from planting and cultivation.

B. Food Processing:

New processing plants at Easton and Fort Fairfield and expansion in all 5 potato processing plants offer full time employment and reduce the Aroostook County available supply of domestic harvest hands.

Early picking by some growers, from the last part of August to September 14, started 2% of the crop to potato processing plants for french fries.

Impact of Mechanization

A. Seasonal Farm Workers

A total of 274 combine potato harvesters were used during the 1964 harvest period. Apparently production of harvester units is limited to 200 annually. It is anticipated that 474 units will be operated in 1965.

The single-row harvester uses from 3 to 5 workers, replaces at least 10 hand pickers, and digs 600-700 barrels a day. The double-row combine replaces 22-25 hand pickers and digs 1200 to 1500 barrels a day.

The hand picker need was reduced by about 1000 during the 1964 harvest. Another reduction of 1000 is anticipated for 1965 with a demand for importing 5,000 Canadians. Stepped-up use of combine harvesters will gradually reduce the need for importation and possibly the use of school youth. Currently, schools open two to three weeks before harvest time and close September 18 until October 10 to 14, thus making 16,000 youth available for harvest activities. They pick about one-fourth of the crop. The majority of the workers on a combine harvester are women.

Orders were placed by 110 less growers for 964 fewer harvest hands than in 1963 mainly because of increased combine harvester use.

Recruitment of Farm Workers

A. Special Recruitment

Special recruitment followed the pattern of the last several years for Market Gardens, Apples and Potatoes. All generally acceptable methods were utilized and all potential sources were thoroughly canvassed. Shortages of domestics persists and the Canadian supply is decreasing.

Six local offices with shortages of apple pickers had a basic potential source of 9268 pickers from which 2151 were screened. Out of 1287 offers, from all sources, only 322 interested potentials resulted. One office area reported only 13 domestic pickers remained for the peak picking period out of a total of 57 who were hired. (See following Demand-Supply Tabulation).

Recruitment of youth for Market Gardens and Berries is sufficient to meet demands as local supplies are greater than the demand.

Recruitment for potato pickers does not meet the demand for domestic workers and the supply of Canadian pickers is decreasing. The demand may be minimized through mechanization.

1. Housing

There were 26 employers' housing inspections completed in the field for the apple harvest, 5 Market Garden employers of Puerto Ricans, 323 Potato growers with 38 re-inspections for a total of 392 employers with housing facilities. Definite improvements over 1963 housings were evident.

All inspections were occasioned by the employment of Foreign and Puerto Rican workers.

2. Wage Surveys

The following wage surveys were completed in the field during 1964, with follow-up in the field by the Maine Employment Security Commission and the U.S. Department of Labor on all phases of the Secretary's Regulations.

Potatoes, Spring (Crop Wage Area 20-01-VH-07, Northern Aroostook County)
Tractor Operator May 11-16 (Potato planting & cultivating)
Farm Hand, General May 11-16 (Potato planting & cultivating)
Packing Hand Vegetable March 23-27 (Potato packing and warehouse
workers in potato warehouse work)

Potatoes, Fall (Crop Wage Area 20-01-WH-08, Aroostook County)

Potato pickers September 28 to October 2
Harvester Machine Workers September 28 to October 2
Truck Drivers September 28 to October 2
Barrel Handlers September 28 to October 2
Potato House Workers September 28 to October 2
Tractor and Equipment Operators September 28 to October 2

Apples

Apple Pickers (Crop Wage Area 20-04-FH-08)
(Kennebec Valley Apple)
(Strip Picking) September 24
(Spot Picking) September 24

Apple Pickers (Crop Wage Area 20-05-FH-05)
(Lewiston-Auburn Apple)
(Strip Picking) September 25-30
(Spot Picking) September 25-30

Apple Pickers (Crop Wage Area 20-05-FH-03)
(Sebago Slope Apples)
(Strip Picking) September 23-28
(Spot Picking) September 23-28

Apple Pickers (Crop Wage Area 20-25-FH-07)
(Farmington-Wilton Area)
(Strip Picking) October 1
(Spot Picking) October 1

Apple Pickers (Crop Wage Area 20-05-FH-06)
(Western Maine Apples)
(Strip Picking) September 23-25
(Spot Picking) September 23-25

Apple Pickers (Crop Wage Area 20-04-FH-04)
(Somerset County Apples)
(Strip Picking) October 2

Market Gardens (Puerto Ricans) (Crop Wage Area 20-05-VH-05)
(Cape Elizabeth-Scarboro)
Stoop labor, adult July 6-11

All wage surveys were occasioned by the employment of Foreign and Puerto Rican labor.

3. Evaluation of Results

Follow-up on working conditions, housing, wages, production and the demand-supply bearing on established shortages indicated generally satisfactory results and improvements over the 1963 findings.

All rates and earnings were above the established adverse rate equivalent to \$1.00 an hour.

Posting of prevailing rates has been provided for in accordance with required procedures.

Area crop employment ceilings were established for each crop by job classification in accordance with importation procedures and for those classifications where importation was certified with regard to the apple and potato crops.

Posting of ceilings was provided for in accordance with required procedures.

Crops were harvested without loss due to labor shortages. The timing of importation was adjusted to meet peak production requirements. Shortages of domestic workers continued throughout the peak production periods and all available qualified domestic harvesters were employed by importing employers. Importation did not affect the employment of domestic harvesters or depress the rates of pay for domestic workers. In fact, importation has a tendency to increase rates for both domestic and Canadian harvesters as non-importers are not required to pay established prevailing rates for seasonal agricultural labor. In some instances non-importers must increase rates to compete with importer rates. Harvesters may work for non-importers at lower than the prevailing rates in instances where there is a preference for certain employers by long-term employees or due to the nearness of the employers to harvesters homes.

B. Intra-state and Inter-state migratory seasonal labor

Intra-state and inter-state labor or migratory labor is not a supply factor. Efforts to recruit have not produced an additional supply of these workers. The general economy in heavily populated areas is such that any potential supply has decreased or is non-existent. Other New England states have the same demand for the same peak production periods.

Table 1. Selected data on farm placement operations in 19⁶⁴

Item	Number
Section A. Day-haul Activities	
1. Operated by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	1
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	1
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	58
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	90
2. Established (unsupervised) by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	124
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	38
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	1416
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	1920
Section B. Services to school-age youth	
3. Towns in which separate school-age youth programs are operated.....	1
4. Day-haul points operated separately for school-age youth.....	1
a. Sum of school-age youth workers transported on peak day in each town.....	90
5. Day-haul points established by Local Office for school-age youth...	9
6. Supervised camps operated for school-age farm workers.....	
a. Placements in camps.....	
7. Placements of school-age youth in supervised live-in farm homes....	
Section C. Services to other special groups	
8. Services rendered to Indians by Local Offices or itinerant points on reservations:	
a. Placements.....	
b. Applicant holding acceptances.....	
9. Other placements of reservation Indians.....	
10. Puerto Ricans brought into State under work contract.....	
Section D. Special services to employers	
11. Employers receiving combine services:	
a. From out of area.....	
b. From out of State.....	
12. Employers receiving cotton-harvesting-machine services:	
a. From out of area.....	
b. From out of State.....	
13. Food processing employers receiving placement services.....	
Section E. Other special services	
14. Local Offices which held farm clinics.....	
15. Days on which farm clinics were held.....	
16. Issues of farm labor bulletins published.....	
a. Copies distributed.....	
17. State agency's work guides distributed:	
a. Within reporting State.....	1
b. To other States.....	
18. Local Offices participating in formal community service programs...	
19. Volunteer farm placement representatives.....	

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Worksheet A. Day-haul activities, by town

* 1. At points operated by State agency

** 2. At points established (unsupervised) by State agency

Towns	Number of day-haul points		Number of workers transported		
	Total	School-age youth	Average day	Peak day	School-age youth
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
<u>**BATH</u>					
Woolwich	1	1	24	32	32
<u>PORTLAND</u>					
*Portland	1	1	58	90	90
**South Portland	4	4	35	85	85
<u>**ROCKLAND</u>					
Appleton	3		40 Est.	75 Est.	60 Est.
Belfast	6		175 Est.	200 Est.	180 Est.
Belmont	4		30 Est.	50 Est.	40 Est.
Brooks	5		30 Est.	40 Est.	30 Est.
Burkettville	2		30 Est.	30 Est.	25 Est.
Camden	5		60 Est.	80 Est.	70 Est.
Hope	1		25 Est.	30 Est.	25 Est.
Jackson	2		10 Est.	15 Est.	10 Est.
Jefferson	2		25 Est.	35 Est.	30 Est.
Knox	2		15 Est.	20 Est.	18 Est.
Liberty	5		50 Est.	60 Est.	50 Est.
Monroe	1		15 Est.	25 Est.	20 Est.
Montville	2		20 Est.	25 Est.	22 Est.
Morrill	3		30 Est.	40 Est.	30 Est.
Northport	5		35 Est.	50 Est.	35 Est.
North Waldo	5		20 Est.	25 Est.	20 Est.
Owl's Head	1		20 Est.	25 Est.	20 Est.
Palermo	2	2	20 Est.	25 Est.	25 Est.
Rockland	12		200 Est.	250 Est.	230 Est.
Rockport	2		30 Est.	35 Est.	30 Est.
Searsmont	2		30 Est.	40 Est.	30 Est.
Searsport	4		75 Est.	85 Est.	70 Est.
South Hope	1		7 Est.	10 Est.	8 Est.

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Worksheet A. Day-haul activities, by town

** 1. At points operated by State agency

** 2. At points established (unsupervised) by State agency

Towns	Number of day-haul points		Number of workers transported		
	Total	School-age youth	Average day	Peak day	School-age youth
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
<u>**ROCKLAND(continued)</u>					
South Montville	2		20 Est.	25 Est.	20 Est.
South Thomaston	3		15 Est.	20 Est.	18 Est.
Stockton Springs	4		50 Est.	75 Est.	70 Est.
Swanville	2		30 Est.	40 Est.	35 Est.
Thomaston	4		30 Est.	45 Est.	30 Est.
Thorndike	3		10 Est.	15 Est.	12 Est.
Union	4		50 Est.	75 Est.	60 Est.
Waldo	2		15 Est.	18 Est.	16 Est.
Waldoboro	6		70 Est.	100 Est.	90 Est.
Warren	6		30 Est.	45 Est.	35 Est.
Washington	3		25 Est.	35 Est.	30 Est.
West Rockport	2	2	20 Est.	25 Est.	25 Est.
Winslow's Mills	1		10 Est.	15 Est.	14 Est.
TOTALS	119	4	1357	1803	1533
<u>STATE TOTALS</u>					
<u>OPERATED</u>	1	1	58	90	90
<u>ESTABLISHED</u>	124	9	1416	1920	1650

Worksheet B. Day-haul activities, by period of action

- ☒ 1. At points operated by State agency
☒ 2. At points established (unsupervised) by State agency

Towns (from column I of worksheet A)	Period of action		Number of workers on peak day	Crop Activity	Type of program	
	Begin- ning date	End- ing date			School- age youth	Other
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
**BATH						
Woolwich	8-4-64	8-28-64	32	Blueberries	35	
PORTLAND						
*Portland	4-22-64	8-19-64	90	Lettuce. Beets	*	
**So. Portland	6-16-64	9-19-64	85	Lettuce. Beets	*	
*Portland &	6-16-64	7-25-64		Berries and tomatoes		
**So. Portland	6-25-64	8-28-64		Peas		
	7-13-64	9-19-64		Beans		
	7-28-64	9-19-64		Peppers, potatoes, all market garden vegetables		
(Crop activity in Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough areas)						
**ROCKLAND						
Appleton	8-3-64	9-1-64	75 Est.	Blueberries		*
Belfast	6-30-64	8-30-64	200 Est.	Blueb. Peas. Strawberries		*
				Raspberries		*
Belmont	6-30-64	8-30-64	50 Est.	" " "		*
Brooks	8-3-64	8-30-64	40 Est.	Blueberries		*
Burkettville	8-3-64	8-30-64	30 Est.	"		*
Camden	7-28-64	8-30-64	20 Est.	"		*
Hope	8-3-64	8-29-64	30 Est.	"		*
Jackson	8-3-64	8-27-64	15 Est.	"		*
Jefferson	8-3-64	8-29-64	35 Est.	"		*
Knox	8-3-64	8-27-64	20 Est.	"		*
Liberty	7-1-64	8-28-64	60 Est.	"		*
Monroe	7-1-64	8-27-64	25 Est.	Blueb. Peas. Strawb.		*
Montville	8-3-64	8-27-64	25 Est.	Blueberries		*
Morrill	8-3-64	8-27-64	40 Est.	"		*
Northport	7-1-64	8-27-64	50 Est.	Blueb. Peas. Strawb.		*
No. Waldoboro	8-3-64	9-2-64	25 Est.	Blueberries		*
Owl's Head	8-3-64	8-30-64	25 Est.	"		*
Palermo	8-3-64	8-30-64	25 Est.	"	*	
Rockland	8-3-64	9-2-64	250 Est.	"		*
Rockport	8-3-64	8-27-64	35 Est.	"		*

Worksheet B. Day-haul activities, by period of action

- ☒ 1. At points operated by State agency
☒ 2. At points established (unsupervised) by State agency

Towns (from column I of worksheet A)	Period of action		Number of workers on peak day	Crop Activity	Type of program	
	Begin- ning date	End- ing date			Schoo- l- age youth	Other
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
**ROCKLAND, cont.						
Searsmont	8-3-64	8-27-64	40 Est.	Blueberries		*
Searsport	6-30-64	8-28-64	85 Est.	"		*
So. Hope	8-3	8-28-64	10 Est.	"		*
So. Montville	8-3-64	8-26-64	25 Est.	"		*
So. Thomaston	8-3-64	8-26-64	20 Est.	"		*
Stockton Sprg.	7-1-64	8-27-64	75 Est.	Blueb. Peas. Strawb.		*
Swanville	7-1-64	8-25-64	40 Est.	" " "		*
Thomaston	8-3-64	8-30-64	45 Est.	Blueberries		*
Thorndike	8/3/64	8/26/64	15 Est.	"		*
Union	8/3/64	8/28/64	75 Est.	"		
Waldo	8-3-64	8/27/64	18 Est.	"		*
Waldoboro	8/3/64	9/2/64	100 Est.	"		*
Warren	8/3/64	9/2/64	45 Est.	"		*
Washington	8/3/64	8/27/64	35 Est.	"		*
W. Rockport	7/28/64	9/2/64	25 Est.	"	*	
Winslow's Mills	8/3/64	8/30/64	15 Est.	"		*

Table 5. Interstate seasonal agricultural clearance activities in 1964

Item	Orders		Openings	
	Extended (sec. A) received (sec. B)	Filled	Extended (sec. A) received (sec. B)	Filled
I	II	III	IV	V
Section A. Reporting State as order-holding State				
1. Reporting State, total....	53	5	8257	25
2. Applicant-holding States involved:				
Connecticut				
Massachusetts	1	0	75	0
New Hampshire	48	0	8232	0
Rhode Island				
Vermont				
New York	1	0	350	0
Puerto Rico	5	5	25	25
Section B. Reporting State as applicant-holding State				
3. Reporting State, total....	4	0	1152	0
4. Order-holding States involved:				
California				
Connecticut	2	0	851	0
Massachusetts	1	0	300	0
New Hampshire				
Rhode Island				
Vermont	1	0	1	0

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B. Reverse of table 5

Comments

Orders accepted as " applicant-holding" State, were for the same type of seasonal agricultural hands in short supply, at a time when Maine's seasonal activity coincided with the "demand" state.

The same situation prevailed for Maine "order-holding" clearance orders to other states.

This has been a customary pattern for several years and apparently will continue unless the labor supply demand base is changed as a result of mechanization or changed operating international policies.

PART II: OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR

A. State Forecast

Crop activity is expected to be the same for 1965.

Increased shortages are expected for the apple harvest. The demand is expected to increase and the supply, both domestic and the potential Canadian supply are expected to be less. Problems appear to be serious in 1965.

No recruitment problems are expected in 1965 for market-gardens and day-haul youth crews.

Shortages may develop in some areas for blueberry rakers.

Shortages are expected for some time in Aroostook County for potato pickers but a gradual decrease in demand is expected from increasing use of combine harvesters.

If crop prices hold up for the 1964 potato crop, early shortages are expected during late 1964-1965 winter months in potato houses for shipping.

Additional seasonal agricultural workers from Canada, Puerto Rico, intra-state, inter-state or migratory labor crews is doubtful. Current information indicates a decrease in the available supply.

Increased potato processing will reduce the availability of domestic Aroostook County adult pickers.

B. AREA FORECAST

Shortages noted above apply to all areas of apple and potato crops indicated below.

C. PEAK HARVEST PERIODS, ESTIMATED, CROP REPORTING AREAS

	Aroostook County 1-20-01 Presque Isle	East Coast 1-20-02 Calais Ellsworth	Central Maine 1-20-03 Rockland	Kennebec Valley 1-20-04 Augusta Bath Skowhegan	Western Maine 1-20-05 Lewiston Portland Rumford Sanford
Potato Planting and Care	5/1-9/15				
Market Gardens			6/1-9/1		5/1-11/1
Strawberry Harvest			7/1-8/1		7/1-8/1
Blueberry Raking		8/1-9/1	8/1-9/1	8/1-9/1	7/15-8/15
Apple Harvest				9/15-10/30	9/15-10/30
Potato Harvest	9/15-10/15				

PART III: ATTACHMENTS

AROOSTOOK COUNTY POTATO HARVEST
DISPOSITION OF ORDERS FOR HARVEST HANDS AND ASSIGNMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS BY OFFICE

<u>OFFICES</u>	<u>PRIORITY ORDERS</u>		<u>LATE ORDERS</u>		<u>CANADIANS ASSIGNED</u>
	<u>ORDERS</u>	<u>OPENINGS</u>	<u>ORDERS</u>	<u>OPENINGS</u>	
CARIBOU	81	1115	7	11	1156
FORT FAIRFIELD	95	1400	13	42	1315
FORT KENT	32	273	12	39	276
HOULTON	55	349	4	6	274
LIMESTONE	26	334	11	69	404
MADAWASKA	30	206	6	25	224
MARS HILL	55	577	12	50	570
PRESQUE ISLE	75	910	6	20	754
VAN BUREN	68	1307	9	30	1254
WASHBURN	39	536	5	23	384
TOTALS	556	7007	85	315	6611

641-----Total priority and late orders

7322-----Total priority and late harvest hands ordered

6611-----Total Importation, including 307 planting bond
retained

IMPORTATION-AROOSTOOK COUNTY POTATO HARVEST
BORDER CROSSING BY PORTS
HARVEST BONDS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MADAWASKA</u>	<u>HOULTON</u>	<u>TRACTOR FALL BOND</u>	<u>SPRING BOND</u>
Sept.	Retained From Spring Bond-----			307
9	444			
10	430			
11	420			
14	1749		4	
15	1166		1	
16	803		3	
17	355	379	5	
18	135	218	8	
21	44			
22	27			
23	13			
24	15	1		
25	7			
26	0			
28	41	1		
29	27			
30	3			
Oct.				
1	4			
6	1			
	5684	599	21*	307

*16 Tractor-Madawaska Port
5 Tractor-Houlton Port
21 Tractor Drivers - Total

TOTAL FALL BOND-----6304
TOTAL SPRING BOND-----307
GRAND TOTAL-----6611

CANADIAN RECRUITMENT			
<u>DATES</u>	<u>WORKER DELIVERY ORDERS PROCESSED</u>	<u>RECRUITING * PLACE</u>	<u>NUMBER FOR PORTS</u>
Full Crew			
Sept. 9 - Sept. 18	462	St. Rose du Degele, P. Q.	3511
Full Crew			
Sept. 17 - Sept. 18	185	Houlton - Woodstock	604
Full Crew			
Sept. 14,15,16	285	Edmundston, N. B.	2030
Reduced Crew			
Sept. 17 - Oct. 1	62	Edmundston, N. B.	159
TOTAL ORDERS PROCESSED	994	TOTAL CANADIAN RECRUITMENT	**6304
		*(Retained from Spring Bond not included.)	

Total Numbers of Seasonal Hired Agricultural Workers Reported by Local Offices,
on Form ES-223, 1964

Area and Local Office	Reporting Dates											
	May		June		July		August		September		October	
	15	31	15	30	15	31	15	31	15	30	15	31
Total, Statewide...	<u>6,951</u>	<u>7,004</u>	<u>7,033</u>	<u>7,296</u>	<u>8,737</u>	<u>8,663</u>	<u>10,109</u>	<u>10,685</u>	<u>13,727</u>	<u>31,842</u>	<u>5,332</u>	<u>2,441</u>
1-21-05 Western Maine	273	368	423	331	1,117	869	710	658	766	1,360	689	241F
Portland...	53	128	178	311	580	447	293	272	176	198	82	56F
Lewiston...	220	240	245	520	450	325	270	245	325	715	350	160F
Sanford....	*	*	*	*	87	97	147	141	265	250	257	25F
Rumford....	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	197	0F	*
Biddeford..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1-21-01 Aroostook Co.	6,678	6,636	6,610	6,465	6,450	6,454	6,449	6,697	12,103	29,514	4,456	2,200F
Presque Isle	6,678	6,636	6,610	6,465	6,450	6,454	6,449	6,697	12,103	29,514	4,456	2,200F
1-21-03 Central Maine	0	0	0	0	1,170	1,340	1,950	2,255	770	660F	0	0
Bangor	*	*	*	*	250	290	240	255	295	360	*	*
Rockland...	*	*	*	*	920	1,050	1,710	2,000	475	300F	*	*
1-21-02 East Coast...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,075F	0	0	0	0
Calais.....	*	*	*	*	*	0	100	175F	0	*	*	*
Ellsworth..	*	*	*	*	*	0	900	900F	0	*	*	*
1-21-04 Kennebec Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	308	187F	*
Augusta....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	62	252	165F	*
Waterville.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0F	*
Skowhegan..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	26	56	22F	*
Bath.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

* Report not requested.

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SELECTED SEASONAL HIRED WORKERS, 1964

At End of Two-Week Periods, for Selected Employment Service MAJOR Crop Activities and Areas

Legend: C-Canadians; D - Domestic (Local); P-Puerto Ricans; IS-Interstate; IN-Intrastate

(Augusta-Bath-Lewiston-Portland-Rockland-Rumford-Sanford-Skowhegan)

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Type</u>	5-15	5-31	6-15	6-30	7-15	7-31	8-15	8-31	9-15	9-30	10-15
Apple Harvest	D C								125	205 81	800 370	261 188
Blueberry Raking	D						150	1305	1300			
Market Gardens and Strawberries	D P	17 26	58 30	93 35	176 35	970 35	721 35	183 35	188 34	145 26	100 25	28 14
Potatoes (Aroostook County)	D C IN		6142 494	6142 468	6142 323	6142 308	6142 312	6142 307	6390 307	7542 4561	22,800 6,614 100	2600* 1856
TOTALS		43	6724	6738	6676	7455	7360	7972	8344	12560	30809	4947

* Peak Seasonal Employment during this period, 29514

AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS BY LOCAL OFFICES, 1964

LOCAL OFFICES	TOTALS	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Augusta	47		2			2			1	1	1	39	1
Bangor	57	4		1	6	13	7	19	1	2		3	1
Bath	64	1	1		1	1		2	55		2	1	
Biddeford	0												
Calais	10								9		1		
Ellsworth	22					2		1	17			2	
Lewiston	24	1	1		3	4	3	1	1	6		4	
Portland	2121			5	16	83	276	1034	342	200	140	25	
Presque Isle	564	1	9	8	1	4	6	1	4	112	418		
Rockland	2466		3	2	1	2	2	385	2071				
Rumford	1									1			
Sanford	68				2		39		15	3	4	2	3
Skowhegan	30	1		10	1		1			10	3	3	1
Waterville	61	5	1		4	2	5	8	1	18	13		4
TOTALS 1964	5535	13	17	26	35	113	339	1451	2517	353	582	79	10
TOTALS 1963	8648	12	3	20	46	135	442	2641	4152	294	851	39	13
PRE-MECHANIZATION 1956	44,941	11	18	12	146	333	1,010	5,429	28,024	7,525	2,112	314	7