

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
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**FORTY-CENT MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE ESTABLISHED UNDER WAGE-HOUR ACT FOR
150,000 WORKERS IN FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PACKING**

A wage order setting a 40-cent minimum hourly wage, effective May 22, in the fruit and vegetable packing and farm products assembling industry employing about 150,000 workers, was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor. An estimated 10,000 workers will thereby receive direct wage increases.

The affected industry includes the assembling and preparation for market of all fresh fruits and vegetables, other farm and related products, shelling of nuts, ginning and compressing of cotton, treating of flax and other vegetable fibres and the leaf processing branch of the cigar industry. The industry does not include any operation covered by a previous wage order.

The wage order was issued after a public hearing, in accordance with recommendations of the Industry Committee appointed for the study. Copies may be obtained through any regional, branch or field office of the Division, or through the National Office, 165 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York.