

# OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

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

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

| FYTD  | Q1    | Q2    | Q3 | Q4 | % Change FY 2017 |
|-------|-------|-------|----|----|------------------|
| 7,483 | 2,756 | 4,727 | -- | -- | 15.4%            |

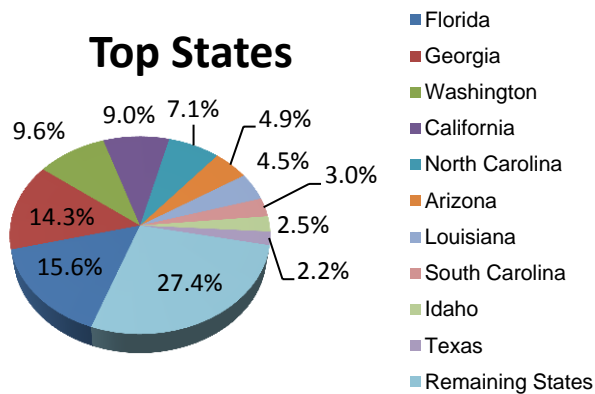
### Applications Processed

| Determination                       | FYTD    | Q1     | Q2     | Q3 | Q4 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|----|----|
| <b>Total Determinations</b>         | 6,674   | 1,731  | 4,943  | -- | -- |
| - Certified                         | 6,482   | 1,626  | 4,856  | -- | -- |
| - Denied                            | 74      | 39     | 35     | -- | -- |
| - Withdrawn                         | 118     | 66     | 52     | -- | -- |
| <b>Positions Requested</b>          | 115,142 | 33,609 | 81,533 | -- | -- |
| <b>Positions Certified</b>          | 112,214 | 31,866 | 80,348 | -- | -- |
| <b>Processed Timely<sup>2</sup></b> | 92.1%   | 96.7%  | 90.2%  | -- | -- |

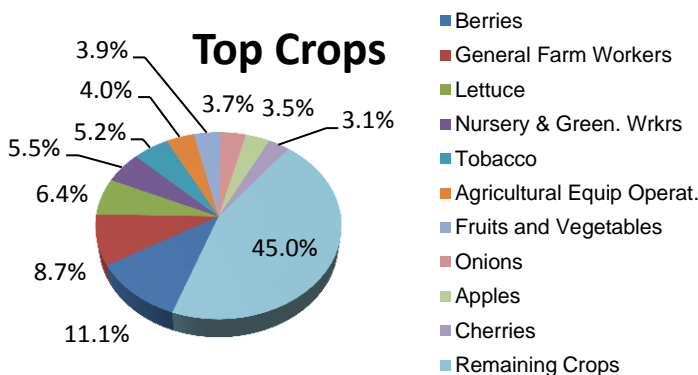
### Selected Statistics by Worker Positions Certified

| Review of Positions Certified FY 2018 YTD<br>(% of total certified FY 2018 YTD) |   |        |       |
|---|---|--------|-------|
| <b>Top 10 States</b>  | Florida                                       | 17,493 | 15.6% |
|   | Georgia                                       | 16,004 | 14.3% |
|   | Washington                                    | 10,751 | 9.6%  |
|   | California                                    | 10,092 | 9.0%  |
|   | North Carolina                                | 7,952  | 7.1%  |
|   | Arizona                                       | 5,496  | 4.9%  |
|   | Louisiana                                     | 5,014  | 4.5%  |
|   | South Carolina                                | 3,410  | 3.0%  |
|   | Idaho   | 2,811  | 2.5%  |
|   | Texas   | 2,461  | 2.2%  |
| <b>Top 10 Employers</b>   | North Carolina Growers Association (NCGA)     | 4,441  | 4.0%  |
|   | Washington Farm Labor Association (WAFLA)     | 2,651  | 2.4%  |
|   | Fresh Harvest, Inc.                           | 2,453  | 2.2%  |
|   | Elkhorn Packing Co., LLC                      | 2,053  | 1.8%  |
|   | Zirkle Fruit Company                          | 1,863  | 1.7%  |
|   | Foothill Packing, Inc.                        | 1,624  | 1.4%  |
|   | Farm Op, Inc.                                 | 957    | 0.9%  |
|   | Virginia Agricultural Growers Assoc. (VAGA)   | 925    | 0.8%  |
|   | A. Oseguera Company, Inc.                     | 891    | 0.8%  |
|   | Hamilton Growers, Inc.                        | 833    | 0.7%  |
| <b>Top 10 Crops/ Occupations</b>  | Berries <sup>3</sup>                          | 12,418 | 11.1% |
|   | General Farm Workers                          | 9,802  | 8.7%  |
|   | Lettuce <sup>4</sup>                          | 7,131  | 6.4%  |
|   | Nursery and Greenhouse Workers                | 6,119  | 5.5%  |
|   | Tobacco <sup>5</sup>                          | 5,859  | 5.2%  |
|   | Agricultural Equipment Operators <sup>6</sup> | 4,530  | 4.0%  |
|   | Fruits and Vegetables                         | 4,368  | 3.9%  |
|   | Onions <sup>7</sup>                           | 4,098  | 3.7%  |
|   | Apples <sup>8</sup>                           | 3,951  | 3.5%  |
|   | Cherries <sup>9</sup>                         | 3,426  | 3.1%  |

### Top States



### Top Crops



<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, Raspberries and Strawberries.

<sup>4</sup>Lettuce Category includes listed Primary Crops of Iceberg, Lettuce and Romaine.

<sup>5</sup>Tobacco Category includes Primary Crops of Burley as well as Cutting, Flue-Cured, Setting, and Stripping Tobacco.

<sup>6</sup>Agricultural Equipment Operators Category includes Primary Crops of Agricultural Equipment Operators, Custom Combine and Logging.

<sup>7</sup>Onions Category includes listed Primary Crops of Onions, Sweet Onions, and Vidalia Onions.

<sup>8</sup>Apples Category includes Primary Crop of Apple Drops.

<sup>9</sup>Cherries Category includes listed Primary Crops of Cherries, Sweet Cherries and Yellow Cherries.