



MIGRANT LABOR HOUSING

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The Migrant Labor Housing Program is designed to ensure the safety of housing occupied by five or more migrant agricultural workers. Licensure indicates safe water supplies, proper sanitation facilities, proper food preparation and storage facilities. Proper waste treatment and disposal, fire and structural safety.

IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

Migrant workers play an important role in the planting, cultivating, harvesting and packaging of 38 labor-intensive crops grown in Michigan. These crops generates \$2.3 billion in farm gate revenues each year. Quality housing is needed to retain Michigan's reputation as a good place to work and attract this much needed seasonal workforce.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed 752 housing inspections for farmers participating in the H2A guest worker program. This expanding effort represents a 24% increase over 2017.
- Supported a legislative amendment to Part 117 of NREPA allowing farmers working to meet stringent field sanitation and food safety standards to move portable toilets in the field along with their workers without a license from MDEQ. Program staff also established a model sanitation plan for farmers to use and reference as part of this exemption.
- Staff continued to develop an electronic inspection system for use in 2019 licensing season.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Applications					
Not Opening	50	76	43	200	77
Opening	784	798	833	853	871
Inspections					
Licensing	971	1,014	1,136	1,132	1,110
H2A	88	157	305	608	752
CAP-Follow up	108	357	480	558	510
Occupancy	713	718	820	830	843
Enforcement	4	3	12	10	2
Plan Review	44	84	154	180	111
Total*	1,771	1,934	2,401	2,443	2,236
Licensing					
Camps	772	774	801	811	840
Units	3,836	3,944	4,147	4,046	4,278
Capacity	23,583	24,100	24,862	25,054	26,166

* Inspections cover multiple components of camp operation. The total is less than the sum of the individual components

2019 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Fully implement new inspection system.
- Improve model housing plans supporting reduced cost / modular building technologies.
- Continue effort on document management to automate and expedite licensing.
- Update and improve program webpage.



KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Fruit and vegetable growers.
- Migrant farm workers and advocates
- Consumer of fresh fruits and vegetables
- H2A guest workers program

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- Public Health Code, Public Act 368, 1978, Part 124, as amended.