

Harvest of Justice 2020 Farm Workers and the Environment

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Sample Social Media posts

Overview/General: https://bit.ly/3iCs21g

Farm workers – men, women, children, documented, undocumented, migrant, resident – are on the front lines of the brunt of climate change. Farm workers feel the first and most severe impacts on their working and living conditions. https://bit.ly/3iCs21g #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

We urge people of faith and conscience to hear the call and stand with farm workers to challenge oppressive systems in order to bring healing to individuals, communities, and the earth. https://bit.ly/3iCs21g #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Our ability to have access to nutrition is intrinsic to the safety of farm workers. Farm workers deserve protection from the dire impacts of climate change. https://bit.ly/3iCs21g #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Global Migration: https://bit.ly/2PNLKuA

According to the UN there may be as many as 200 million climate displaced persons by 2050. So-called natural disasters like hurricanes, tsunamis, heat waves and droughts are becoming more frequent and devastating at an alarming rate. https://bit.ly/2PNLKuA #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

ACT NOW! Support the U.S. ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families! https://bit.ly/2PSunbW **#NFWM #HarvestofJustice**

Heat Stress: https://bit.ly/2DHdfUn

Heat is the leading weather-related killer in the U.S. and even more lethal to farm workers who are working under the hot sun for long hours. Heat has killed more than 780 workers across the country between 1992 and 2016 https://bit.ly/2DHdfUn #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

As temperatures continue to rise with climate change heat stress illnesses and deaths will continue to grow unless there is an intervention. Heat illness can be prevented by access to training, water, shade and rest breaks. https://bit.ly/2DHdfUn #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

ACT NOW! Support the "Asuncion Valdivia Heat Illness and Fatality Prevention Act" (https://bit.ly/314PiyZ) that requires OSHA to implement a national heat stress standard. **#NFWM #HarvestofJustice**

ACT NOW! Sign United Farm Workers' Petition to demand better protections for those working in extreme heat. https://bit.ly/2Ebloir #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Water, Drought, and Wildfires: https://bit.ly/33WwG62

As the intensity and frequency of wildfires increase with climate change so do risks to farm workers. Direct exposure to smoke and heat farm workers is the initial burden placed on an already tenuous set of capitalistic consequences. https://bit.ly/3g3tt77 #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Displacement of farm workers from drought, flood, and wildfires is a concern. Many farm workers live in overcrowded/low quality rental properties near work sites, leaving them vulnerable to predatory-price gouging tactics. https://bit.ly/3g3tt77 #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

ACT NOW! Support "The Farmworker Smoke Protection Act of 2019." https://bit.ly/3h967OY Requires equipment, training, and an official protection standard. **#NFWM #HarvestofJustice**

Pesticides: https://bit.ly/2Cr4NYx

Farm workers are twice as likely to die from pesticide poisoning than workers in other occupations. https://bit.ly/2Cr4NYx #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Many farm workers and their families are exposed to pesticides in their homes near fields. Persistent pesticide exposure has been associated with cancer, depression, diabetes, neurodegenerative diseases and reproductive issues. https://bit.ly/2Cr4NYx #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Farm workers work hard in the fields to support themselves and their families as well as to put food on our plates and support our billion-dollar agricultural industry. Farm workers deserve stronger workplace protections, including protection from pesticides. https://bit.ly/2Cr4NYx **#NFWM #HarvestofJustice**

Farm workers and environmental justice organizations are leading campaigns to document cases of pesticide exposure, ban the use of some of the most dangerous pesticides that are actively used in this country, and educate others. https://bit.ly/2Cr4NYx #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

ACT NOW! Support "Protect Children, Farmers and Farmworkers from Nerve Agent Pesticides Act of 2019" S.921. This bill specifically addresses chlorpyrifos, a neurotoxin especially dangerous to children. https://bit.ly/2Y1BXFL https://bit.ly/2Cr4NYx #NFWM #Harvestoflustice

Natural Disasters: https://bit.ly/3ale7tC

Farm workers remain the least equipped to prepare for hurricanes and the least able to get out of their way. Notices are often only in English. If they do know to evacuate they face fears of detention and deportation. https://bit.ly/3ale7tC #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Farm workers deserve to be able to access safe shelter during times of disaster without the fear of being separated from their families and the ability to earn a living. https://bit.ly/3ale7tC **#NFWM #HarvestofJustice**

Disasters destroy crops, flood fields and shorten the work season. Farm workers already have the lowest incomes of US workers..after so-called natural disasters farm workers have even less pay and very few options to find other work. https://bit.ly/3ale7tC #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

ACT NOW! Reforming immigration policies is one way to ensure that those who are feeding us are safe during disasters. Support the "blue card" bill: https://bit.ly/3ale7tC #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Women & Children: https://bit.ly/3amFzap

Climate change is creating even more challenges for women farm workers. Increased use of pesticides due to faster evaporation rates and more pests put women at even more risk of reproductive health problems and cancers. https://bit.ly/3amFzap #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

The pressure to provide for the family while making very low wages pushes women farm workers to work through breaks putting them at great risk for heat stress related illnesses. https://bit.ly/3amFzap #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

Like general labor laws, laws surrounding pesticides are not adequate to protect youth from great harm. Laws based on toxicity ratings are made to protect the bodies of adults, not the bodies of children who are still developing. https://bit.ly/3amFzap #NFWM #HarvestofJustice

ACT NOW! Advocate for the Children's Act for Responsible Employment and Farm Safety, <u>H.R.</u> 3394, which would end exploitative child labor in U.S. agriculture. https://bit.ly/3amFzap **#NFWM #HarvestofJustice**