

September 5, 2024

«COMPANY\_NAME»  
«ADDRESS»  
«CITY», «st» «Zip»

Dear Employer:

The Labor Market Information Center is conducting a prevailing wage survey for the bee worker occupation. This survey is conducted on an annual basis to comply with provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The INA requires employers seeking workers for seasonal (temporary) agricultural employment to pay both domestic and foreign workers a wage no lower than the highest of the following wage rates:

- ◆ Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR), released by the U.S. Department of Labor
- ◆ Federal, state or local statutory minimum wage rate
- ◆ Prevailing wage rate for the occupation in the area of intended employment

Due to the fact employers must pay seasonal workers the highest of these three wage rates, a prevailing wage must be determined. This survey form was sent to your attention because employers who hire seasonal bee workers are the only source for this data. Please complete the enclosed *South Dakota Bee Worker Wage Survey* form and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. The data you provide will be kept confidential. It will be aggregated with data collected from other employers to determine the prevailing wage rate for the bee worker occupation.

If you have questions or wish to respond by phone, please call the Labor Market Information Center at 800.592.1881 or 605.626.2314. When calling, please tell the receptionist you are calling about the bee worker survey.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Derek Belden  
Statistical Program Specialist II

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# South Dakota Prevailing Wage Survey for Bee Workers



**Labor Market Information Center**  
**South Dakota Department of Labor & Regulation**  
**420 South Roosevelt**  
**Aberdeen, SD 57401**

### Instructions:

- \* Your organization has been selected to participate in this survey regarding wage rates for bee workers employed in South Dakota. It is important you fill out and return the survey even if your organization does not employ seasonal (temporary) bee workers.
- \* Please respond by April 24, 2025.
- \* Please mail the completed survey form in the postage-paid envelope provided.
- \* All information provided will remain strictly confidential. Information gathered from this survey will be used only to determine the prevailing wage rate for the bee worker occupation for the state of South Dakota.
- \* If you have any questions about this survey, please call the Labor Market Information Center at **1.800.592.1881** or email [derek.belden@state.sd.us](mailto:derek.belden@state.sd.us).

### Contact Information

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Survey Questions

1. **Is your business establishment engaged in the raising of bees in South Dakota?** Yes  No   
*Such establishments may collect and gather honey; and/or sell queen bees, packages of bees, royal jelly, bees' wax, propolis, venom, and/or other bee products.*
2. **Did you hire seasonal (temporary) workers during 2024 to assist you in the raising of bees?** Yes  No   
*\*If you answered yes to both these questions, please complete the rest of the survey.*  
*\*If you answered no to either question, the survey is now complete. Please return the survey form in the postage-paid envelope provided. Thank you for participating in this survey!*
3. a. **Did you hire seasonal (temporary) bee workers who are citizens of a foreign country?** Yes  No   
 b. **If yes, how many foreign seasonal (temporary) bee workers did you employ?**
4. a. **Did you hire seasonal (temporary) bee workers who are citizens of the United States?** Yes  No   
 b. **If yes, how many U.S. seasonal (temporary) bee workers did you employ?**
5. **For the U.S. seasonal (temporary) employees who performed work for you in South Dakota, please list the wages paid, and indicate if housing and meals were provided, and state residency of the workers:**

Wage and Rate (hour, day, week, month)	Number of Workers Earning this Wage	Housing Provided	Meals Provided	Number of Workers who are South Dakota Residents	Number of Workers who are Residents of Other States
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*(If additional space is needed, please list on a separate sheet of paper.)*