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FY 1999 REGION & U.S. H-2A TOTALS 1/

REGION	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
I	461	3,761	3,514	460
II	238	3,044	2,358	238
III	106	4,416	4,308	95
IV	742	26,700	23,104	666
V	40	863	803	30
VI	360	4,057	4,055	317
VII	80	586	340	56
VIII	329	713	713	329
IX	371	2,159	1,669	363
X	403	1,080	963	394
U.S. TOTAL	3,130 <u>2/</u>	47,379	41,827	2,948 <u>3/</u>

1/ This report is an unofficial issuance of the U.S. Department of Labor based on hand counts and may contain some inaccuracies.

2/ Applications received from growers/employers located in all fifty States except for Delaware, Hawaii and Indiana, as well as the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

3/ Represents an estimated 4,400 employers. Several large associations file single applications for multiple numbers of individual grower/employers.

FY 1998 COMPARED TO FY 1998 H-2A & FY 1999 FEES COLLECTED DATA

Region	Workers Certified 1998	Applications Certified 1998	Workers Certified 1999	Applications Certified 1999	Fees Paid 1999 ^{7/}
I ^{4/}	3,215	414	3,514	460	\$ 72,270
II ^{4/}	2,899	219	2,358	238	19,370
III	4,216	55	4,308	95	154,740
IV	17,905	547	23,140	666	567,204
V	630	20	803	30	10,660
VI	2,308	144	4,055	317	55,600
VII	272	38	340	56	1,764
VIII	1,035	645	713	329	39,730
IX	1,047	694	1,669	363	48,870
X	1,011	413	963	394	49,210
TOTAL	34,898 ^{5/}	3,189 ^{6/}	41,827	2,948	\$1,019,418

^{4/} Does not include H-2 logging activity in New England and New York. In 1999 141 applications were filed resulting in 510 worker certifications. Data for 1998, 1997, 1996 and 1995 are 120/680, 114/702, 104/681 and 109/746 applications filed/worker certifications respectively.

^{5/} In 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997, 15,811, 15,117, 19,103 and 23,352 workers were certified respectively.

^{6/} In 1995, 1996 and 1997, 2,027, 1,930 and 2,281 applications were certified respectively.

^{7/} Readers should be cautioned regarding the number of applications as presented. In crops with large master orders, the number of applications cannot be equated with the number of employers who receive certification. Consequently, this number cannot be related to the amount of fees collected, since one application certified may represent over 100 to 500 employers who will be billed for \$100 each under current regulations.

REGION I STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP <u>9/</u>	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
CONNECTICUT	22 Apple	81	81	22
	2 Christmas Trees	16	15	2
	17 Diversified Crop	19	18	16
	2 Farmworkers General II (Diary & Poultry)	4	4	2
	7 Horticultural Worker II (Greenhouse & Nursery)	29	29	7
	3 Sod	10	10	3
	48 Tobacco	1,656	1,449	47
	7 Vegetables	7	7	7
State Total	108	1,822	1,613	106
MASSACHUSETTS	84 Apples	350	340	83
	3 Farm worker General II	3	3	3
	59 Diversified Crop	204	183	59
	5 Horticultural Worker II	17	15	5
	2 Sod	6	2	1
	18 Tobacco	119	118	18
	31 Vegetables	76	76	31
State Total	202	775	737	200

MAINE	36 Apple	310	310	36
	2 Blueberries	87	87	2
	5 Diversified Crop	12	12	5
	4 Horticultural Worker II	7	7	4
State Total	47	416	416	47
NEW HAMPSHIRE	32 Apples	252	252	32
	16 Diversified Crop	64	64	16
	1 Vegetables	2	2	1
State Total	49	318	318	49
RHODE ISLAND	9 Apple	12	12	9
State Total	9	12	12	9
VERMONT	35 Apple	345	345	35
	1 Dairy	2	2	1
	12 Diversified Crop	61	61	12
	1 Poultry	10	10	1
State Total	49	418	418	49
TOTAL	464	3,761	3,514	460

9/ Includes 14 master applications received for Farmworker Fruit II and Apple Harvest Workers, representing 97 employers who chose not to file individual applications but requested to be part of a Master Application. The 97 employers are not included in the table data.

REGION I I STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
NEW YORK	199 Apple	2,544	2,097	199
	4 Cabbage	140	25	4
	2 Vegetables	13	40	2
	2 Nursery	43	86	2
	3 Cranberry	50	25	3
	1 Greenhouse	50	31	1
	24 Diversified Crops	146	0	24
State Total	235	2,986	2,304	235
NEW JERSEY	2 Peach/Pear/Nectarine	48	44	2
	1 Nursery	10	10	1
State Total	3	58	54	3
PUERTO RICO	None			
TOTAL	238	3,044	2,358	238

REGION I II STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP <u>10</u> /	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
DELAWARE	None			
WASHINGTON, D.C.	None			
MARYLAND	6 Nursery	234	234	6
	5 Dairy	7	6	4
	3 Vegetables	48	48	3
	1 Vegetable/Tobacco	30	30	1
	1 Vineyard	2	2	1
State Total	16	321	320	15
PENNSYLVANIA	2 Nursery	11	0	1
	12 Nursery/Christmas Trees	68	39	8
State Total	14	79	39	9
VIRGINIA	21 Apple	758	758	21
	10 Vegetables	189	187	10
	6 Tobacco	69	69	6
	7 Tobacco/ Produce/Hay	2,633	2,632	7
	2 Cabbage	15	15	2
	2 Peach	6	6	1
	1 Peach/Apple/ Tomato	15	8	1
	1 Apple/Peach	15	15	1

VIRGINIA (Continued)	1 Peach/Sweet Corn/Apple	10	10	1
	3 Vineyard	18	11	2
	3 Tobacco/Cabbage	32	22	2
	1 Christmas Tree	15	15	1
	1 Diversified Crop	7	7	1
	2 Nursery/Fruit Tree	60	60	2
	2 Apple, Pruning	38	8	1
	1 Apple/Peach/ Nectarine	5	5	1
	2 General Orchard, Fruit	10	10	2
	2 Sod	8	4	1
	1 Strawberry/Grain	4	4	1
	1 Tobacco/Forage	10	10	1
State Total	69	3,913	3,856	65
WEST VIRGINIA	4 Apple	83	83	4
	3 Tobacco	20	10	2
State Total	7	103	93	6
TOTAL	106	4,416	4,308	95

10/ Includes 9 master applications received for Tobacco/Produce/hat and Cabbage Harvest Workers, representing 1,046 employers who chose not to file individual applications but requested to be part of a Master Application. These employers are not included in the table data.

REGION IV STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP <u>11</u> /	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
ALABAMA	8 Horticultural	150	120	7
	3 Fruit	117	114	3
	2 Shepherdher	10	10	2
	2 Vegetable	150	120	1
State Total	15	427	364	13
FLORIDA	3 Fruit	86	25	1
	16 Fruit/Vegetable	331	200	11
	3 Vegetable	224	0	0
	1 Sugarcane	4	4	1
	2 Horticulture	15	12	1
	4 Citrus	311	0	0
	1 Sod	84	0	0
State Total	30	1,055	237	14
GEORGIA	2 Horticulture	28	26	2
	58 Vegetable	5,681	4,664	47
	9 Fruit	1,000	965	8
	3 Tobacco	126	126	3
	3 Pecan	65	45	2
	1 Sod	15	15	1
	1 Hay/Straw	4	4	1
State Total	77	6,915	5,845	64
KENTUCKY	359 Tobacco	2,268	2,152	336
KENTUCKY (Continued)	22 Tobacco/Hay/Straw	688	688	22
	14 Horticultural	55	51	13
	3 Vegetables	100	100	3

	1 Sod	7	7	1
	6 Grain	34	31	4
	1 Livestock	2	0	0
State Total	406	3,154	3,029	379
MISSISSIPPI	13 Horticulture	137	117	11
	3 Fish Hatchery	70	69	3
	2 Fruit	120	120	2
	2 Dairy	2	1	1
	1 Soybean/Corn	12	12	1
	4 Vegetable	119	119	4
State Total	25	460	438	22
NORTH CAROLINA	22 Tobacco/Hay/ Straw/Vegetable	10,140	9,242	20
	11 Christmas Trees	864	800	10
	4 Horticulture	47	47	4
	2 Fruit	76	76	2
	2 Tobacco	21	20	2
	1 Vegetable	94	94	1
State Total	42	11,242	10,279	39
SOUTH CAROLINA	1 Horticulture	120	120	1
	1 Lumber	14	0	0
	8 Vegetable	650	285	4
	3 Grain	14	14	3
	12 Fruit	656	621	12
	1 Grape	9	0	0
State Total	26	1,463	1,040	20
TENNESSEE	39 Tobacco	332	329	38
	47 Horticulture	576	574	45
	20 Tobacco/Hay/ Straw/Vegetable	512	506	19

	6 Grain	27	22	5
	5 Vegetable	422	422	5
	2 Sod	40	40	2
	1 Fruit	15	15	1
	1 Poultry	60	0	0
State Total	121	1,984	1,908	115
TOTALS	742	26,700	23,140	666

11/ Includes master applications received cover 2,559 employers in all eight Region IV States covering most of listed occupations/tasks. These employers chose to be part of a Master Application and are not individually listed in the table data.

REGION V STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
ILLINOIS	1 Horticulture	26	26	1
	1 Brush Clearer	1	0	0
	State Total	27	26	1
INDIANA	None	200	0	0
MICHIGAN	1 Christmas Trees	75	75	1
	2 Vegetables	12	5	1
	1 Horticulture	100	100	1
State Total	4	187	180	3
MINNESOTA	1 Horticultural	20	13	1
	2 Grain	15	15	2
	3 Livestock	10	0	0
	2 Dairy	2	0	0
	4 Vegetable	8	8	4
State Total	12	55	36	7
OHIO	9 Horticultural	491	479	9
	3 Vegetables	62	61	3
	1 Tobacco	7	7	1
	1 Fruit	4	4	1
State Total	14	564	551	14
WISCONSIN	1 Vegetables	1	1	1

	3 Dairy	3	1	1
	4 Grain	26	8	3
State Total	8	30	10	5
TOTAL	40	863	803	30

REGION VI STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
ARKANSAS	1 Apple	8	8	1
	2 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	11	11	2
	8 Diversified Crops	561	561	8
	7 Farmwork	45	45	6
	1 Livestock	2	2	1
	1 Sugarcane, Mechanical	142	142	1
	1 Sugarcane, Manual	232	232	1
	1 Sweet Potato	12	12	1
	12 Tomato	300	300	12
State Total	34	1,313	1,313	33
LOUISIANA	4 Diversified Crops	59	59	3
	8 Farmwork	274	274	6
	1 Horticultural	82	82	1
	3 Nursery	34	34	2
	1 Strawberry	9	9	1
LOUISIANA (Continued)	3 Sugarcane, Mechanical	40	40	3

	6 Sugarcane, Manual	66	66	6
	1 Sweet Potato	220	220	1
State Total	27	784	784	23
NEW MEXICO	1 Sheep Shearer	3	3	1
	3 Farmwork	6	6	3
State Total	4	9	9	4
OKLAHOMA	69 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	434	434	65
	1 Farmwork	1	1	1
	1 Strawberry	12	12	1
State Total	71	447	447	67
TEXAS	159 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	942	942	140
	4 Apple	6	6	4
	2 Cabbage	82	82	1
	3 Citrus	14	14	1
	1 Cranberry	3	3	1
	28 Farmwork	247	247	20
	2 Hay	8	8	1
	4 Horticultural	20	20	3
TEXAS (Continued)	5 Diversified Crops	88	88	4
	18 Livestock	45	45	13

	1 Shepherd	1	1	1
	1 Sod	2	2	1
	4 Vegetable	36	34	3
	2 Vegetable/Berry	10	10	1
State Total	234	1,504	1,502	194
TOTAL	370	4,057	4,055	317

REGION VII STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
IOWA	1 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	1	1	1
	1 Dairy Helper	14	14	1
	1 Farmworker, Grain	6	6	1
	1 Farmworker, Livestock	1	1	1
	1 Nursery	1	0	0
	3 Poultry	150	50	1
State Total	8	173	72	5
KANSAS	2 Nursery	58	29	1
	43 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	220	171	36
	2 Custom Combine Crew Manager	2	0	0
State Total	47	280	200	37
MISSOURI	1 Goatherder	4	4	1
	1 Nursery	10	0	1
MISSOURI (Continued)	1 Tobacco Tractor Driver/Laborer	1	0	0

	1 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	2	0	0
	1 Dairy	4	4	1
State Total	5	21	8	3
NEBRASKA	2 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	6	0	0
	3 Farmworker	13	5	2
	2 Dairy	2	1	1
	1 Horse Trainer	1	0	0
	1 Nursery	8	0	0
	7 Potato	84	52	6
	4 Livestock	4	2	2
State Total	20	112	60	11
TOTAL	80	586	340	56

REGION VIII STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED	
COLORADO	1 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	4	4	1	
	1 Orchard Worker	1	1	1	
	9 Livestock Worker	39	39	9	
	85 Sheepherder	126	126	85	
	1 Sheepshearer	16	16	1	
	State Total	97	186	186	97
MONTANA	1 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	6	6	1	
	36 Irrigating	75	75	36	
	1 Nursery	18	18	1	
	18 Sheepherder	26	26	18	
	6 Farmworker	9	9	6	
	State Total	62	134	134	62
NORTH DAKOTA	4 Farmworker	15	15	4	
	1 Goatherder	1	1	1	
	1 Beekeeper	6	6	1	
	State Total	6	22	22	6

SOUTH DAKOTA	2 Shepherder	5	5	2
	1 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	2	2	1
	1 Livestock	1	1	1
State Total	4	8	8	4
UTAH	2 Sheepshearer	9	9	2
	92 Shepherder	153	153	92
State Total	94	162	162	94
WYOMING	1 Lamber	2	2	1
	1 Range Calver	12	12	1
	53 Shepherder	132	132	53
	3 Sheepshearer	24	24	3
	3 Wool Grader	24	24	3
	5 Livestock	7	7	5
State Total	66	201	201	66
TOTAL	329	713	713	329

REGION IX STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
ARIZONA	1 Irrigation	5	5	1
	4 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	32	10	1
	46 Shepherder	79	77	46
	1 Vegetable/Poultry	5	0	0
State Total	52	121	92	48
CALIFORNIA	2 Grape	23	22	2
	249 Shepherder	357	357	249
	2 Onion	43	43	2
	2 Diversified Crops	550	0	0
State Total	255	973	514	253
HAWAII	None			
NEVADA	3 Irrigation	85	85	3
	1 Livestock	1	1	1
	10 Onion/Garlic	894	894	10
	48 Shepherder	83	83	48
	2 Custom Combine/Farm Machine	2	0	0

NEVADA State Total	64	1,065	1,063	62
TOTAL	371	2,159	1,669	363

REGION X STATES

STATE	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY CROP	WORKERS REQUESTED	WORKERS CERTIFIED	APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED
ALASKA	1 Farm Worker	11	10	1
State Total	1	6	6	1
IDAHO	3 Farm Worker	7	8	3
	94 Irrigation	480	373	93
	247 Shepherder	387	385	246
	1 Sheep Shearer	22	22	1
	1 Wool Grader	3	3	1
State Total	348	916	807	346
OREGON	2 Farm Worker	5	1	1
	37 Shepherder	45	45	37
	1 Nursery	60	60	1
	3 Nursery, Crew Leader	33	31	3
	1 Vineyard Worker, Fruit II	2	0	0
State Total	44	145	137	42
WASHINGTON	10 Shepherder	13	13	10
State Total	10	13	13	5
TOTAL	403	1,080	963	394