

■ **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW**

TERMS: Every farm operator or other agricultural employer who paid cash wages of \$20,000 or more for agricultural labor in any 3-month period (calendar quarter) in the current or preceding year, or employed 10 or more farmworkers for any part of a day in 20 or more different weeks this year or last, must pay unemployment insurance taxes to the state, which credits each worker for the amount of wages reported by the employer.

Unemployed agricultural workers may qualify to receive cash unemployment 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.

ENFORCEMENT: *Unemployment Insurance Bureau, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103 (toll-free 877-664-6984)*. Unemployment compensation claims may be filed by phone, at 877-664-6984, or online at www.jobs.state.nm.us.