

Migrant Workers in Michigan: 1969 Fieldnotes

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ABSTRACT

In the Summer of 1969, Refugio Rochín volunteered with the Michigan Educational Opportunity Program, a derivative of the federally-funded programs of the Office of Educational Opportunity. This paper is a compilation of his field notes from visiting the Heifetz Camp located south of Eaton Rapids. Most of the seasonal migrant farmworkers came from the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas to work cucumbers and were attracted by the higher wages in Michigan. Through a connection with Uvaldo Patiño, Rochín is able to assist farmworkers in obtaining social services.