Labor Survey – Practice Exercise

For this practice, assume you’re speaking with the operator and the contact info is correct. Day-to-day decisions made by Individual Operator, and the first screening question (did you grow crops?) is a Yes. Some of the extra screening questions are omitted from this script. Answer appropriately to advance through the instrument to the next listed question.

Did this operation have anyone on the payroll to do agricultural work the week of Sunday, October 11th through Saturday, October 17th? Yes

How many paid workers did you have on the payroll to do agricultural work that week? 4

Were any of these workers the following types? No

How many of the 4 paid workers were hired to be managers or supervisors? 0

How many of the 4 paid workers were hired to be livestock workers? 4

Do any of these categories better describe…? No

How many of the 4 livestock workers were graders and sorters? 0

How many of the 4 livestock workers were hand packers? 0

How many of the 4 livestock workers were animal breeders? 0

How many of the 4 livestock workers were pesticide handlers? 0

How many of the 4 livestock workers were equipment operators? 0

How many of the 4 livestock workers were farmworkers who attend to live animals? All 4

How many total hours did these 4 livestock workers work that week? 200

How many of the 200 total hours were worked that week were base hours? 160

How many of the 200 total hours were worked that week were overtime hours? 40

What were the total gross wages for the 4 livestock farmworkers that week? $2,200

$2,200 total gross wages were paid that week, how much of those were from base wages? $1,600

$2,200 total gross wages were paid that week, how much of those were from bonus wages paid? 0

$2,200 total gross wages were paid that week, how much of those were from overtime wages? $600

In 2020, how many of these 4 workers will be paid by the operation for 150 days or more? 2

Now I will ask about a week in July. Did this operation have anyone on the payroll to do work Sunday, July 12th through Saturday, July 18th, 2020? Yes.

How many paid workers did you have on the payroll to do agricultural work that week? 1

Were any of these workers the following types? No

During the week of Sunday, July 12th through Saturday, July 18th, 2020, was the 1 paid worker hired to be a manager or supervisor? Yes.

Do any of the categories better describe what the worker was hired to do that week? No
Was the one supervisor a FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR, who directly supervise and coordinate? Yes

Does this other category better describe what the worker was hired to do that week? No

How many total hours did this 1 first line supervisor work that week? 40

How many of the 40 total hours were base hours? 40

How many of the 40 total hours were overtime hours? 0

What were the total gross wages for this 1 first line supervisor that week? $15/hr

The total gross wages for the 1 first line supervisor that week was $600, is that correct? Yes

$600 total gross wages were paid that week, how much of those were from base wages? $600

Did you pay any bonus or overtime pay? No

In 2020, how many of these 1 workers will be paid by the operation for 150 days or more? 1

During 2020, what was or will be the largest number of hired workers on the payroll on any one day? 5

During 2020, any H-2A workers on the payroll? No

What income category represents total gross value of sales? 7. 50,000-99,999

Of the farm income reported, which category represents the largest portion of income? 9. Hogs and Pigs

Now that you have finished the above practice:

Go through the instrument again after completing the above script, and ensure that you are familiar with all the screening and verifications questions within Blaise. Do this by making up your own answers to questions and noting how it affects the way you proceed through the instrument.

Suggested practice examples to explore:
- An out of Business operation.
- An operation that’s in business but doesn’t have hired workers
- An operation with only custom, contract, or value-added workers (notice the prompts that ask you to remove these types of workers)
- Use extreme values on items to check warnings are in place

**If you notice that something that does not seem to be working as it should within the Blaise instrument, please bring it to the attention of a coach or supervisor so that they may look into it.**