

# OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

## H-2A Temporary Agricultural Labor Certification Program - Selected Statistics, FY 2018

### Applications Received<sup>1</sup>

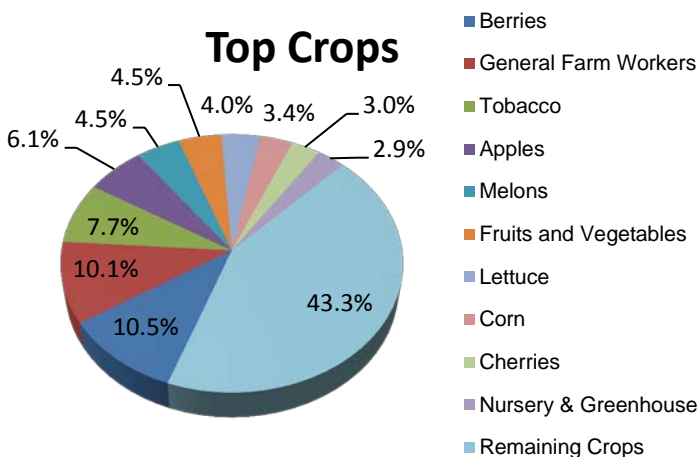
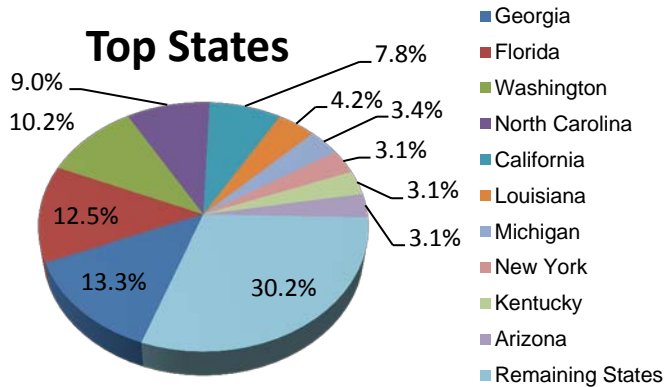
FY	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change FY 2017
11,806	2,756	4,727	2,837	1,486	16.7%

### Applications Processed

Determination	FY	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Total Determinations</b>	11,698	1,730	4,935	3,178	1,855
- Certified	11,319	1,625	4,850	3,078	1,766
- Denied	165	39	33	46	47
- Withdrawn	214	66	52	54	42
<b>Positions Requested</b>	251,679	33,605	81,414	85,022	51,638
<b>Positions Certified</b>	242,762	31,862	80,311	81,228	49,361
<b>Processed Timely<sup>2</sup></b>	91.7%	96.8%	90.4%	90.1%	92.2%

### Selected Statistics by Worker Positions Certified

Review of Positions Certified FY 2018 (% of total certified FY 2018)			
<b>Top 10 States</b>	Georgia	32,364	13.3%
	Florida	30,462	12.5%
	Washington	24,862	10.2%
	North Carolina	21,794	9.0%
	California	18,908	7.8%
	Louisiana	10,079	4.2%
	Michigan	8,359	3.4%
	New York	7,634	3.1%
	Kentucky	7,604	3.1%
Arizona	7,497	3.1%	
<b>Top 10 Employers</b>	North Carolina Growers Association (NCGA)	11,609	4.8%
	Washington Farm Labor Association (WAFLA)	5,163	2.1%
	Fresh Harvest, Inc.	4,237	1.7%
	Zirkle Fruit Company	4,169	1.7%
	Alewelt Concrete, Inc.	2,706	1.1%
	Elkhorn Packing Co., LLC	2,652	1.1%
	AG Labor, LLC	2,207	0.9%
	Overlook Harvesting Company, LLC	2,207	0.9%
	Rancho Nuevo Harvesting Company, LLC	2,058	0.8%
	Foothill Packing, Inc.	2,056	0.8%
<b>Top 10 Crops/Occupations</b>	Berries <sup>3</sup>	25,424	10.5%
	General Farm Workers	24,414	10.1%
	Tobacco <sup>4</sup>	18,652	7.7%
	Apples <sup>5</sup>	14,920	6.1%
	Melons <sup>6</sup>	11,026	4.5%
	Fruits and Vegetables	10,858	4.5%
	Lettuce <sup>7</sup>	9,758	4.0%
	Corn <sup>8</sup>	8,254	3.4%
	Cherries <sup>9</sup>	7,245	3.0%
	Nursery and Greenhouse Workers	7,117	2.9%



<sup>1</sup>"Applications Received" is derived from data not publicly disclosed.  
<sup>2</sup> Percent of complete H-2A applications resolved 30 days before the start date of need. A complete H-2A application is defined as one containing all the documentation (e.g., housing inspection report, workers' compensation, recruitment report) necessary for the OFLC Certifying Officer to issue a final determination 30 days before the start date of need.

<sup>3</sup>Berries Category includes listed Primary Crops of Berries, Blackberries, Blueberries, Cranberries, Raspberries and Strawberries.  
<sup>4</sup>Tobacco Category includes Primary Crops of Burley, Cutting, Flue-Cured, Setting, and Stripping Tobacco.  
<sup>5</sup>Apples Category includes Primary Crop of Apples and Apple Drops.  
<sup>6</sup>Melons Category includes Primary Crop of Cantaloupes, Melons, and Watermelons.  
<sup>7</sup>Lettuce Category includes Primary Crop of Iceberg Lettuce, Lettuce and Romaine Lettuce  
<sup>8</sup>Corn Category includes listed Primary Crops of Corn and Sweet Corn.  
<sup>9</sup>Cherries Category includes listed Primary Crops of Cherries, Sweet Cherries, and Yellow Cherries.