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Minimum Wage Standards for Farm Workers – 12 NYCRR Part 190

- The Minimum Wage Order for Farm Workers applies only to farm workers employed on farms where the total cash remuneration paid all persons employed on the farm exceeded \$3,000 in the previous calendar year.
- The Minimum Wage Order for Farm Workers provides that all workers, with certain exceptions, must be paid at least \$9.00 per hour. This does not include:
 - Members of the employer's immediate family



New York Law Requires Farms To Put It In Writing

- NY Labor Law Section 195 Pay Notice
- NY Farm Minimum Wage Order Part 190
- Pay Notice and Work Agreement for Farm Workers (LS309)



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Minimum Wage Standards for Farm Workers (Continued...)

- The wage order permits employers to deduct specified allowances from the minimum wage for:
 - Meals
 - Lodging (except for seasonal migrant workers)
 - Payments in kind must cost no more than the farm market value.
- Employers must post these items in a conspicuous place in their establishment:
 - A summary of the wage order
 - A copy of the general work agreement

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Mailing Address	Will Overtime the Paid at a Higher Rate? No Yes If "Yes," specify agreement with worker riding overtime.
FEIN (optional)	ASSAULTE?
2. Notice given: At hiring Before a change in pay rates, allowances claimed, or payday	Employee Acknowledgment. On this day, I have been notified of my pay rate, overtime rate (if any), rances, and designated payday. I told my employer what my primary language is.
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4. Types of Work to Be Performed.	I have been given this pay notice in English only, because the Department of Labor does not yet offer a pay notice form in my primary language, which is
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Pay Notice & Work Agreement – Form LS118

- NYS Labor Law requires you to give employees a written pay notice:
 - At hiring
 - On or before February 1st of each subsequent year (The law does not say this! The Form has been changed)
 - In advance of any reduction in the rate of pay; and
 - Whenever there is a change in any of the information, unless it will be shown on the next paystub

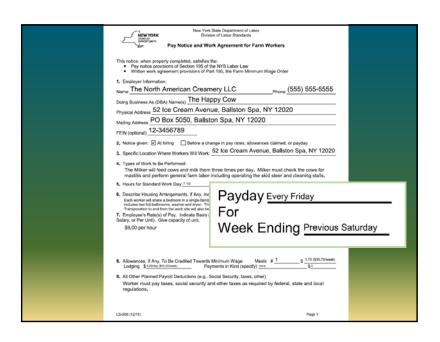
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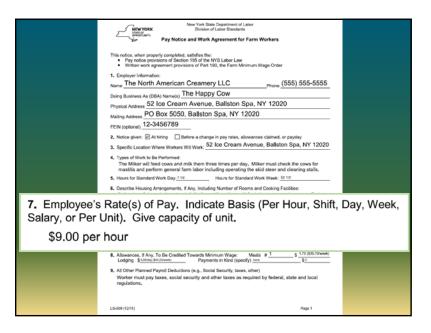
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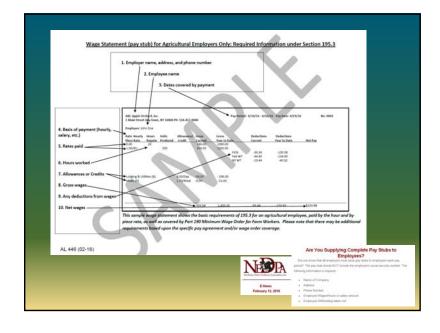


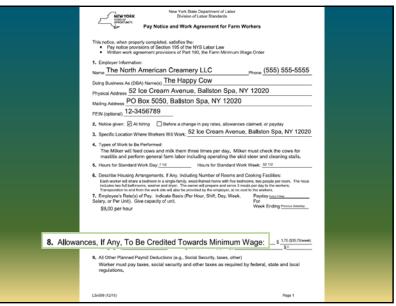
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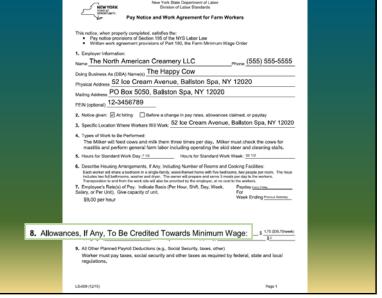
- Single Occupancy (private room in a shared residence)
- Multiple Occupancy (shared room/dorm arrangement)
- Individual Apartment
- Individual Apartment (with family)

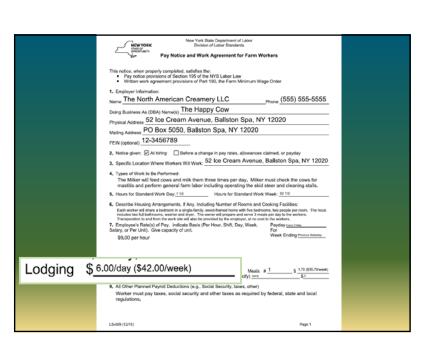








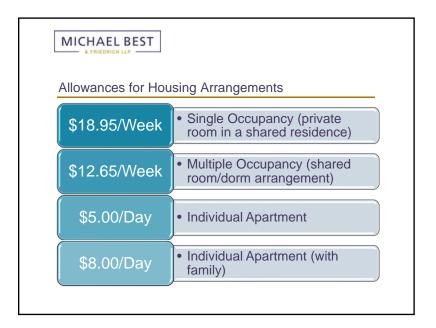




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12 NYCRR § 190-3.1 Allowances

- Meals
- Lodging and utilities
- Payments in kind acceptable to the employee may be considered as part of the minimum wage, but shall be valued at not more than the farm market value at the time such payments were provided



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NY Labor Law §193 Deductions from wages* (Cont'd...)

- No employer shall make any charge against wages, or require an employee to make any payment by separate transaction unless such charge or payment is permitted as a deduction from wages under the provisions of subdivision one of this section.
- * NB Effective November 6, 2015



NY Labor Law §193 Deductions from wages*

- 1. No employer shall make any deduction from the wages of an employee, except deductions which:
 - a) are made in accordance with the provisions of any law or any rule or regulation issued by any governmental agency;
 - b) are expressly <u>authorized in writing</u> by the employee and are <u>for the benefit of the employee</u>; provided that such authorization is <u>kept on file on the employer's premises</u>. Such authorized deductions shall be <u>limited</u> to payments for insurance premiums, pension or health and welfare benefits, contributions to charitable organizations, payments for United States bonds, payments for dues or assessments to a labor organization, and <u>similar payments</u> for the benefit of the employee.



Deductions

- Deductions that the worker has authorized in writing and for his or her benefit
- In order to make deductions for housing the employer must have the agreement in writing
- In order for the housing to be for the employee's benefit, it must be voluntary, and must not be for the employer's benefit

What Are Similar Payments for the Benefit of the Employee Under Section 193?

A payment benefits the employee if it provides financial or other support for the employee, or his or her family.

- To be considered "similar" a payment must fall into one of the following categories:
- health and welfare benefits;
 pension and retirement benefits;
- child care and educational benefits
- · charitable benefits;
- · dues and assessments;
- · transportation; and

food and lodging

Some of these categories of benefits are not typically offered to workers in agriculture.

If you believe you provide one of these benefits, please contact the Department of Labor at:

Phone: (877) 466 – 9757 or Email: dipa@isbor.nvi.gov

What about Housing and Utilities?

Deductions for housing are not allowed; however, you can take an allowance towards the minimum wage.



For workers who are not migrant or seasonal farm workers, you may consider a housing allowance (that includes utilities) towards meeting the minimum wage, as follows:

- \$18.95/week for single occupancy (private room in shared residence)
- \$12.65/week for multiple occupancy (shared room/dorm arrangement)
 or



- \$5,00/day for an individual apartment
- · \$8.00/day for individual apartment with family

Note: Housing and utilities provided to migrant and seasonal farm workers must be free.



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12 NYCRR § 195-2.1 Prohibited Practices (Cont'd...)

(b) Separate transactions. No employer shall make any charge against wages, or require an employee to make any payment by separate transaction unless such charge or payment is permitted as a deduction from wages under this Part or is permitted or required under any provision of a current collective bargaining agreement.



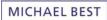
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- (a) Wage deductions. No employer shall make any deductions from wages except those that fall within the following four categories:
 - Any deductions made in accordance with any law, rule or regulation issued by any governmental agency;
 - (2) Deductions specified by, or similar to those specified by, section 193 of the Labor Law, authorized by, and for the benefit of, the employee;
 - (3) Deductions for the recovery of overpayments made in accordance with this Part; and
 - (4) Deductions for the repayment of wage advances made in accordance with this Part.



II. Chart of Laws Governing Wage Deductions

Deduction / Benefit	NYDOL Position	Statute and Regulation
HSA	Allowed as a voluntary deduction expressly authorized in writing by the employee and for the benefit of the employee	12 NYCRR 195-2.1; NY Labor Law 193
IRA	See above	See above
Health Insurance	See above	See above
Child Support	Allowed as a deduction in accordance with any law, rule or regulation	12 NYCRR 195-2.1; NY Labor Law 193



II. Chart of Laws Governing Wage Deductions

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Deduction / Benefit	NYDOL Position	Statute and Regulation
Housing	Housing and utilities may not be deducted from wages except as an allowance permitted under NYDOL Minimum Wage Order 190. See https://labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/dipa/p737.pdf https://lwww.labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/dipa/p737.pdf https://lwww.labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/dipa/p737.pdf https://lww.labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/dipa/p737.pdf	



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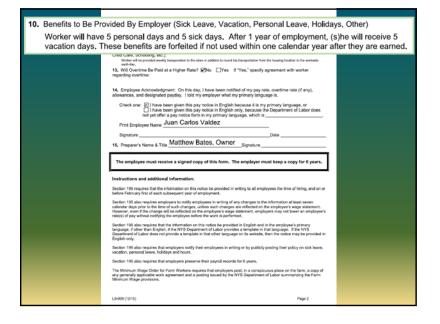
Deduction / Benefit	NYDOL Position	Statute and Regulation
Utility Deduction	See above. Limits on housing deductions also restrict what can be deducted for utilities. For example, the \$5/day limit on deductions for individual apartments includes both rent and utilities	See above
Clothing / Uniform	NYDOL has taken the position that no such deductions are allowed. See https://labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/dipa/p737.pdf	NY Labor Law 193; NYCRR 195-2.1, 195- 4.4, and 195-4.3
Wage Advances	Allowed in accordance with NYDOL's Written Authorization for Wage Advances form	NY Labor Law 193; NYCRR 195-5.2



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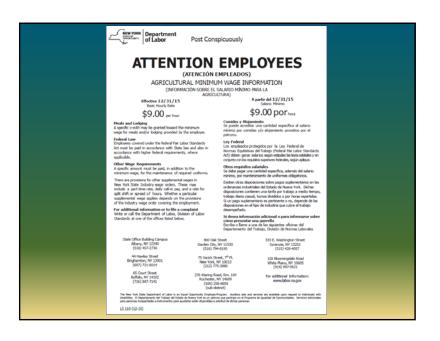
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	Check one: I have been given this pay notice in English because it is my primary language, or I have been given this pay notice in English only, because the Department of Labor does not yet offer a pay notice form in my primary language, which is	
	Print Employee Name Juan Carlos Valdez	
	SignatureDate	
	15, Preparer's Name & Title Matthew Bates, Owner Signature	
	The employee must receive a signed copy of this form. The employer must keep a copy for 6 years,	
	Instructions and additional information:	
	Section 195 requires that the information on this notice be provided in writing to all employees the time of hiring, and on or before February first of each subsequent year of employment.	
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Is a Lease Required?

- Lease is a contract must be signed
- Employment is at-will
- A lease changes your relationship relative to housing rights



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What if No Lease?

- Without a lease, renters who pay monthly rent are "month to month" tenants
- Tenants who stay past the end of a lease are "month to month" tenants if the landlord accepts the rent.

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Lease Requirements

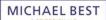
- Use words with common and everyday meanings
- Clear and coherent
- Sections appropriately captioned
- Print must be large enough to be read easily





Lease Prohibitions

- Exempting landlords from liability for injuries to persons or property caused by the landlord's negligence, or that of the landlord's employees or agents
- Waiving the tenant's rights to a jury trial in any lawsuit brought by either of the parties against the other for personal injury or property damage
- Requiring tenants to pledge their household furniture as security for rent
- If lease states that landlord may recover attorney's fees and costs incurred if a lawsuit arises, a tenant automatically has a reciprocal right to recover those fees as well



Eviction

- Tenant protected from eviction during lease term (Except for significant violations of lease or local housing laws or codes)
- Tenant can be legally evicted only after landlord has brought a court proceeding and obtained judgment of possession
- Only a sheriff, marshal, or constable can carry out court warrant to evict
- Don't take the law into your own hands, use force or other unlawful means (Triple damages)



Eviction (Continued....)

- Must give tenant reasonable amount of time to remove belongings
- You may not retain personal belongings or furniture
- Month to Month one month's notice required



