The increasing global demand for food has implications for immigration policy, regulatory oversight, and production methods. Often overlooked is the health and well-being of agriculture workers including safety, access to health care, and successful integration into local communities. A comprehensive understanding of what it takes to assure the safety, health and welfare of the worker, reliable and productive employees, and vibrant rural communities will benefit all stakeholders.

Ensuring healthy and productive workers requires broad perspectives, inquisitive minds, and a commitment to collaborate. Please join us on Thursday January 16th for a working forum on the challenges and opportunities for workers, employers and the community as part of the changing agriculture workforce.

As a forum participant you will:

◊ Explore the complexities of the agriculture workforce
◊ Identify shared interests in worker health and productivity
◊ Strengthen appreciation and respect for different perspectives
◊ Contribute to innovative approaches for ensuring healthy and productive workers

About the forum

The University of Minnesota’s Center for Integrative Leadership, Center for Animal Health and Food Safety and the Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center invite you to participate in the sixth “Finding Common Ground” forum designed to foster conversation among participants with diverse perspectives to discover and advance a common good. Participants from academia, the private sector, government and non-governmental organizations will examine this issue in a neutral forum using a proven approach to advance shared understanding.

Information and Registration

January 16, 2014
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska MN

Register: http://z.umn.edu/fcg012014
Information: http://umash.umn.edu/commonground/index.html

Registration fee $60.00, after January 3rd, $75.00, Students $50.00

Limited space available for this forum. Continental Breakfast and Lunch included in registration.

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