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6.0% in Oct 2003

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+126,000(p) in Oct 2003

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+\$.01(p) in Oct 2003

PPI:
+0.8%(p) in Oct 2003

ECI:
+1.0% in 3rd Qtr of 2003

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+8.1% in 3rd Qtr of 2003

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The screenshot shows the website interface for 'MLR: The Editor's Desk'. The header includes the U.S. Department of Labor logo and navigation links: Home, What's New, Help, Contacts, and Search. The date is December 02, 2003. The main content area features a section titled 'Lowest paying occupations in 2002' with a bar chart showing hourly wages for four groups: Food preparation and serving (\$8.26), Farming, fishing, and forestry (\$9.72), Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance (\$10.02), and Personal care and service (\$10.27). A sidebar on the left contains a 'DESK BLOTTER' with various news links and a navigation menu.

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December 02, 2003 (*The Editor's Desk* is updated each business day.)

Lowest paying occupations in 2002

The occupational groups with the lowest average wages in 2002 were the food preparation and serving related occupations; farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations; and personal care and service occupations.

Hourly wages for selected major occupational groups, 2002

Occupational Group	Hourly Wage
Food preparation and serving	\$8.26
Farming, fishing, and forestry	\$9.72
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	\$10.02
Personal care and service	\$10.27

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Two of these four groups had average wages of less than \$10.00 per hour. Food preparation and serving jobs averaged \$8.26 per hour and farming, fishing, and forestry jobs averaged \$9.72 per hour. Those in building and grounds cleaning and maintenance were paid \$10.02 per hour on average and those in personal care and service jobs were paid \$10.27 per hour on average.

In each of these four groups, except for building and grounds cleaning and