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# Reliable Information About Hired Farm Workers

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## What is NAWS?

- ★ NAWS is a survey of **hired** farm workers (including year-round or permanent, migrant, seasonal and nursery workers) in the United States. **JBS International** is contracted by the United States Department of Labor (US DOL) to conduct NAWS.
- ★ NAWS is the only nationwide information source that describes the characteristics and employment profiles of hired farm workers, and trends in the hired farm labor market.
- ★ NAWS began in 1988. Since then, over 50,000 workers have been interviewed.
- ★ NAWS is strictly **confidential**. Names and addresses of participants are guaranteed to be kept private by the **Privacy Act of 1974** and will not be divulged in any way.
- ★ Farm workers are reimbursed for participating in the survey.

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## What information does NAWS collect?

- ★ **About farm workers:** The survey solicits from each interviewed worker his/her English language proficiency, yearly income, use of social services, and access to health care.
- ★ **About farm workers' employment history:** NAWS asks the worker to describe his/her work history for the year prior to the interview.
- ★ **About farm workers' households:** The survey obtains information on the number of family members, their level of education, and how often they move.

## Why agricultural employers participate in the survey?

- ★ Agricultural employers and grower organizations utilize NAWS data to stay informed about important evolving trends in the make-up of the hired farm workforce.
- ★ Providers of housing, health, education, and employment training services utilize NAWS data to both identify farm workers' needs and to target their program resources.