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FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Release and Availability of Employment and Training Administration
(ETA) National Agricultural Workers Survey Public Access Data

1. Purpose. To announce the release and availability of the ETA National Agricultural Workers Survey Public Access Data for Fiscal Years 1989-2009.

2. Background. The Department of Labor has continually surveyed hired crop farm workers since 1988 through the National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS). The survey's primary focus is to describe the employment, demographic, and health characteristics of hired crop farm workers. It is the only national-level data source for this information. ETA took over responsibility for the survey in 2005.

The NAWS provides an understanding of the workforce resources available to U.S. agriculture. Both public and private service programs use the data for planning, implementing, and evaluating farm worker programs.

The NAWS samples hired crop farm workers in three cycles each year to capture the seasonality of agricultural employment. Workers are randomly sampled at their work sites. During the initial contact, arrangements are made to interview the respondent at home or at another location convenient to the respondent. Depending on the information needs and resources of the various Federal agencies that use NAWS data, between 1,500 and 4,000 workers are interviewed each year.

The data set contains information from 52,479 in-person interviews with hired crop farm workers. The interviews were conducted in 467 counties and 40 states between October 1, 1988 and September 30, 2009. The data set contains 220 questionnaire variables and 100 created variables.

3. Data Description. To learn more about this data set, please see the attached document entitled, NAWS Public Access Data: Fiscal Years 1989-2009.

4. Inquiries. To download the data set, visit the NAWS Web page at: <http://www.doleta.gov/agworker/naws.cfm>. For questions regarding the data set or the survey please contact Daniel Carroll, Research Team, Division of Research and

Evaluation, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N5641, Washington, D.C. 20210; email: carroll.daniel.j@dol.gov ; phone: (202) 693-2795.

5. Attachment. NAWS Public Access Data: Fiscal Years 1989-2009 document.