



What Does the Future Hold for Foreign-born Labor in U.S. Agriculture and How Do We Get There?

Monday, September 19, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Meridian Institute – 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 400N, Washington, DC 20036

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Objectives

- Provide an overview of agriculture immigration economics – the situation on the ground regarding current U.S. farm labor population trends and demographics.
 - Define what success could look like in the absence of federal legislation – including economic drivers, regulatory changes, trade, and enforcement.
 - Discuss generational shifts that are happening in the ownership of agriculture operations and how the foreign born workforce is part of this transition.
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Agenda

1:30 pm Welcome and Agenda Review

- Deborah Atwood, Executive Director, AGree
- Emmy Simmons, AGree Co-Chair

1:35 pm Setting the Stage – What do the economic data tell us about the on-the-ground realities facing U.S. producers and foreign-born workers in agriculture?

- Dr. Tom Hertz, Economist, Rural Economy Branch, Resource and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Brief questions from audience (1-3 questions)

1:50 pm Panel Discussion – What options does U.S. agriculture have for ensuring a stable workforce? How can we make progress without immigration reform?

- Emmy Simmons, AGree Co-Chair (moderator)
- Lynn Jacquez, Principal, CJ Lake, LLC
- Clarissa Martínez-de-Castro, Deputy Vice President, Office of Research, Advocacy, and Legislation, National Council of La Raza
- Craig Regelbrugge, Co-chairman, Agriculture Coalition for Immigration Reform & Senior Vice President, AmericanHort

2:20 pm Moderator Questions

2:45 pm Audience Q&A

3:00 pm Adjourn