

# OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

## H-2A Temporary Agricultural Labor Certification Program - Selected Statistics, FY 2016 YTD

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

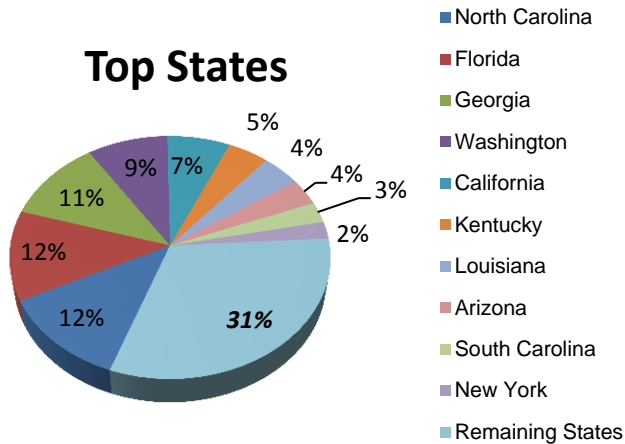
FYTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% QTR Change FY15
7,762	1,755	3,861	2,146	--	17.7%

### Applications Processed

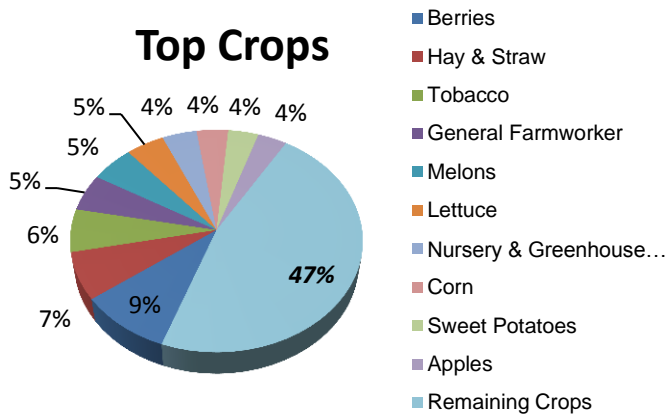
Determination	FYTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Total Determinations</b>	7,392	1,147	3,653	2,592	--
- Certified	7,100	1,065	3,557	2,478	--
- Denied	151	43	54	54	--
- Withdrawn	141	39	42	60	--
<b>Positions Requested</b>	138,634	24,564	52,288	61,782	--
<b>Positions Certified</b>	133,739	23,780	50,959	59,000	--
<b>Processed Timely<sup>2</sup></b>	94.4%	99.3%	90.5%	96.2%	--

Review of Positions Certified FYTD (% of total certified FY 2016)			
<b>Top 10 States</b>	North Carolina	16,334	12.2%
	Florida	16,059	12.0%
	Georgia	14,912	11.2%
	Washington	11,990	9.0%
	California	9,327	7.0%
	Kentucky	6,097	4.6%
	Louisiana	5,791	4.3%
	Arizona	4,737	3.5%
	South Carolina	3,702	2.8%
	New York	3,017	2.3%
<b>Top 10 Employers</b>	North Carolina Growers Association (NCGA)	10,619	7.9%
	Washington Farm Labor Assn. (WAFLA)	8,497	6.4%
	Fresh Harvest, Inc.	3,507	2.6%
	Zirkle Fruit Company	2,596	1.9%
	Elkhorn Packing Company	2,174	1.6%
	Rodrigo Gutierrez-Tapia	2,198	1.6%
	Virginia Agricultural Growers Assn. (VAGA)	1,642	1.2%
	R and R Harvesting, Inc.	1,585	1.2%
	Foothills Packing, Inc.	1,340	1.0%
	Triple F Harvesting, LLC	997	0.7%
<b>Top 10 Crops/Occupations</b>	Berries <sup>3</sup>	12,605	9.4%
	Hay and Straw <sup>4</sup>	9,249	6.9%
	Tobacco <sup>5</sup>	8,372	6.3%
	General Farmworker	7,198	5.4%
	Melons <sup>6</sup>	7,103	5.3%
	Lettuce <sup>7</sup>	6,264	4.7%
	Nursery and Greenhouse Workers	5,626	4.2%
	Corn <sup>8</sup>	5,165	3.9%
	Apples <sup>9</sup>	4,954	3.7%
	Sweet Potatoes	4,762	3.6%

### Top States



### Top Crops



<sup>1</sup> Please note that applications received will not match posted disclosure data as this data set only includes adjudicated applications.

<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, 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>Hay and Straw Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Alfalfa and Hay and Straw

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

<sup>6</sup>Melon Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Cantaloupes, Melons, and Watermelons

<sup>7</sup>Lettuce Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Iceberg, Lettuce and Romaine

<sup>8</sup>Corn Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Corn and Sweet Corn

<sup>9</sup>Apples Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Apple Drops, Apples, Dwarf Apples, and Granny Apples