House Farm Workers!

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FACTS



Total Crop Value

\$2.1 billion



Top 5 Crops

Strawberries \$628 million



Lemons \$269 million



Raspberries \$241 million



Nursery Stock \$180 million



Celery \$152 million

Characteristics

Diverse Small High Value Labor Intensive

The Ventura County Farm Worker



Berry Farming \$24,251

Estimated # of Farm Workers



36,000

Crop Production

\$28,686

Greenhouse, Nursery, and Floriculture Production

\$33,279

Median Age



32 years

Average length of time in the United States

11 years



Spanish Speaking Only

53%



Born in Mexico

96%

Housing in Ventura County

Living in high-poverty, distressed neighborhoods, negatively affects health status into middle and old age. Research suggests that intervention in residential conditions during childhood represents a critical period for effective impact.



Annual income to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

\$62,200

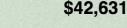




Paramedic \$49,777



Teacher





Secretary **\$35,933**

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