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U.S./Mexico Accord Working Group
Migrant Farm Labor Work Plan

NASDA Action Steps	Timeline	AMSDA Action Steps	Timeline
<p>1. NASDA will inform federal officials of NASDA's policy supporting migrant farm labor reform and encourage officials to reinitiate immigration discussions with Mexico and focus on reforming the current migrant farm labor program, H2-A, in order to create an accessible, reliable and safe program for producers and laborers alike.</p>	Ongoing	<p>1. AMSDA will consider steps that the Mexican government might take to increase U.S. public support for reform of U.S. laws affecting migratory workers in order to create an accessible, reliable and safe program for producers and laborers alike.</p>	To be determined by AMSDA
<p>2. NASDA requested that each state department of agriculture identify a contact person on farm labor issues. Contact list will be made available to the U.S. / Mexico Accord Working Group, NASDA's Farm Labor Task Force, and other interested NASDA and AMSDA members.</p>	Ongoing	<p>2. AMSDA will request that each state secretary of agriculture identify a contact person in each state and make the contact list available to the U.S. / Mexico Accord Working Group and interested members of AMSDA and NASDA.</p>	To be determined by AMSDA
<p>3. NASDA will prepare and conduct a survey of each state department of agriculture on farm labor issues. Among the questions will be whether or not their states obtain migrant farm labor and from where, what agriculture industries need farm labor and what expertise is needed. Other information may be collected, including the state regulatory agency that oversees migrant farm labor in each U.S. state and a point of contact.</p>	April 2003	<p>3. AMSDA will prepare and conduct a survey of each state department of agriculture on farm labor. Among the survey items will be whether or not the state has a migratory labor program, agricultural expertise and/or training programs for migratory workers in agricultural fields, and where migratory workers from the state go to work in the United States. Other information may be collected, including identification of the agency with responsibility for migratory affairs in the state, and a point of contact in that agency.</p>	To be determined by AMSDA
<p>4. NASDA and AMSDA will exchange survey information as appropriate to accomplish mutual goals.</p>	Working group will determine	<p>4. NASDA and AMSDA will exchange survey information as appropriate to accomplish mutual goals.</p>	Working group will determine
<p>5. NASDA will post key contacts, program information, appropriate resources and what U.S. states need farm labor and what types on its web site. Website could include additional information gathered from the survey findings from NASDA and AMSDA.</p>	After evaluation of survey results	<p>5. With AMSDA's input and help, website information will also be presented in a Spanish language format.</p>	After evaluation of survey results
<p>6. NASDA members are encouraged to begin individual discussions with the regulatory entities within their state that have direct jurisdiction over migrant farm labor issues to review how the regulatory process works in their state and to determine if there are opportunities for state departments of agriculture to assist producers in the process.</p>	Ongoing	<p>6. AMSDA members are encouraged to begin individual discussions with state agencies with responsibility for migratory affairs within their state to determine if they would like to establish more formal relationships with agricultural and/or labor authorities in the U.S. states that are important destinations for their migrants.</p>	To be determined by AMSDA

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<p>7. NASDA will monitor congressional action on legislative reform of H2-A and immigration laws and take action as appropriate. NASDA will prepare a white paper based on information collected in the survey and if necessary, will prepare testimony for NASDA leadership.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>7. AMSDA may prepare a report based on information collected in AMSDA's farm labor survey.</p>	<p>To be determined by AMSDA</p>
<p>8. NASDA and AMSDA will collaborate in developing a pilot program between the United States and Mexico similar to the current Mexico-Canada farm labor program. Working group recommends that at least one state from each region in the United States (South, West, Midwest and Northeast) participate in the pilot with potential for more. AMSDA will identify appropriate states for collaboration.</p>	<p>Working group will determine</p>	<p>8. NASDA and AMSDA will collaborate in developing a pilot program between the United States and Mexico similar to the current Mexico-Canada farm labor program. Working group recommends that at least one state from each region in the United States (South, West, Midwest and Northeast) participate in the pilot with potential for more. AMSDA will identify appropriate states for collaboration.</p>	<p>Working group will determine</p>