

■ **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW**

TERMS: In general, farm operators and other agricultural employer who paid \$20,000 or more for farm labor during any 3-month period (calendar quarter) in the current or previous year, or employed 10 or more farmworkers for some 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 Division, Vermont Department of Labor, Montpelier, Vermont 05601 (802-828-4333).* Workers who are temporarily without a job and who believe they may qualify for benefits may file a claim by toll-free telephone, at 877-214-3330, or online at uipublic01.labor.vermont.gov.