BENEFITS OF HIRING SALVADORAN TEMPORARY WORKERS UNDER THE H-2A VISA PROGRAM

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BENEFITS OF SELECTING EL SALVADOR:

- No recruitment fees for petitioners or workers
- Salvadorans have a reputation for being hard-working, entrepreneurial and highly committed
- El Salvador has a long agricultural tradition
- The U.S. Embassy directly supports the Government of El Salvador to vet applicants and conduct a thorough candidate selection process. The H-2 program is a top priority for both governments and this cooperation ensures an effective and streamlined program
- Salvadoran workers are required by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to:
  - Have experience in agriculture
  - Have optimal health conditions. Toxicological tests are applied
  - Have a clean criminal record.
  - Have strong family roots in El Salvador and a proven track record of returning

A PROGRAM WITH GOOD REFERENCES

"We’ve been using El Salvadoran H-2 labor since 2015. We are a winery with vineyards that the Salvadoran workers help manage. Once properly trained, the quality of their work has been excellent. They are competitive with one another, which keeps the quality and speed of their work at high levels without being careless. They treat the vineyards as if they are their own – sharing in the joy of successful vintages and in the frustration of poor ones."

Phineas Deford, Vice president of Boordy Vineyards, Maryland, USA
THE SALVADORAN WORKER PROFILE

Workers granted H-2A visas possess:

- **Skills:**
  - Inventory control
  - Land preparation
  - Machinery upkeep
  - In-depth plant and soil knowledge
  - Soil preparation
  - Grain harvesting
  - Fruit and vegetable cultivation
  - Teamwork
  - Reliability

- **Demographic profile:**
  - Men and women
  - Between the ages of 18 and 55
  - In good health

- **Experience in the following crops:**
  - Corn
  - Vegetables
  - Lettuce
  - Fruits
  - Rice
  - Beans
  - Coffee
  - Sugar

And in:
- Aquaculture
- Livestock farming
- Nursery and greenhouse
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SALVADORAN WORKERS RETURN TO EL SALVADOR?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will assist returning workers with work placement, entrepreneurship programs, and line them up for the next year’s harvest.

NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE H-2 VISA PROGRAM?


- U.S. Department of Labor: www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/agriculture/h2a

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