

# OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

## H-2A Temporary Agricultural Labor Certification Program - Selected Statistics, FY 2017

### Applications Received

| FY 2017 | Q1    | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    | % Change FY16 |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 10,115  | 2,355 | 4,131 | 2,438 | 1,191 | 14.9%         |

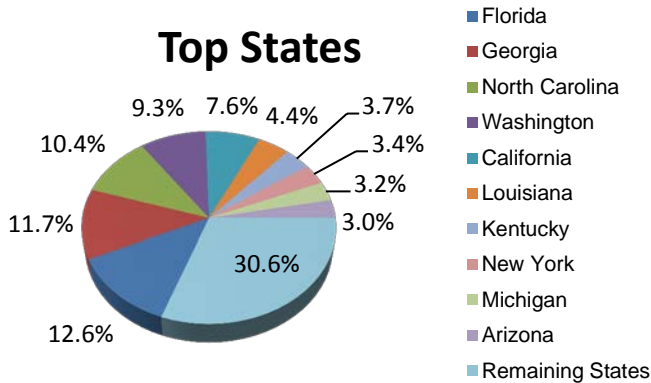
### Applications Processed

| Determination                          | FY 2017 | Q1     | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Total Determinations</b>            | 10,097  | 1,549  | 4,418  | 2,690  | 1,440  |
| - Certified                            | 9,797   | 1,495  | 4,334  | 2,601  | 1,367  |
| - Denied                               | 144     | 28     | 39     | 45     | 32     |
| - Withdrawn                            | 156     | 26     | 45     | 44     | 41     |
| <b>Positions Requested<sup>1</sup></b> | 206,156 | 28,964 | 70,409 | 65,405 | 41,378 |
| <b>Positions Certified</b>             | 200,049 | 28,013 | 68,834 | 62,966 | 40,236 |
| <b>Processed Timely<sup>2</sup></b>    | 97.6%   | 98.7%  | 98.0%  | 97.1%  | 95.9%  |

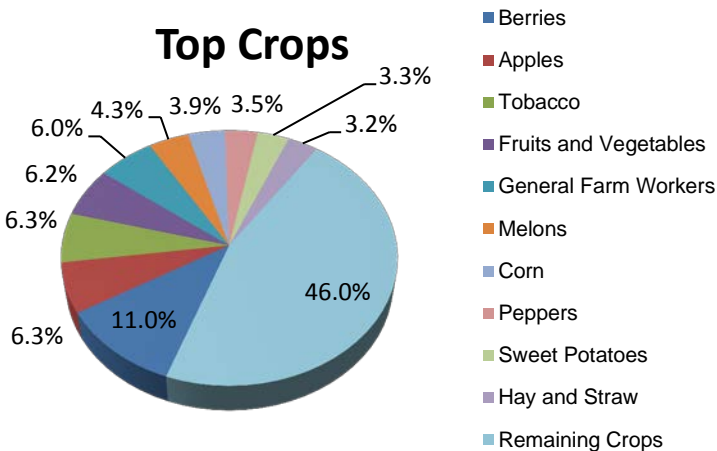
### Review of Positions Certified FY 2017 (% of total certified FY 2017)

|                                 |  |        |       |
|---------------------------------|--|--------|-------|
| <b>Top 10 States</b>            | Florida                                    | 25,303 | 12.6% |
|                                 | Georgia                                    | 23,421 | 11.7% |
|                                 | North Carolina                             | 20,713 | 10.4% |
|                                 | Washington                                 | 18,535 | 9.3%  |
|                                 | California                                 | 15,232 | 7.6%  |
|                                 | Louisiana                                  | 8,875  | 4.4%  |
|                                 | Kentucky                                   | 7,403  | 3.7%  |
|                                 | New York                                   | 6,870  | 3.4%  |
|                                 | Michigan                                   | 6,432  | 3.2%  |
|                                 | Arizona                                    | 6,060  | 3.0%  |
| <b>Top 10 Employers</b>         | North Carolina Growers Association, Inc.   | 11,947 | 6.0%  |
|                                 | WAFLA                                      | 7,134  | 3.6%  |
|                                 | Fresh Harvest, Inc.                        | 4,623  | 2.3%  |
|                                 | Zirkle Fruit Company                       | 2,970  | 1.5%  |
|                                 | Elkhorn Packing Co, LLC                    | 2,653  | 1.3%  |
|                                 | Stemilt Ag. Services LLC.                  | 2,082  | 1.0%  |
|                                 | R & R Harvesting, Inc.                     | 1,999  | 1.0%  |
|                                 | Foothill Packing, Inc.                     | 1,854  | 0.9%  |
|                                 | Peri & Sons Farms, Inc.                    | 1,739  | 0.9%  |
|                                 | Virginia Agricultural Growers Assoc., Inc. | 1,602  | 0.8%  |
| <b>Top 10 Crops/Occupations</b> | Berries <sup>3</sup>                       | 21,946 | 11.0% |
|                                 | Apples <sup>4</sup>                        | 12,697 | 6.3%  |
|                                 | Tobacco <sup>5</sup>                       | 12,534 | 6.3%  |
|                                 | Fruits and Vegetables                      | 12,465 | 6.2%  |
|                                 | General Farm Workers                       | 12,037 | 6.0%  |
|                                 | Melons <sup>6</sup>                        | 8,535  | 4.3%  |
|                                 | Corn <sup>7</sup>                          | 7,818  | 3.9%  |
|                                 | Peppers <sup>8</sup>                       | 6,903  | 3.5%  |
|                                 | Sweet Potatoes                             | 6,662  | 3.3%  |
|                                 | Hay and Straw <sup>9</sup>                 | 6,411  | 3.2%  |

### Top States



### Top Crops



<sup>1</sup> Positions requested 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 Primary Crops of Berries, Blackberries, Blueberries, Cranberries, Raspberries, and Strawberries.

<sup>4</sup>Apples Category includes Primary Crops of Apple Drops and Apples.

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

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

<sup>7</sup>Corn Category includes Primary Crops of Corn and Sweet Corn.

<sup>8</sup>Peppers Category includes Primary Crops of Bell Peppers, Chili Peppers, Jalapeno Peppers, Peppers, and Sweet Peppers

<sup>9</sup>Hay and Straw Category includes Primary Crops of Alfalfa and Hay and Straw.