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Comments
With regard to the National Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative (NIOSH Docket 145):

The Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) thanks NIOSH for its work in, and dedication to the prevention of childhood agricultural injuries. It is extremely important to continue this work and research to protect children from preventable accidents that so often occur in agricultural settings. We at AFOP rely on NIOSH data to inform our work in protecting the children of migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

On page 17, the docket reads: "NIOSH provided USDOL with financial support to continue the collection of NAWS data in 2008. Youth farm worker injury data will continue to be collected through the NAWS through 2010." We strongly suggest that the collection of data on youth farmworker injuries continue far beyond 2010, if at all possible.

We urge NIOSH to continue the research of modifications of work standards or policies affecting young workers in agriculture (p. 14 of Docket 145), and we applaud the future research areas for R01 grants (p. 18, Doc. 145), including:

- "Incentives that encourage adults to protect youth from farm hazards.
- "Economic and social consequences of youth working on farms.
- "Model programs for training and supervising young agricultural workers.
- "Affordable and accessible childcare for children of farmers and farm laborers."

We look forward to these findings.