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## NCAE to Host Listening Session to Explore Educational Opportunities for Agricultural Workers

(Arlington, VA) The National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE) is pleased to announce a special listening session to explore and enhance educational opportunities for migrant farmworkers and their families.

"American agricultural employers know," said Michael Marsh, NCAE President and CEO, "that their workers are unique individuals with aspirations, goals, and incredible ambitions. Moreover, employers want to support those workers so they can achieve their goals. We hope to bolster employer resources so that they may better facilitate their workers in achieving those dreams."

This listening session will be led by Jessica Castañeda, Coordinator of the Identification and Recruitment Consortium (IDRC). IDRC focuses on programming and efforts to support the educational success for migrant students and their families and is funded through the Department of Education. Educational opportunities available include basic math and English skills, financial literacy skills, assistance preparing for and obtaining a GED, and many other educational resources. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions, share their experience, and engage in discussion about what educational needs exist in the agricultural community for farmworkers.

"We encourage employers to take advantage of this opportunity to help us brainstorm ways to better connect resources with farmworkers," stated Marsh.

The session will begin at 2:30 pm ET/11:30 am PT on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Registration for this important listening session is available at <u>ncaeonline.org</u>.

NCAE is the national trade association focusing on agricultural labor issues from the employer's viewpoint.