

■ AGRICULTURAL LABOR CAMP LAW

TERMS: This law regulates the operation of agricultural labor camps in Ohio, defined in brief as one or more structures, trailers, tents or vehicles established or used as temporary living quarters for 2 or more families or 5 or more workers engaged in agriculture or related food processing.

Licensing and Inspection — No agricultural labor camp may be operated in Ohio without a license issued by the state. Anyone who intends to operate such a facility during the year generally must apply for a license before April 15 of that year. A license will not be issued unless tests indicate that the water supply meets state standards and the housing is free of violations related to sanitation, drainage or habitability.

Labor Camp Standards — The public health director has adopted minimum standards that must be met before an agricultural labor camp license may be issued. Among many other factors considered in determining if a housing facility meets these standards are these:

- The condition of the camp site and buildings
- The water supply
- The electrical system and lighting
- The sewage disposal system
- Ventilation and screens
- Toilet facilities
- Bathing facilities
- Cooking space and facilities
- Sleeping accommodations
- Laundry facilities
- Heating equipment
- Trash disposal equipment and procedures
- Pest control measures
- Safety equipment and restrictions on hazardous materials

ENFORCEMENT: *Agricultural Labor Camp Program, Bureau of Environmental Health, Ohio Department of Health, Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614-644-7455).*