

5 FOR FARMWORKERS IN FIRES



In Sonoma county, we are on the frontlines of climate change fueled wildfires. Every year, fires grow bigger, more intense, and more destructive. Farmworkers face the brunt of these dangers.

Our county is known for wine, with a value of \$1.9B in annual revenue, but without the work of farmworkers there would be no wine industry.



11,060

FARMWORKERS IN THE
WINE INDUSTRY

SIGN THE PETITION TO SUPPORT FARMWORKERS' PRIORITIES FOR SAFETY & RESPECT DURING WILDFIRE HARVEST:

- 1 LANGUAGE JUSTICE**
- 2 DISASTER INSURANCE**
- 3 COMMUNITY SAFETY OBSERVERS**
- 4 PREMIUM HAZARD PAY**
- 5 CLEAN BATHROOMS AND WATER**



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#1

LANGUAGE JUSTICE

While many farmworkers are migrants from Mexico and Central America, not all speak Spanish as their first language. Some primarily speak one of many oral Indigenous languages; including:

These are distinct languages that have been passed down for generations and often have multiple dialects that differ based on geography.



MIXTECO

TRIQUI

MAYA

CHATINO

ALL SAFETY AND EVACUATION

TRAININGS SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN

FARMWORKERS' FIRST LANGUAGES

INCLUDING INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES



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#2

DISASTER INSURANCE

When fires and smoke are too intense, the wine industry receives insurance payments with significant assistance from the federal government to cover losses, but most farmworkers don't receive any assistance for their lost income.

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO
SONOMA COUNTY FARM
WORKERS FOR LOST INCOME

\$0 

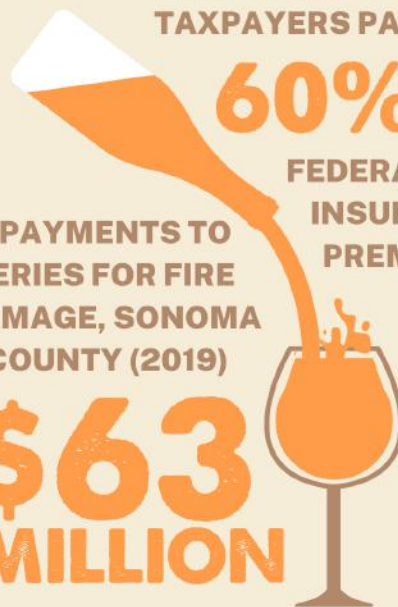
TAXPAYERS PAY

60% OF

FEDERAL CROP
INSURANCE
PREMIUMS

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO
WINERIES FOR FIRE
DAMAGE, SONOMA
COUNTY (2019)

**\$63
MILLION**



**FARMWORKERS DESERVE DISASTER
INSURANCE SO THEY CAN CONTINUE
TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES & THEIR
FAMILIES DURING WILDFIRE SEASON**



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#3

COMMUNITY SAFETY OBSERVERS

Cal/OSHA doesn't have enough inspectors and resources to enforce health and safety protocols, including wildfire smoke standards.

INSPECTORS
COVERING FIVE-
COUNTY DISTRICT
(INCLUDING
SONOMA)

10



ONLY 1 INSPECTOR SPEAKS SPANISH
0 SPEAK AN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE

NUMBER OF WORKERS
IN FIVE-COUNTY DISTRICT

MORE THAN
1,000,000

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE READY TO
VOLUNTEER TO ACT AS COMMUNITY
SAFETY OBSERVERS AND WILL BE
TRAINED BEFORE HARVEST STARTS

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#4

PREMIUM HAZARD PAY

Wildfire and harvest now occur at the same time, and since workers are generally paid by the quantity or weight of grapes harvested, they often run for hours at a time through the smoke.

WILDFIRE
SMOKE IS

10x

MORE
TOXIC

THAN CAR
EXHAUST



SONOMA CO. WINE
INDUSTRY, TOTAL ANNUAL
REVENUE, 2020

\$1.9
BILLION

**FARMWORKERS DESERVE PREMIUM HAZARD
PAY WHEN THEY ARE WORKING IN UNHEALTHY
AND DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS SUCH AS
EVACUATION ZONES, SMOKEY AIR, NEAR
WILDFIRES, AND EXTREME HEAT**

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#5

CLEAN BATHROOMS+WATER

Increased numbers of workers during harvest combined with ash and soot from wildfires quickly dirties already crowded porta-potties. The law states:



TOILETS MUST BE CLEAN
AT ALL TIMES
WITH ONE TOILET PER
20 WORKERS

DRINKING WATER MUST BE
FRESH, PURE +
SUITABLY COOL



WITH SINGLE USE PAPER CUPS AVAILABLE

**ALL FARMWORKERS DESERVE CLEAN
BATHROOMS AND WATER DURING
HARVEST AND WILDFIRES**

**IF YOU ARE A FARMWORKER, AND EXPERIENCE DIRTY
BATHROOMS OR WATER, TEXT A PHOTO TO (707) 867-1713**

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