NATIONAL FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK 2023

PREPARED BY STUDENT ACTION WITH FARMWORKERS
National Farmworker Awareness Week, or NFAW, is a week of action for students, community members, organizations, and other groups to honor farmworkers’ important contributions to society and to raise awareness about farmworker issues within their communities.

Partners are asked to create awareness by hosting an event like a film screening, panel discussion, dinner/potluck, social media campaign, or creative project. Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF) has been coordinating NFAW since 1999. The map above shows the states where our 44 NFAW 2023 partners were located, as well as states where non-NFAW partner led events occurred.

This year's NFAW theme was "Things Are Heating Up For Workers." The theme referred to the increasingly harmful effects of climate change on workers, as well as to the harmful effects of our country’s anti-immigrant and anti-worker political climate on workers.

We invited the general public to write to their representatives asking for:

- a federal heat stress standard
- an end to fossil fuel extraction
- humane immigration policies
- a pathway to citizenship for workers
- investigations of the H-2A program

We also asked people to boycott Wendy's to show support for the Fair Food Program.

WHAT IS NATIONAL FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK?
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THINGS ARE HEATING UP FOR WORKERS

SEMANA NACIONAL DE LOS CAMPESINOS

MARCH/MARZO 25–31, 2023

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SAF Student Action with Farmworkers
ABAC CAMP, Arizona State University CAMP Scholars, Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs, Bon Appétit Management Company, Bread for the World, CAMP @ ASU, CATA - The Farmworker Support Committee/El Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas, McKinney-Vento Santa Ana Unified, Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Worker Health at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc., Chicano and Latino Studies at University of Minnesota Twin Cities, College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) at SUNY Oneonta, Duke Campus Farm, East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, El Pueblo, Equitable Food Initiative, Farmworker Advocacy Network aka FALCON, Farmworker Labor and Oral Salud Services (F.L.O.S.S.), Food First, Fresno State CAMP, Green America, Hispanic Federation, Intermountain Christian School, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Legal Aid Justice Center, Little River Medical Center, MAC (Mexican American Council), Mi Pueblo UNC, Migrant Justice, MSU Denver College Assistance Migrant Program, National Farm Worker Ministry, NC State AFL-CIO, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Organization of Latin American Students (Wofford College), Pesticide Action Network North America, Seward Community Co-op, Toxic Free NC, University of Idaho CAMP, UNM CAMP, Valdosta State University College Assistance Migrant Program, Vecinos, Inc., Wake Tech Community College HEP, Workers’ Rights Project at the NC Justice Center
Donate Long Sleeve Shirts
2023 NFAW HIGHLIGHTS

UID CAMP (ID) had Miguel Angel Almeida as their NFAW keynote speaker. Almeida is a Mexican-American artist and muralist living in Boise, Idaho whose work reflects his identity as a first generation Mexican-American.

ABAC CAMP (GA) collected gently used long-sleeve shirts to distribute to local farmworkers to help protect them from harmful pesticides and UV rays. They collected 77 shirts total.

PANNA (CA) had a special e-news featuring a piece written for NFAW 2023 and two other blogs about farmworker health and justice. They also had an action alert on the Protect America’s Children from Toxic Pesticides Act (PACTPA).

El Pueblo (NC) had a letter writing event in front of the NC General Assembly. They shared information about farmworkers and anti-immigrant bills. Over 50 letters were delivered to legislators connected to agriculture.

Hispanic Federation (NC) hosted an event where they helped workers apply for a one-time $600 payment as part of the USDA Farm and Food Worker Relief Program. They also offered backpacks, tamales, and voter registrations.
"Wofford holds a lot of students that are not aware of the issues farmworkers face, so each year it is nice to begin awareness to a part of life that many people fail to think about which is the work that put food in stores and on the table."

Kimberly Tovar; OLAS at Wofford College

"SAF is full of passionate, engaged organizers and I am always so appreciative of the work they put into coordinating this event every year. It's an honor to work with folks with a spectrum of experiences in farming, policy work, and advocacy."

Minnesota NFAW 2023 Partner