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Seasonal Worker Pilot Program It's not too late to get your applications in.



The Colorado Department of Agriculture encourages producers interested in hiring workers through the Colorado Non-immigrant Agricultural Seasonal Worker Pilot Program to submit their applications.

“It’s not too late for Colorado’s agricultural producers to take advantage of this program,” said Tom Lipetzky, CDA’s markets division director. “The deadline was set as a target date for those producers needing workers in the field by spring and allows sufficient time for processing of the application by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, and the various Federal agencies involved in the H-2A program. Applications received after the due date can still be considered on a space available basis.”

The Pilot Program is limited to 1,000 H-2A workers in its first year; with an additional 1,000 H-2A workers added each of the remaining four years of the program, ending at a total maximum of 5,000 H-2A workers in the final year of the program. Participation in the program is voluntary for Colorado Employers using the Federal H-2A program.

Full details on the pilot program and application documents are available at by visiting the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment website at www.coworkforce.com/emp/msfw_guestworker.asp.

Industry, associations and organizations are encouraged to forward this information to their members.