

Agricultural employment in California

2012 agricultural workforce survey

Nearly two-thirds of farmers who responded to a 2012 survey by the California Farm Bureau Federation said they experienced challenges finding enough employees to help tend and harvest crops. In response to this widespread challenge, CFBF, in partnership with the Agricultural Workforce Coalition, shared with legislators the unique workforce needs of California farms. Priorities for CFBF include flexibility to account for the unpredictable, seasonal labor needs on farms in California and throughout the nation.

The results of the 2012 online Farm Bureau survey included responses from nearly 800 of its members about their experience during the harvest season. Access the report, ["Walking the Tightrope: California Farmers Struggle with Employee Shortages"](#) (PDF, 334 KB). The organization has developed a similar survey for the 2013 harvest, and invites California farmers and ranchers to participate.