

A PROGRAM OF AWARDS FOR FARM LABOR CAMPS

PURPOSE:

To give public recognition to those migratory farm labor camps that best exemplify the standards of good camps and camp maintenance.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AN AWARD:

A camp is eligible for consideration for an award if its operator (grower, processor, nurseryman) employs migratory agricultural workers and provides housing for one or more such workers during the farming season. One or more awards will be made annually. The selection will be made by the Massachusetts Governor's Advisory Committee on Migratory Labor, acting as a whole, on the basis of factual information carefully gathered during the current year. In making the selection consideration shall be given to all parts of the Commonwealth and to all types of agricultural activity.

REQUIREMENTS:

For an award, specific criteria that must be considered in selecting a camp are the following: compliance with requirements of the Massachusetts Sanitation and Housing Code for Labor Camps as a minimal consideration; provisions for family life where appropriate; the quality of the relationship between the employer and the workers; cooperation with appropriate public and private health and welfare agencies; regular payment of wages based at least on the prevailing wage level established in the

State; compliance with the Old Age and Survivors Insurance law and Workman's Compensation law; healthy and reasonable working conditions; interest of employer in the total well-being of his workers, including his willingness to permit his workers to take advantage of religious, educational, and recreational opportunities. In selecting award winning growers, special consideration shall be given to those provisions of agricultural labor contracts which provide protection for the worker, such as: safe transportation and insurance coverage during transportation; health, accident and life insurance. Crew leaders must be registered.

YOU MAY NOMINATE:

Anyone may nominate employers for consideration to the Massachusetts Advisory Committee on Migratory Labor. Such nomination is to be made by sending a signed letter taking into account, to the extent of your knowledge, the requirements as outlined above, to:

The Awards Sub-committee
Governor's Committee on Migratory Labor
P. O. Box 67
Dartmouth, Massachusetts 02714

WHEN YOU MAY NOMINATE:

Nominations for a given year should be made as early as possible, not later than September 1.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD:

Awards will be made in the Fall by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or his representative.