

**APPENDIX O:
INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR NON-WHD AGRICULTURE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY EXPERTS**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD), which oversees the Fair Labor Standard Act (FLSA) and the application of that Act to youth agricultural workers, is evaluating its Child Labor program. As part of this evaluation, Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG) has been asked to look at how to improve compliance with child labor laws in agriculture as well as how to reduce injuries, illnesses and fatalities to youth agricultural workers. The purpose of this interview is to gain a better understanding of the risks faced by youth agricultural workers and identify potential strategies for WHD to reduce occupational injuries to these workers.

1. What are the leading causes of occupational injury to youth agricultural workers?
 - a. Are these the same causes of injury for adults? If not, what makes these causes so problematic for youth? If so, does the severity of the injury differ for youth versus adults?
2. Do agricultural injuries vary by region (i.e. Midwest versus southwest)? If so, how do the injuries vary?
3. Based on your experience, what are the most effective ways to reduce occupational injuries, illnesses and fatalities to youth agricultural workers?
 - a. What can youth workers do to be safe while working in agricultural jobs?
 - b. What can the agriculture employers do to ensure the safety of their youth workers?
4. Can you describe the trends in the types or causes of occupational agricultural injuries over time? What do you think will be the leading causes of agricultural injuries over the next 10 – 20 years?
5. What do you think are the most effective way to provide youth workers with information on agricultural safety? To agricultural employers?
6. How effective do you think WHD investigations are at improving compliance with child labor laws in agriculture?
7. How effective do you think WHD investigations are for reducing occupational injuries, illnesses and fatalities to youth agricultural workers?
8. Do you have any suggestions for strategies WHD can use to reduce occupational injuries, illnesses and fatalities to youth agricultural workers?