

■ **DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW**

TERMS: Farm operators and other agricultural employers who paid at least \$20,000 in cash wages for agricultural labor during any 3-month period (calendar quarter) in the current or preceding year, or employed 10 or more agricultural workers for some part of a day in 20 different weeks this year or last, are required to pay state unemployment insurance taxes. The state agency credits each worker for the amount of wages reported by the employer.

An unemployed farmworker who has accumulated the necessary wage credits from working for one or more such employers, and who meets the program's other qualifications, may be eligible for weekly unemployment benefits.

ENFORCEMENT: *Unemployment Insurance Administration, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 (501-682-3200)*. Applications for unemployment compensation may be filed in person at any Department of Workforce Services office.

SPECIAL NOTE: Unemployment claims filed by workers who have recent earnings from certain seasonal industries are subject to special rules which may limit the workers' eligibility for benefits, as well as the amount and duration of benefits.