

Registry of Employers of International Agri-Food Workers

The voluntary registry of employers of international agri-food workers under the agricultural stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) was created to enhance Ontario's support of the agri-food sector during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

This registry helps the province better coordinate its planning and response efforts. It also allows for the development of programs and policies that support Ontario farmers, and the health and safety of workers.

Employers play a key role in keeping workers safe while ensuring a healthy and successful growing season. If you employ and provide housing for international agriculture workers (IAWs) on your farm or agri-food business, we encourage you to register.

Benefits

Employers who use the registry will receive targeted information about:

- resources to support their employees' wellness, health and safety
- their responsibilities as employers
- new programs and services
- reminders of upcoming events or deadlines
- changes to legislation or housing standards

Through the voluntary registry, Ontario is also providing HEPA filter units at no cost to employers with international agri-food workers living in congregate settings while supplies last.



Why it's important

The registry will help the ministry:

- address emergency situations effectively (e.g. COVID-19 pandemic)
- identify health and safety resources that workers need
- improve communication with employers and IAWs about their rights and responsibilities
- allow targeted communication regarding relevant information and programming
- expand provincial ministry coordination by sharing information to streamline interactions with employers and reduce red tape
- track changes in the labour profile of workers and in the labour needs of the sector
- support analysis, policy and program development related to the TFWP and IAWs

How to register

To learn more and start your free registration process or update your information, please visit: **Ontario.ca/AgEmployerRegistry**.

This process takes about 15 minutes to complete.

You must have an email address to complete this application. If you don't have an email address, contact the Ministry's Agricultural Information Contact Centre toll-free at 1-877-424-1300.

Employers are encouraged to update their information annually when planning worker needs for the growing season. While participation is **voluntary**, the registry aims to help employers like you keep workers safe.

By working together and sharing information, we can protect workers, while maintaining the operational viability of farming operations and Ontario's agri-food sector.

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