

VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Directors and Field Office Managers
FROM: *Shelby J. Robinson*
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SUBJECT: Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Estimates/Outreach Counties
DATE: January 23, 2009

For the Program Year beginning July 1, 2009, MSFW outreach will be conducted as in previous years within the counties assigned and described in this memorandum. Instructions for conducting the subject estimates are provided below and only affect the nine offices assigned farm placement staff and listed in this memorandum.

In past MSFW estimates, the VEC has physically visited with or otherwise formally communicated among a wide variety of knowledgeable individuals or agencies to develop the subject estimates for each county in the Commonwealth. This year we will build upon and refine those estimates using the agency staff as subject matter experts rather than physically visiting previous contacts. Consultation with Telamon Corporation is highly recommended, and may be accomplished electronically. We are adopting this strategy due to the uncertain economic environment in which we now operate, the limitations and demands on our physical and financial resources, and the largely unknown effect of these, and other variables on the workforce normally available to hand harvest our crops.

Field office managers having positions for Farm Placement Staff should request from their FPS an estimate of the percent of change they anticipate within the area assigned to the field office (shown below). The estimated percent of change should be for the whole area, and not be county specific. Significant exceptions relating to individual counties should be identified.

Reports on the form below are due to Jack Turner in the Central Office no later than March 2, 2009.

Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Estimate

Virginia - 2009

_____ Field Office
_____ Date
_____ VEC Staff
_____ WIA 167

Listed below is the best estimate of the percent of change (+/-) of MSFWs and H-2A workers by VEC Farm Placement Staff for the area served by the field office identified above:

Seasonal Farmworker (Non H-2A) in the FO Area:

_____ % Change In Unduplicated Total: 2009
_____ % Change In Peak Count: 2009
_____ % Total Non-Working Family Members

Migrant Farmworkers (Non H-2A) in the FO Area:

_____ % Change In Unduplicated Total: 2009
_____ % Change In Peak Count: 2009
_____ % Total Non-Working Family Members

H-2A Farmworkers in the FO Area:

_____ % Change In Unduplicated Total: 2009
_____ % Change In Peak Count: 2009

FIELD OFFICES – COUNTIES

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| <u>Bristol Field Office</u> | Lee, Scott, Wise, Washington, Smyth, Russell, Dickenson, Buchanan, Bland, Wythe, Tazewell, Carroll, Pulaski, Grayson |
| <u>Roanoke Field Office</u> | Montgomery, Floyd, Franklin, Roanoke, Craig, Alleghany, Botetourt, Giles, Bath, Bedford, Rockbridge |
| <u>Warsaw Field Office</u> | Richmond, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Lancaster, Essex, Middlesex, Mathews, King and Queen, Gloucester, King William, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George |
| <u>Charlottesville Field Office</u> | Albemarle, Louisa, Orange, Greene, Amherst, Madison, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Nelson, Buckingham |
| <u>Danville Field Office</u> | Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick, Halifax, Campbell, Charlotte |
| <u>South Hill Field Office</u> | Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Prince Edward, Brunswick, Nottoway, Amelia, Greensville, Powhatan, Appomattox, Cumberland |
| <u>Tri-Cities Field Office</u> | Prince George, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Henrico, Hanover, Surry, Sussex, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Charles City, New Kent, James City, York, Cities of Suffolk, Va Beach, Chesapeake. |
| <u>Winchester Field Office</u> | Frederick, Shenandoah, Rockingham, Highland, Augusta, Page, Warren, Clarke, Loudoun, Fauquier, Prince William, Fairfax, Rappahannock |
| <u>Onley Field Office</u> | Northampton, Accomack |