

Do Your Jobs.

We work hard for America. When will you work for us?

We do our job, now it's time for you to do yours and GIVE US A VOTE on immigration reform.

There are 40 days left in the year. While you have given yourself 32 of those days off, Americans have to work hard every day.

Here's a snapshot (continued on reverse side) of how hard aspiring Americans are working to put your Thanksgiving dinner on the table. These workers, and all Americans, need you to act on immigration reform.

YOUR TURKEY

- Turkey plant workers [handle up to 30 turkeys every minute](#). That adds up to 20,000 cuts per shift.
- One [typical turkey plant worker](#) starts her day at 7 am, hauling hundreds of seven-pound plates with one hand each hour. By the time she returns home to cook dinner for her own family, she struggles to hold a spoon and needs both hands to carry her dinner plate.
- [Wages in poultry processing](#) are generally about \$11-12 per hour, putting a worker below the federal poverty line for a two-child family. Additionally, *every employer* surveyed by the Dept. of Labor in 2010 had not paid workers for all hours worked.

YOUR PUMPKIN

- One investigation of working conditions in New Mexico pumpkin farms found that workers were working every day, [up to 70 hours a week](#).
- They found dirt and algae in the drinking water, and [bird feces in the shower pipes](#). Workers had no place to wash clothing.
- Nearly 70 pumpkin pickers had been [hospitalized for respiratory illnesses](#).

YOUR APPLES

- Among all crops, 26% of unauthorized farmworkers live [next to an area where pesticide is applied](#). This is especially dangerous for apple pickers: according to the [Environmental Working Group](#), apples are among the crops with the most residue of toxic pesticides.

A TURKEY DONATION FOR THE NEEDY

On behalf of Americans across this nation that have to work on Thanksgiving, and the back-breaking work of immigrant workers that produced the turkey you will enjoy, we are donating \$25 towards a turkey to DC Central Kitchen, which will serve the needy a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

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YOUR VEGETABLES

- **197 days a year:** the [average workload](#) of an undocumented farmworker--squeezed into 36 weeks of seasonal work. (The average authorized worker works 185 days a year.)
- 37% of undocumented farmworkers [work](#) over 250 days a year.
- **53 hours a week:** the [average work week](#) of skilled farmworkers (in tasks such as irrigation).
- **\$318 a week:** the [average wage](#) of a noncitizen cropworker in 2006.
- 52% of all migrant farmworkers live in [overcrowded housing](#).
- Undocumented farmworkers are [50% more likely to lack access to a sanitary facility](#) than authorized workers.
- 17.8% of undocumented farmworkers reported [muscle or skeletal injuries](#) in the past year. Only 9.8% of undocumented farmworkers have health insurance.

YOUR SWEET POTATOES

- Farmworkers are paid [40 cents per bucket](#) of sweet potatoes. A farmworker who hauls two tons of sweet potatoes earns only \$50.
- In North Carolina, where much of the nation's sweet potato crop is harvested, [thousands of children under 14 labor as farmworkers](#). The state legislature rejected a bill that would have ended this child labor.

YOUR WINE

- The most skilled California grape pickers (who are disproportionately immigrant workers) can pick [two tons of grapes](#) over the course of a very long workday. Most workers pick at least a ton of grapes a day.
- According to the UFW, in the time it takes Congress to hold a vote (15 minutes), a grape-picker has picked 4 30-pound buckets' worth of grapes.
- According to the [Oxford Companion to the Wines of North America](#), "the ratio of effort to dollars" in vineyard work "is paltry compared to just about any other US job."

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