A Bibliography of Resources about Migrant Workers available in Otterbein’s Library

Photographs, poems, and interviews with children reveal the hardships and hopes of Mexican American migrant farm workers and their families.

An autobiography of a Filipino poet first published in 1946. He worked as a migrant worker and tells of the intolerance and kindness that he found in America.

Coles in the 1960's was physician in the Air Force working towards becoming a child psychiatrist. He interviewed, listened and spent long periods of time with children of migrant workers to describe how they lived and came to terms with their fate of poverty. He became an activist voicing the poverty of millions.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/moderndayslavery/content/moderndayslavery/index.html>. A special 3-part report resulting from a nine month investigation that revealed the cost to the migrant laborers and to the rest of us.

Fact Sheet #49: The Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act. U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division. 4 June 2007


Full text of a 2000 Human Rights Watch report concerning farmworkers and pesticides, underage workers, and wage/hours concerns.

Photos and interviews of the workers and families who return each year to the Hartville Migrant Center. The book reveals a community formed of a blend of Latino culture and mid-American influences captured to show their working conditions and also the "spontaneous joy, dignity and richness of their lives." The forward was written by Robert Coles. More information can be found at <http://www.growingseason.net/>.
An extensive compilation of research, statistics that details the conditions of migrant workers in Ohio during the 1970s.

Contains excerpts of women’s stories who worked in Ohio as migrants in the late ‘70s and early ‘80s.

Collected speeches and eulogies by Chávez from an author who also wrote The Rhetorical Career of César Chávez.

From Canada, Justicia for Migrant Workers (J4MW) is a volunteer-driven, political, non-profit collective comprised of committed activists from diverse walks of life (including labour activists, educators, researchers, students and youth of colour) based in Toronto, Ontario, and now in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Governor Strickland supports applying minimum wage law to migrant workers.

Levine documents the health effects of pesticides, ranging from the sometimes fatal effects of long term exposure experienced by farm laborers, to the effect on families and children from cosmetic pesticides used on home lawns. Well cited, with a section of recommendations, this book presents convincing evidence for the argument that if pesticides are used at all, they should break down over time, unlike many commonly used persistent, synthetic pesticides.

A brief overview of Chavez’ life with further readings.


The website supports a NOW broadcast in May, 2004 with links to resources and current information.
If you want to explore the WWW for information about migrant workers visit this website.
The Open Directory states on its "About the Open Directory" page that it is the "most widely
distributed data base of Web content classified by humans. Its editorial standards body of
net-citizens provide the collective brain behind resource discovery on the Web. The Open
Directory also powers the core directory services for the Web's largest and most popular
search engines and portals." DMOZ is an acronym for Directory Mozilla.

Prouty, Marco G. César Chávez, the Catholic Bishops, and the Farmworkers' Struggle for Social
An account of the transition of the Catholic Church's support of the farm workers during
the strikes of the '60s and '70s in California.

Service Delivery to Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers, Employment & Training Administration
(ETA) - U.S. Department of Labor. 4 June 2007
A web page with information about the mission and services of the Employment and
Training Administration that contribute to the more efficient functioning of the U.S. labor
market by providing high quality job training, employment, labor market information, and
income maintenance services primarily through state and local workforce development
systems.

The author interviewed workers in North Carolina and describes their living and working
conditions.

Szatkowski, Jim. “Fields of Change: Kent State Students Care for Migrant Families.” Kent State
Magazine. Summer 2003: 2 June 2007
An essay about nurse practitioner students who worked at the Hartville Migrant Center
with a link to a photo essay by Gary Harwood.

Wargowsky, John. Letter. “State’s Wage Law Protects Migrant Workers.” The Columbus
Dispatch 12 Feb. 2007, final ed. 6A. LexisNexis Academic. Otterbein College Lib.,