

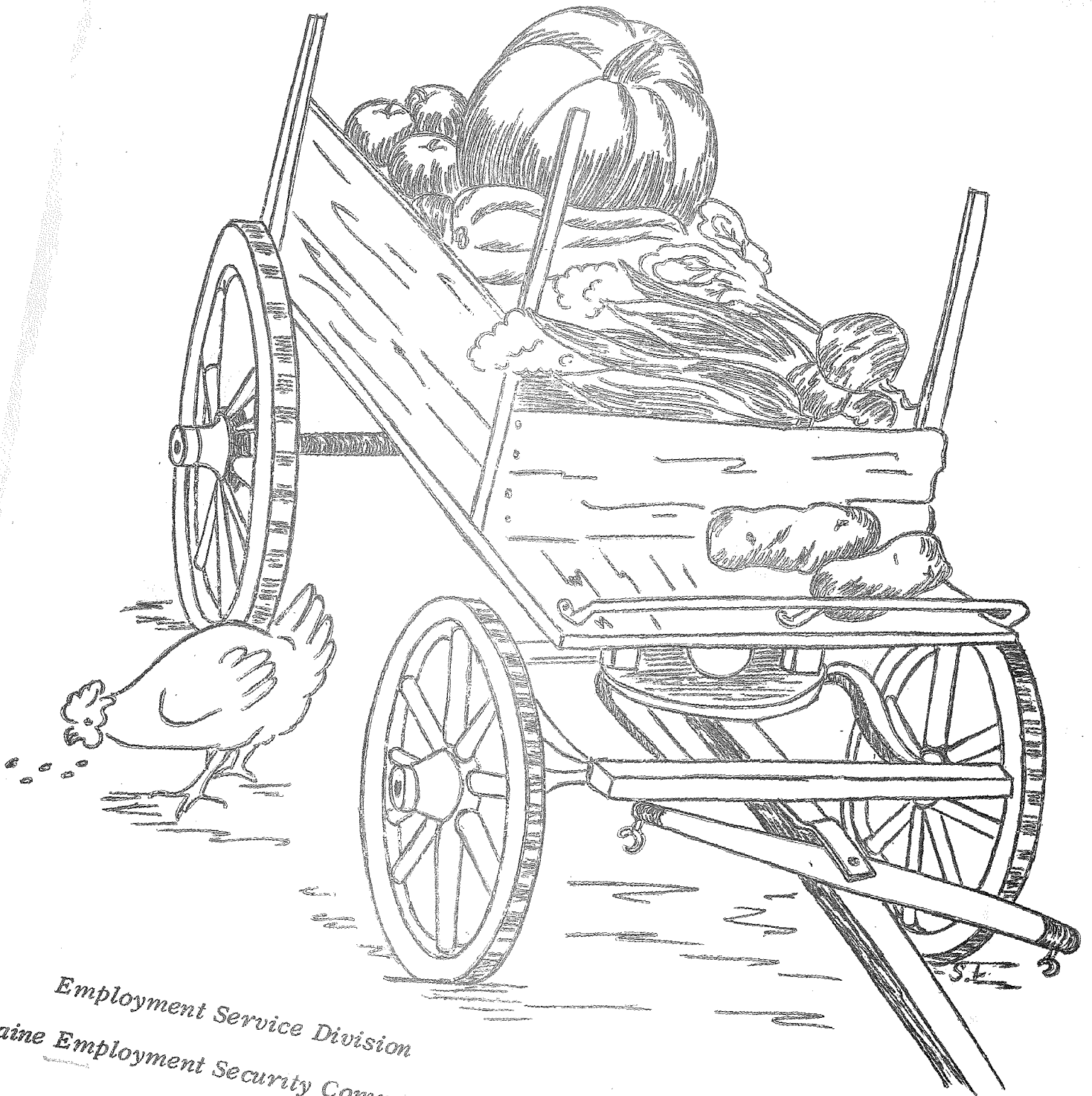
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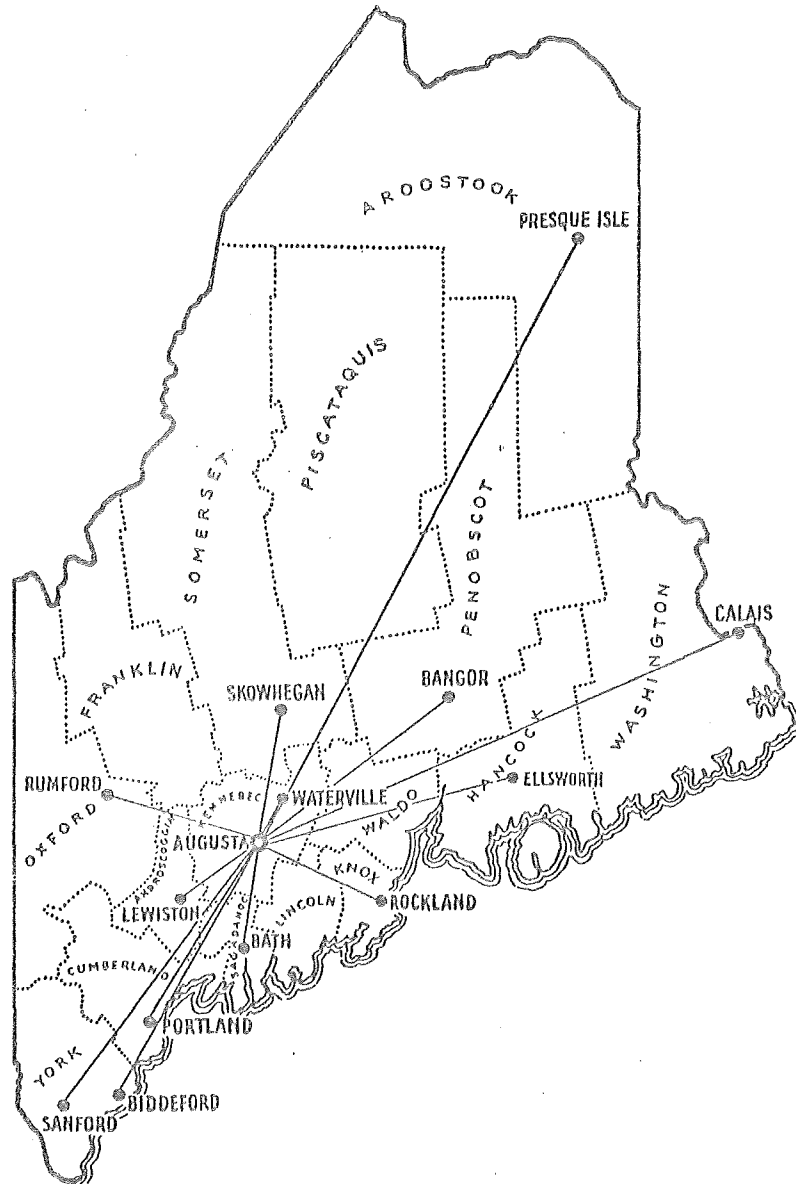
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FOREWORD

The 1967 summary of the Maine Employment Security Commission's Agricultural Labor Recruitment and Placement Activities for seasonal crops indicates the various areas of concentration and responsibilities. These include the effects of weather, mechanization, labor shortages, importation, recruitment, supervision, planning, housing, wages, and public relations.

Demand continued to increase and the supply continued to decrease. Mechanization in the potato harvest increased.

The Commission wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the cooperative efforts of all those who contributed to the successful realization of caring for and harvesting Maine's major agricultural crops, and especially for the cooperation, patience, and understanding of the growers with regard to the many operating regulations which were added.

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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 1967 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 basic to establishing labor needs for various crops within each local office area of operations.

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 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 experience 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; and 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.

January 9, 10, 11 - National Farm Labor Conference, San Francisco, California
February 14 - Woods Meeting - National, Regional, State, Local Office personnel, and Industry Representatives
March 9 - Work Study Group - Plans of Service (Farm) - Four Managers and State Staff
June 26 - Managers and Farm Personnel Meeting, Augusta
August 9 - Maine Pomological Society, Augusta, Apple Growers
August 10, 11 - International Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
December 14 - Compliance Survey, Boston, Massachusetts

Economic Trends

The overall economy of the State has shown no signs of weakening, thus substantially paralleling the nation as a whole. Industry continued to absorb all available labor. As in the previous year, manpower shortages were evident in all major segments of the State economy.

From all indications, available domestic agricultural labor would appear assured of continuing in short supply for the 1968 harvest for the apple and potato crops. However, in the case of the latter crop, continued increments in mechanization will somewhat alleviate the demand for stoop labor (See below under Impact of Mechanization).

The trend toward larger farm units, well endowed with capital resources and managerial talent is expected to continue.

Employment Trends

A. Seasonal Hired Workers

About 23,000 seasonal workers are employed for the Aroostook County potato harvest and about 4,000 during the spring. Importing apple growers employ about 1,100 pickers. Market garden employers use about 2,000 stoop laborers on peak days, the majority being day-haul youth, making a total of about 30,100 seasonal agricultural workers for these areas of employment.

Included are 40 Puerto Ricans (non-contract) for market gardens, 2,800 potato harvest hands from Canada and 418 Canadians for apple picking.

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 Garden

Although Puerto Ricans dominate the supply of adult stoop labor, without the services of youth day-haul workers, most market gardeners would experience difficulty.

April school recruitment of 300 youth 12-15 years old is now sufficient 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 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 used about 1,600 day-haul crew members for peak operations. Day-hauls rake about 8,000 acres of blueberries. Youth rakers' average ages are now 13 to 16 whereas five years ago rakers were 16 years old and up. The Rockland office recruits and trains 30 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)

Maine's statewide apple crop amounted to about 2,000,000 bushels in 1967. Of this amount, importing growers (users of alien labor) produce about one-half of total production.

Weather conditions in 1967 left a great deal to be desired from the standpoint of growers. The spring was typified by cold and rainy weather, thus retarding maturity of the MacIntosh variety. Frost did not occur until late in the fall resulting in late coloring with consequent high percentage of drops. Weather also contributed to a high labor turnover, further compounding problems of growers. At this time there is no precise data available as to the extent of crop loss.

4. Aroostook County Potatoes

The Aroostook County potato crop, produced from about 140,000 acres, employs 23,300 workers as depicted below:

Adults	6,000
School Children	13,000
Indians	1,500
Bonds	<u>2,800</u>
TOTAL	23,300

As has always been the case, women, children, Indians and Canadians accomplish the bulk of stoop labor; local adults account for the bulk of machine operating, barrel handling, and potato house labor. The ratio of the sexes in potato harvesting remains unchanged; sixty females to forty males.

Unlike the 1966 harvest which was favored with ideal weather conditions, the 1967 potato harvest like the apple harvest was plagued by rainy,

cold weather. These conditions greatly hampered the use of harvesters which became bogged down in muddy fields and as yet an undetermined amount of potatoes were hit by blight and rot. Many growers were obliged to leave large quantities of potatoes in the ground.

B. Food Processing

Processing plants located in five central Aroostook County communities continue to employ about 4,500 persons. Although these plants contribute to the overall economy of the area, start-up of operations more or less coincide with the potato harvest. This supply of labor, up until the time of construction of these plants, was normally available for harvest activities.

C. Sugar Beets

A multi-million dollar sugar beet refinery has assumed full scale operations in central Aroostook County. Maine Sugar Industries continues in its attempt to encourage farmers statewide to divert more acreage to the planting of sugar beets. Indications are that they are meeting with considerable success in the attainment of this goal and substantially more acreage should be devoted to sugar beets during the 1968 season. Our limited experience has shown that this is a good cash crop which may in time have a stabilizing effect on the widely fluctuating price of potatoes.

Impact of Mechanization

A. Seasonal Farm Workers

During the 1967 harvest season, approximately 1,000 combine harvesters were used in the potato harvest representing an increase of about 300 over the preceding year. Obviously, any increase in the number of units is largely dependent upon the 1968 price of potatoes. Possibly there will be an increment of 200 harvesters but this estimate is based upon previous years' experience and should not be construed as an accurate figure.

As described in previous reports, 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 1,200 to 1,550 barrels a day.

Recruitment of Farm Workers

A. Apples

Recruitment efforts for the 1967 season were patterned along lines of previous years. However, unlike the 1966 harvest, one team was used during the 1967 season for both the apple and potato harvest. This team arranged itinerant schedules, radio and television spots, press releases, etc. Handbills were passed out and posters placed at strategic points. The team went out into rural areas in an attempt to locate unemployed and available workers. They talked to selectmen, town managers, store owners, welfare representatives, sheriffs,

priests, etc. in an attempt to locate interested persons. Those interested were registered and the records were filed at adjacent local offices for referral purposes at harvest time.

The recruitment team also assisted local offices in preparing call-in cards and referring workers to orchardists. Individual members of the team were also used in maintaining contacts with growers relative to their needs and problems.

Effectiveness of the above described recruitment efforts is largely a matter of conjecture inasmuch as interested persons would usually report directly to the orchardist rather than go through a local office. However, the record does show that many indicating pre-harvest interest were not available and/or interested at harvest time.

RECRUITMENT SUMMARY

<u>Number Interviewed</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Number Not Interested</u>
	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Part Time</u>		
1,222	309	540	849	373

B. Potatoes

Following recruitment for the apple harvest, the recruitment team concentrated its efforts in Aroostook and Washington Counties for the potato harvest.

Many showing pre-harvest interest, as with apples, were not available and/or interested at harvest time.

RECRUITMENT SUMMARY

<u>Number Interviewed</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Number Not Interested</u>
	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Part Time</u>		
134	125	2	127	7

1. Housing

There were 35 employers' housing inspections completed in the field for the apple harvest, 5 market garden employers of Puerto Ricans, 126 potato growers for a total of 166 employers with housing facilities.

2. Wage Surveys

The following wage surveys were completed in the field during 1967 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.

Apples

Apple Pickers (Crop Wage Area 1-21-04)
(Kennebec Valley)
(Strip Apple Picking) October 2 - 4, 1967
(Spot Apple Picking) October 2 - 4, 1967

(Crop Wage Area 1-21-05)
(Western Maine)
(Strip Apple Picking) October 2 - 17, 1967
(Spot Apple Picking) October 2 - 17, 1967

Potatoes (Crop Wage Area 21-01-VH-08, Aroostook County)

Potato Pickers	September 25 - 29, 1967
Barrel Handlers	September 25 - 29, 1967
Harvester Machine Workers	September 25 - 29, 1967
Potato House Workers	September 25 - 29, 1967
Tractor & Equipment Operators	September 25 - 29, 1967
Truck Drivers	September 25 - 29, 1967

3. Evaluation of Results

Follow-up on all facets of the Secretary's Regulations indicated reasonably satisfactory results in terms of working conditions, housing, wages, transportation arrangements, etc.

Hourly earnings were well above the established adverse effect rate which, for the State of Maine, was set at \$1.45 an hour.

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

Shortages of domestic workers continued throughout the peak production periods and all available domestic workers were employed by importing employers. Importation did not affect the employment of domestic workers or depress the rates of pay for domestic workers. In fact, as noted in previous reports, importation has a tendency to increase rates for both domestic and Canadian workers, as non-importers are not required to pay established prevailing rates for seasonal agricultural labor. Therefore, in some instances, non-importers must increase rates to compete with importers' rates.

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

As in previous years, intra-state and inter-state migratory labor is not a significant supply factor.

Efforts to recruit and monies expended for this purpose have not produced significant numbers of workers. The general economy, as previously noted, is such that the supply of agricultural workers has materially decreased or is practically non-existent.

Table 1. Selected data on farm placement operations in 1967
(STATEWIDE)

Item	Number
Section A. Day-haul Activities	
1. Operated by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	NA
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	NA
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	NA
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	NA
2. Established (unsupervised) by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	102
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	30
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	1345
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	1756
Section B. Services to school-age youth	
3. Towns in which separate school-age youth programs are operated.....	32
4. Day-haul points operated separately for school-age youth.....	104
a. Sum of school-age youth workers transported on peak day in each town.....	1793
5. Day-haul points established by Local Office for school-age youth...	4
6. Supervised camps operated for school-age farm workers.....	0
a. Placements in camps.....	0
7. Placements of school-age youth in supervised live-in farm homes....	0
Section C. Services to other special groups	
8. Services rendered to Indians by Local Offices or itinerant points on reservations:	
a. Placements.....	0
b. Applicant holding acceptances.....	0
9. Other placements of reservation Indians.....	0
10. Puerto Ricans brought into State under work contract.....	0
Section D. Special services to employers	
11. Employers receiving combine services:	
a. From out of area.....	0
b. From out of State.....	0
12. Employers receiving cotton-harvesting-machine services:	
a. From out of area.....	0
b. From out of State.....	0
13. Food processing employers receiving placement services.....	5
Section E. Other special services	
14. Local Offices which held farm clinics.....	0
15. Days on which farm clinics were held.....	0
16. Issues of farm labor bulletins published.....	*
a. Copies distributed.....	*
17. State agency's work guides distributed:	
a. Within reporting State.....	0
b. To other States.....	0
18. Local Offices participating in formal community service programs...	0
19. Volunteer farm placement representatives.....	0

* All materials, guides, pamphlets distributed as received.

Table 1. Selected data on farm placement operations in 1967
(Rockland Local Office)

Item	Number
Section A. Day-haul Activities	
1. Operated by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	NA
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	NA
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	NA
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	NA
2. Established (unsupervised) by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	102
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	30
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	1345
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	1756
Section B. Services to school-age youth	
3. Towns in which separate school-age youth programs are operated.....	30
4. Day-haul points operated separately for school-age youth.....	102
a. Sum of school-age youth workers transported on peak day in each town.....	1629
5. Day-haul points established by Local Office for school-age youth...	0
6. Supervised camps operated for school-age farm workers.....	0
a. Placements in camps.....	0
7. Placements of school-age youth in supervised live-in farm homes....	0
Section C. Services to other special groups	
8. Services rendered to Indians by Local Offices or itinerant points on reservations:	
a. Placements.....	0
b. Applicant holding acceptances.....	0
9. Other placements of reservation Indians.....	0
10. Puerto Ricans brought into State under work contract.....	0
Section D. Special services to employers	
11. Employers receiving combine services:	
a. From out of area.....	0
b. From out of State.....	0
12. Employers receiving cotton-harvesting-machine services:	
a. From out of area.....	0
b. From out of State.....	0
13. Food processing employers receiving placement services.....	5
Section E. Other special services	
14. Local Offices which held farm clinics.....	0
15. Days on which farm clinics were held.....	0
16. Issues of farm labor bulletins published.....	0
a. Copies distributed.....	0
17. State agency's work guides distributed:	
a. Within reporting State.....	0
b. To other States.....	0
18. Local Offices participating in formal community service programs...	0
19. Volunteer farm placement representatives.....	0

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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	
				Total	School-age youth
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Appleton	2	2	13 Est.	15 Est.	10 Est.
Belfast	10	10	250 "	350 "	330 "
Belmont	6	6	40 "	60 "	52 "
Brooks	5	5	40 "	50 "	46 "
Camden	6	6	80 "	100 "	90 "
Jackson	3	3	25 "	30 "	29 "
Jefferson	3	3	25 "	30 "	28 "
Knox	2	2	12 "	15 "	14 "
Liberty	3	3	25 "	31 "	27 "
Lincolnville	3	3	25 "	30 "	26 "
Monroe	1	1	8 "	10 "	9 "
Morrill	3	3	30 "	36 "	34 "
North Waldo	3	3	25 "	30 "	29 "
Owl's Head	2	2	25 "	32 "	32 "
Rockland	12	12	200 "	250 "	230 "
Rockport	2	2	15 "	20 "	19 "
Searsmont	3	3	15 "	20 "	15 "
Searsport	3	3	110 "	150 "	140 "
South Montville	1	1	10 "	12 "	10 "
Stockton Springs	4	4	100 "	125 "	120 "
Swanville	2	2	25 "	30 "	26 "
Tenants Harbor	1	1	8 "	10 "	10 "
Thomaston	4	4	50 "	70 "	67 "
Thorndike	3	3	30 "	40 "	39 "
Union	1	1	8 "	10 "	10 "
Waldo	2	2	15 "	20 "	18 "
Waldo	4	4	70 "	100 "	95 "
Warren	6	6	50 "	60 "	58 "
Washington	1	1	8 "	10 "	8 "
West Rockport	1	1	8 "	10 "	8 "
TOTALS	102	102	1345	1756	1629

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
Appleton	8/7	9/9	15 Est.	Blueberries	x	x
Belfast	7/3	9/9	350 "	Blueb., Peas, Strawb.	x	x
Belmont	7/3	9/9	60 "	" " "	x	x
Brooks	8/7	9/8	50 "	Blueberries	x	x
Camden	8/10	9/9	100 "	"	x	x
Jackson	8/10	9/7	30 "	"	x	x
Jefferson	8/10	9/7	30 "	"	x	x
Knox	8/10	9/7	15 "	"	x	x
Liberty	8/10	9/8	31 "	"	x	x
Lincolnville	8/7	9/8	30 "	"	x	x
Monroe	8/2	9/7	10 "	"	x	x
Morrill	7/3	9/7	36 "	Blueb., Peas, Strawb.	x	x
No. Waldoboro	8/7	9/9	30 "	Blueberries	x	x
Owl's Head	8/7	9/8	32 "	"	x	x
Rockland	8/7	9/9	250 "	"	x	x
Rockport	8/7	9/8	20 "	"	x	x
Searsmont	8/7	9/9	20 "	"	x	x
Searsport	7/3	9/7	150 "	Blueb., Peas, Strawb.	x	x
So. Montville	8/7	9/7	12 "	Blueberries	x	x
Stockton Sprgs.	8/10	9/6	125 "	"	x	x
Swanville	7/3	9/7	30 "	Blueb., Peas, Strawb.	x	x
Tenants Harbor	8/7	9/9	10 "	Blueberries	x	x
Thomaston	8/7	9/9	70 "	"	x	x
Thorndike	8/10	9/7	40 "	"	x	x
Union	8/7	9/9	10 "	"	x	x
Waldo	7/3	9/7	20 "	Blueb., Peas, Strawb.	x	x
Waldoboro	8/7	9/9	100 "	Blueberries	x	x
Warren	8/7	9/8	60 "	"	x	x
Washington	8/7	9/7	10 "	"	x	x
West Rockport	8/7	9/9	10 "	"	x	x
		TOTAL	1756			

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Table 1. Selected data on farm placement operations in 1967
(Portland Local Office)

Item	Number
Section A. Day-haul Activities	
1. Operated by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	NA
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	x
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	x
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	x
2. Established (unsupervised) by Local Office:	
a. Day-haul points.....	x
b. Towns with day-haul points.....	x
c. Sum of workers transported on average day in each town.....	x
d. Sum of workers transported on peak day in each town.....	x
Section B. Services to school-age youth	
3. Towns in which separate school-age youth programs are operated.....	2
4. Day-haul points operated separately for school-age youth.....	2
a. Sum of school-age youth workers transported on peak day in each town.....	164
5. Day-haul points established by Local Office for school-age youth...	4
6. Supervised camps operated for school-age farm workers.....	0
a. Placements in camps.....	0
7. Placements of school-age youth in supervised live-in farm homes....	0
Section C. Services to other special groups	
8. Services rendered to Indians by Local Offices or itinerant points on reservations:	
a. Placements.....	0
b. Applicant holding acceptances.....	0
9. Other placements of reservation Indians.....	0
10. Puerto Ricans brought into State under work contract.....	0
Section D. Special services to employers	
11. Employers receiving combine services:	
a. From out of area.....	0
b. From out of State.....	0
12. Employers receiving cotton-harvesting-machine services:	
a. From out of area.....	0
b. From out of State.....	0
13. Food processing employers receiving placement services.....	0
Section E. Other special services	
14. Local Offices which held farm clinics.....	0
15. Days on which farm clinics were held.....	0
16. Issues of farm labor bulletins published.....	*
a. Copies distributed.....	*
17. State agency's work guides distributed:	
a. Within reporting State.....	
b. To other States.....	0
18. Local Offices participating in formal community service programs...	0
19. Volunteer farm placement representatives.....	0

* All material distributed as directed.

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Worksheet A. Day-haul activities, by town

2 1. At points operated by State agency4 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	
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Portland	2	2	34	75	75
South Portland	4	4	40	89	89
Totals	6	6	74	164	164

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

2 1. At points operated by State agency4 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
Portland	4-29	11-3	75	General farm activity- transplanting, weeding- spacing vegetables	X	
South Portland	7-4	7-17	89	Strawberries	X	
Dates of varied harvests:						
	7-25	8-30	60	Peas	X	
	7-25	9-16	55	Beans	X	
	9-2	10-21	40	Tomatoes	X	
	9-9	10-5	35	Potatoes	X	
	9-11	11-3	5	Harvest of cabbage, squash and heavier vegetables		X (Adults)

PART II: OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR

A. State Forecast

Overall crop activity for 1968 is expected to exceed that of 1967.

Increased labor shortages are anticipated for the apple harvest. Trees planted seven to 14 years ago, depending upon variety, either already are, or shortly will be productively bearing apples, further increasing the demand for pickers.

No serious problems are foreseen for market gardeners and day-haul youth crews in 1968. However, labor shortages may develop in some areas for blueberry rakers.

Availability of additional seasonal agricultural workers from Canada, intra-state, inter-state or migratory labor crews is doubtful. Current information indicates a decrease in the available supply with respect to each of the above sources.

Processing plants will continue to absorb domestic workers in Aroostook County.

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 1-21-01 Presque Isle	East Coast 1-21-02 Calais	Central Maine 1-21-03 Rockland Bangor	Kennebec Valley 1-21-04 Augusta Bath Skowhegan	Western Maine 1-21-05 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>Office</u>	<u>Orders</u>	<u>Openings</u>	<u>Canadians Assigned</u>
Caribou	59	1,229	786
Fort Fairfield	52	1,328	830
Fort Kent	32	275	116
Presque Isle	43	831	507
Van Buren	<u>40</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>575</u>
TOTALS	226	4,500	2,814

Potato Pickers	2,596
Barrel Handlers	200
Harvest Workers	<u>18</u>
Total	2,814

TOTAL NUMBERS OF SEASONAL HIRED AGRICULTURAL WORKERS REPORTED ON FORM ES-223, 1967.

Note: Reporting requirements were substantially less in 1967 than in prior years; figures are accordingly shown here (1) for mid-month periods generally, rather than mid- and end-of-month periods as previously; (2) only for areas with a minimum of 500 seasonal hired workers or with foreign workers; (3) or as specifically required (Ref: ES Manual part III, Ch. 4800, Sec. 4804, B, 2)

Area & Local Office	Reporting Dates				
	June 15	July 15	Aug. 15	September 15 30	October 15 31
1-21-01 Aroostook County Presque Isle (figures identical)	1625	3150	2860	3924 26500 <u>1/</u>	26270 <u>1/</u> 1550 <u>1/</u>
1-21-03 Central Maine		925	2385	980 50 <u>2/</u>	-- 35 <u>2/</u>
Bangor		75	235	330 50	-- 35
Rockland		850	2150	650 --	-- --
1-21-04 Kennebec Valley				195 286 <u>2/</u>	230 <u>2/</u> 31 <u>2/</u>
Augusta				79 237	179 31
Waterville				116 --	-- --
Skowhegan				-- 49	51 --
1-21-05 Western Maine				472 668 <u>2/</u>	872 127 <u>2/</u>
Portland				223 83	286 26
Lewiston				152 284	266 20
Sanford				97 247	271 40
Rumford				-- 54	49 41

1/ Potato harvesting only

2/ Apple harvesting only

AGRICULTURAL REFERRALS BY LOCAL OFFICES, 1967

LOCAL OFFICES	TOTALS	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
AUGUSTA	40	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	16	10	0
BANGOR	18	0	1	0	0	5	4	0	6	0	2	0	0
BATH	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1
BIDDEFORD	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	24	0	0	0
CALAIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELLSWORTH	28	0	0	0	4	8	4	0	9	0	2	1	0
LEWISTON	146	4	2	1	3	5	0	2	71	0	0	58	0
PORTLAND	1028	2	1	0	3	12	78	334	185	227	181	5	0
PRESQUE ISLE	234	1	3	0	0	2	6	0	0	81	139	0	2
ROCKLAND	2760	1	1	2	2	4	650	1070	1029	1	0	0	0
RUMFORD	104	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	34	0	0
SANFORD	101	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	78	11	9	0	0
SKOWHEGAN	74	9	9	4	4	2	5	3	1	22	8	7	0
WATERVILLE	134	4	1	3	4	3	0	0	90	27	1	0	1
SMALLER COMMUNITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS 1967	4737	21	19	11	20	43	750	1418	1469	474	392	116	4
TOTALS 1966	5808	29	14	24	56	83	351	2057	1900	693	432	155	14

AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS BY LOCAL OFFICES, 1967

LOCAL OFFICES	TOTALS	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
AUGUSTA	28	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	10	10	0
BANGOR	12	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	6	0	2	0	0
BATH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BIDDEFORD	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
CALAIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELLSWORTH	16	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
LEWISTON	110	0	2	1	1	3	0	1	71	0	0	31	0
PORTLAND	1025	1	1	0	1	12	78	334	185	227	181	5	0
PRESQUE ISLE	202	0	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	40	149	0	2
ROCKLAND	2674	0	0	0	1	0	2	727	1843	100	0	1	0
RUMFORD	63	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	54	0	0
SANFORD	69	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	62	6	0	0
SKOWHEGAN	20	2	0	0	3	1	1	3	1	2	2	5	0
WATERVILLE	123	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	89	27	1	0	1
SMALLER COMMUNITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS 1967	4353	4	7	3	10	29	89	1074	2204	472	405	52	4
TOTALS 1966	5146	15	7	16	44	71	308	1264	2405	543	393	74	6