

# Mutual Concerns of Farmers and Farmworkers: An Agenda for Building Partnerships in Michigan

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## ABSTRACT

The Governor's Interagency Migrant Services Committee holds an annual conference focused on different migrant and seasonal farmworker problems and issues. The 1994 Annual Conference "Building Partnerships: Growers, Farmworkers and Agencies United" was organized to cultivate partnerships among growers, farmworkers, and agencies that deal with farm labor sector concerns. Previous to this conference the Committee agreed to undertake a survey which would gather information from four different perspectives: growers, grower associations, resident seasonal farmworkers, and migratory farmworkers. The survey was designed and developed by the Committee and administered by its respective members. The purpose of this report is to present an analysis of the survey results and the comments made by the participants at the conference. The survey covered 51 growers and grower associations, 35 seasonal farmworkers, and 74 migrant farmworkers. The survey reported herein and the commentary of many respondents constitute a first step towards the incorporation of two traditional, often opposing, points of view on the issues and concerns of utmost importance and value to both. In addition, the conference proceedings, appended in this report, also support the findings of the survey.