

■ **REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LAW**

TERMS: Farm operators and other agricultural employers are required to pay unemployment insurance taxes to the state if they paid at least \$10,000 in cash farm wages in any 3-month period (calendar quarter) in the current or previous year, or they employed 5 or more farmworkers for some part of a day in 20 or more separate weeks this year or last. The state agency credits each worker for the amount of wages reported by the employer.

Unemployed agricultural workers may qualify to receive cash unemployment insurance benefits if they have accumulated the necessary wage credits from working for one or more such employers and meet the program's other eligibility rules. Unemployment benefits currently range from \$32 to \$275 per week, depending on the worker's past earnings.

ENFORCEMENT: *Office of Reemployment Assistance, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (800-204-2418)*. Claims for unemployment compensation can be submitted online, at connect.myflorida.com/Claimant/Core/Login.ASPX.