

Year 1 Emerging Issue: Sexual Harassment of Hispanic Women Farmworkers in the Agricultural Workplace

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Problem: Sexual harassment (SH) is a problem in the agricultural industry. It affects health and safety because victims can suffer physically, socially, psychologically, and economically.

Project Overview: This project investigates attitudes, perspectives, beliefs, and experiences regarding SH in agricultural workplaces through focus groups and surveys among men and women farmworkers, and employer questionnaires. This bi-national project is being carried out in California and Mexico.

Progress to date: Male and female CA focus groups felt that SH prevention could be improved, and suggestions included gender-segregated crews, a dress code, and frequent education about SH for supervisors, crew leaders, workers, and transporters. Graduate student Kimberly Prado posted a WCAHS blog about her research experience.

Anticipated Project Outputs: Information gained from the study will be used to develop educational materials and recommendations for agricultural employers and workers to reduce SH.

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