



Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is *The California Farm Labor Force: Overview and Trends from the National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS)*. This report was produced by Aguirre, International and is based on data collected through the U.S. Department of Labor's National Agricultural Worker Survey (NAWS).

This report was initiated as a result of a collaboration between the California Office of Binational Border Health (COBBH), California-Mexico Health Initiative, California Program on Access to Care (CPAC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 (USEPA Region 9). The purpose of this report is to update the 1998 NAWS report on California farmworkers and to provide agencies and organizations the most current demographic information collected through the survey. NAWS data collected in 2003 and 2004, with additional data from surveys dating back to 1989 to study trends over time, are the basis of the findings discussed in the report. We hope the information provided in the report will help all of us in our efforts to protect and improve the health of farmworkers.

The report is also available in electronic form at [www.EPA.gov](http://www.EPA.gov). If you have questions about the report please contact Katy Wilcoxon of EPA Region 9 at 415/947-4205 or Alfonso Rodriguez of COBBH at 619/692-5766.

Sincerely,

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