

MIGRANT WORKER HUNGER RELIEF PLAN
Tualatin Valley Food Center
Washington County
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Definition of Migrant Farmworker: A seasonal farmworker who is unable to return to a permanent residence within the same day (Employment Division, State of Oregon).

I. Numbers of Migrant Farmworkers in Washington County:

Based on recent history and available data, Washington County apparently has the highest need for, and numbers, of migrant farmworkers in Oregon.

Number of Migrant camps in Washington County: 25-35
(based on a 1989 survey).
Number of Workers housed in camps: 3500-4500
Number of Workers needed at harvest: 10,000
1988: 12,000-15,000 migrant workers in Wash. Cn.
1989: 4,222 persons served food in camps
800 hot meals served/day at Centro Cultural
1990: Data not available
hot meals currently being served daily at Centro
1991: As of May 1, approximately 10-15% of workers needed/expected are now in camps. This number does not include those whom the growers are not letting in:

- *workers living under bridges or outdoors
- *workers who rent a house and sleep 15-20
- *workers being hidden by growers in camps

Growers expect harvest to begin approximately May 23-June 1, and expect most workers to arrive about May 15.

Greatest need for food and services mid-May to mid-June. Approximately 3,000-4,000 numbers.

II. Food and Related needs of Migrant Farmworkers:

A. Extra food needed to feed 3,000-5,000 workers for 4 weeks:

174,000 to 290,000 lbs. (plus 2,000 to 3,334 dz eggs)(based on Hispanic sustenance diet of 2,200 calories/day provided by Margaret Lewis, R.D., OSU Extension Service).

Diet for one person

For one week	4 weeks	3000 wrkrs	4000 wrkrs	5000 wrkrs
5 lbs pinto beans	20 lbs	60,000	80,000 lbs	100,000
2 lbs rice	8	24,000	32,000	40,000
2#303 tomatoes	8	24,000	32,000	40,000
1 can jalapeno pep	4	12,000	16,000	20,000
2 lbs masa(corn fl)	8	24,000	32,000	40,000
1lb lard	4	12,000	16,000	20,000
1/2 lb cheese	2	6,000	8,000	10,000
2 eggs	8	(2,000 dz.)	(2667 dz.)	(3,334dz.)
1 lb onions	4	12,000	16,000	20,000
		174,000lbs	232,000lbs	290,000lbs
		+eggs	+eggs	+eggs

spices: chili powder,
cumin, pepper, salt

B. Extra Food Sources Now Available

(*Already used: \$6,000 bulk purchase; \$2,000 blankets)

1. TVFC: \$5,000 bulk purchase of beans/rice	= 28,000 lbs
2. Oregon Food Bank set aside	= 50,000 lbs
3. Purchase from Oregon Food Bank	= 25,000 lbs
4. OR. State Charitable Commodities Program	= <u>Centra</u> lbs Housing Semis
5. Food acquired by Housing Services of OR.	= 5,000 lbs
6. Food acquired by St. Alexander	= _____ lbs
7. Food purchased by Farmers	= _____ lbs
8. Community Donations	= _____ lbs
9. Other	= _____ lbs
Additional food needed	= _____ lbs

C. Types of food needed

Beans	Green peppers, chiles, etc
Rice	Fresh fruit and vegetables
Cheese	Canned meats (pork, chicken, stew)
Lard	Canned fruits and vegetables
Tomato Product	Spices: chili powder, cumin, pepper, salt
Corn	

D. Needed from Washington County (and other sources)

Foods-listed above
 Extra warehouse space (secure, rodent free, etc.)
 Transportation (vehicles and drivers to pick up and/or deliver donated food)
 Pots, pans, cooking utensils, soap, etc.

III. Food Distribution Plan for Migrant Workers

The Tualatin Valley Food Center, through five of its member agencies, has developed a plan for food distribution to migrant workers in three areas:

1. Migrant Camps

- a. St. Alexander's Catholic Church will distribute food to camps located South of TV Highway.
- b. Housing Services of Oregon will distribute to camps located North of TV Highway (with some exceptions).
- c. Growers/Contractors
 - legally responsible to feed/shelter workers directly recruited.
 - must guarantee that farm workers are not charged for donated food.
 - may be asked to assist with volunteers, transportation, money, etc.
 - must provide food to supplement the basic donated food.
 - may be asked to help document food provided to workers.

2. Hot Meals

Centro Cultural will provide hot meals to migrant workers on a daily basis. They have the capacity to serve up to 1000 meals /day. They do not have adequate food resources.

3. Food Boxes

The following agencies also serve a number of migrant workers by providing emergency food boxes:

- Hillsboro St. Vincent de Paul
- Forest Grove FISH

(4. Contingency Plan

Salvation Army of Portland will make available a amobile feeding van, if needed, and Centro will cook hot meals to be served in the camps.)