

OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

H-2A Temporary Agricultural Labor Certification Program - Selected Statistics, FY 2016

Applications Received¹

FY 2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% FY Change FY15
8,801	1,755	3,861	2,145	1,040	16.4%

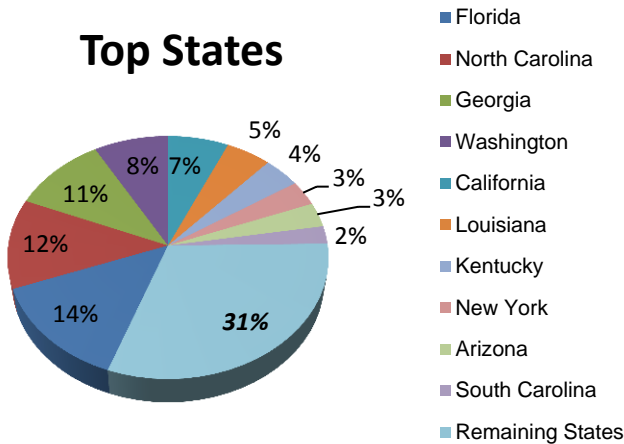
Applications Processed

Determination	FY 2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total Determinations	8,684	1,146	3,649	2,577	1,312
- Certified	8,297	1,064	3,553	2,468	1,212
- Denied	188	43	54	49	42
- Withdrawn	199	39	42	60	58
Positions Requested	172,654	24,563	52,216	61,373	34,502
Positions Certified	165,741	23,779	50,887	58,753	32,322
Processed Timely²	95.0%	99.3%	90.5%	96.6%	98.1%

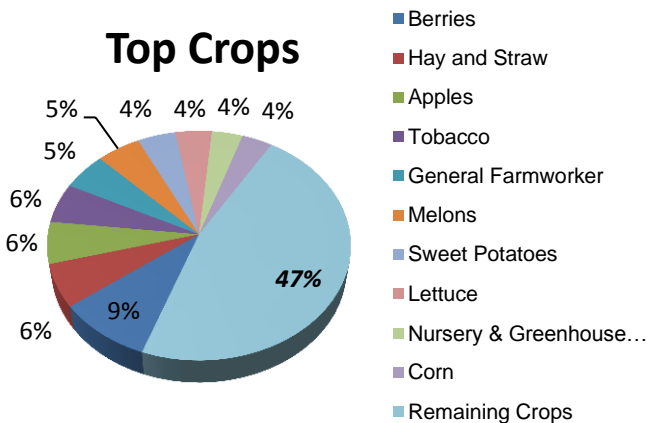
Review of Positions Certified FY 2016 (% of total certified FY 2016)

Top 10 States	Florida	22,828	13.8%
	North Carolina	19,786	11.9%
	Georgia	17,392	10.5%
	Washington	13,689	8.3%
	California	11,106	6.7%
	Louisiana	8,301	5.0%
	Kentucky	6,779	4.1%
	New York	5,522	3.3%
	Arizona	5,391	3.3%
	South Carolina	3,896	2.4%
Top 10 Employers	North Carolina Growers Association (NCGA)	12,161	7.3%
	Washington Farm Labor Assn. (WAFLA)	9,455	5.7%
	Fresh Harvest, Inc.	3,819	2.3%
	Rodrigo Gutierrez-Tapia	3,182	1.9%
	Zirkle Fruit Company	2,596	1.6%
	Elkhorn Packing Company	2,304	1.4%
	Peri & Sons Farms, Inc.	2,003	1.2%
	Virginia Agricultural Growers Assn. (VAGA)	1,642	1.0%
	R and R Harvesting, Inc.	1,638	1.0%
	Alewelt Concrete, Inc.	1,343	0.8%
Top 10 Crops/Occupations	Berries ³	15,335	9.3%
	Hay and Straw ⁴	10,066	6.1%
	Apples ⁵	9,764	5.9%
	Tobacco ⁶	9,269	5.6%
	General Farmworker	8,717	5.3%
	Melons ⁷	8,513	5.1%
	Sweet Potatoes	7,426	4.5%
	Lettuce ⁸	7,060	4.3%
	Nursery and Greenhouse Workers	6,008	3.6%
	Corn ⁹	5,893	3.6%

Top States



Top Crops



¹ Please note that applications received will not match posted disclosure data as this data set only includes adjudicated applications.

² Percent of complete H-2A applications resolved 30 days before the start date of need. A complete H-2A application is defined as one containing all the documentation (e.g., housing inspection report, recruitment report) necessary for the OFLC Certifying Officer to issue a final determination 30 days before the start date of need.

Data as of September 30, 2016. All figures are rounded and not audited.

³Berries Category includes listed Primary Crops of Berries, Blackberries, Blueberries, Raspberries, and Strawberries

⁴Hay and Straw Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Alfalfa and Hay and Straw

⁵Apples Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Apple Drops, Apples, Dwarf Apples, and Granny Apples

⁶Tobacco Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Air-Cured, Burley, Cutting, Flue-Cured, Setting, Stripping and Tobacco

⁷Melon Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Cantaloupes, Melons, and Watermelons

⁸Lettuce Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Iceberg, Lettuce and Romaine

⁹Corn Category includes of listed Primary Crops of Corn and Sweet Corn