

National Farmworker Awareness Week

NATIONAL LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT DRIVE

JOIN THE EFFORT!



WHAT IS FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK?

National Farmworker Awareness Week (NFAW) is a week of action for communities to bring attention to the multiple challenges farmworkers face, as well as to shed light on and bring honor to the important contributions farmworkers make to our daily lives. We celebrate this week because:

- Farmworkers feed the world
- Being a farmworker is the third most dangerous job in the U.S.
- Farmworkers are treated differently under the law, but they deserve the same rights and protections



As part of AFOP's Health & Safety Programs national effort to bring awareness to the work and lives of farmworkers in the United States, every year we sponsor a long-sleeved shirt drive throughout the United States. Many of AFOP's member organizations and other groups, organizations, and universities have joined our effort to raise awareness about the dangers farmworkers face working with pesticides and under the sun by participating in the national long-sleeved shirt drive.

WHEN IS NFAW?

We celebrate National Farmworker Awareness Week (NFAW) during the week of March 24 – March 31, 2019.



WHY LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS?

Farmworkers face long hours of arduous work exposed to dangerous pesticides and heat stress. Each year, an estimated 1 billion pounds of pesticides are applied to U.S. farms, forests, lawns, and golf courses. Pesticide applicators, farmers, farmworkers, and communities near farms are often most at risk for pesticide exposure and heat-related illnesses. We will provide farmworkers with the long-sleeve shirts collected free of charge as a tool to better protect themselves against the dangers of pesticide exposure and heat stress.

WHY JOIN THE EFFORT?

Why not! If you eat, you are part of agriculture. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the humble farmworker community that works under extreme conditions so we can enjoy the food we eat every day.



WANT TO JOIN THE EFFORT?

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