Survey on Housing for Agricultural Workers in Napa County

[Image of farm scene]

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR RURAL STUDIES
Hello, my name is ______. I work for the California Institute for Rural Studies. We are conducting a survey for Napa County, to identify the housing needs of agricultural workers. This information will be used to improve farmworker housing conditions. The survey takes about ½ hour. We are offering $10 to everyone that participates in the survey to thank you for your time. Everything we discuss is completely confidential, and we will not write down your name or address. Are you interested in participating in this survey?

1. Where are you from?

1. [ ] Mexico → State: ________________________________
2. [ ] Other country [specify]: ________________________________
3. [ ] United States
4. [ ] No answer
2. Is your permanent residence in Napa County?

☐ Yes  ➔ Where do you live in Napa County?

City/town: ____________________

➔ Do you have any plans to move out of Napa County during the coming year?

☐ Yes  ➔ Why? ____________________

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer

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☐ No

INTERVIEWER:

The following cities and towns are in Napa County:

• Napa  ➔ Deer Park
• American Canyon ➔ Oakville
• Calistoga ➔ Pope Valley
• St. Helena ➔ Rutherford
• Yountville ➔ Angwin

For more information, see the map of Napa County at the end of the survey.
3. Is your permanent residence outside of Napa County?

☐ Yes → Where is your permanent residence?

City/town: __________________________

☐ No permanent residence, follows the crops [GO TO Q Error! Reference source not found.]

4. During the week, when you work in Napa County, do you travel from your permanent place of residence every day, or do you stay somewhere in or near Napa County?

1☐ Travels from permanent residence every day [GO TO Q Error! Reference source not found.]

2☐ Stays somewhere in or near Napa County

5. Is the place that you stay during the week when working in Napa County in Napa County?

1☐ Yes, it’s in Napa County

   → Where?

   City/town: __________________________
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2☐ No, it’s outside of Napa County

   → Where?

   City/town: __________________________

3☐ Stays in various cities/towns
6. Why don’t you stay in Napa County while working here?  
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]  
   1. Lives somewhere else and can travel to Napa from there  
   2. Stays with family/friends somewhere else and can travel to Napa from there  
   3. Can’t find anywhere to stay in Napa County  
   4. Too expensive  
   5. Other [specify]:__________________________________________  
   6. Don’t know/No answer  

7. Would you prefer to have your permanent residence in Napa County if possible?
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Don’t know/No answer  
   4. Not applicable, no permanent residence  

8. Do you have any plans to move to Napa County?  
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Don’t know/No answer
9. The following questions have to do with the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County, that is... [CONFIRM PLACE]

How long does it take you to get to work from the place you stay during the week while working in Napa County (one way)?

______ hours _____ minutes

☐ Don’t know/No answer

10. How do you get to work? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1 ☐ Own car
2 ☐ Ride with friends/family
3 ☐ “Raitero” (person who charges for rides)
4 ☐ Public transportation
5 ☐ Walks
6 ☐ Bicycle
7 ☐ Other [specify]: _____________________________

11. How much do you spend traveling to work, round trip?

$___________ per ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month

☐ Don’t know/No answer
12. During the week, while working in Napa County, in what type of housing do you live?

1 □ House
2 □ Apartment
3 □ Trailer
4 □ Room in the owner’s house
5 □ Garage
6 □ Motel
7 □ Labor camp
   → Which?: 1 □ Calistoga 2 □ River Ranch 3 □ Mondavi
   Other [specify]: ________________________________
8 □ Car, tent, homeless shelter, street, etc.
   → Specify: ________________________________
9 □ Other [describe]: ________________________________
10 □ No answer

13. Do you live on the farm where you work?

□ Yes □ No □ No answer
14. Who do you currently live with – that is, in the place where you stay during the week while working in Napa County? [READ OPTIONS, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

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<td>C. Children over 18 (yours or your partner’s)</td>
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<td>D. Your parents</td>
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<td>E. Other relatives</td>
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<td>F. Other non-relatives</td>
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IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT LIVE WITH HIS/HER SPOUSE/PARTNER, OR DOES NOT LIVE WITH HIS/HER CHILDREN, GO TO THE NEXT TABLE. IF LIVES WITH FAMILY, GO TO NEXT PAGE.

15. Do you have...?

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<th>16. IF YES: Where do they live?</th>
<th>17. Would you prefer that they lived here with you?</th>
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<td>B. Children under 18 (yours or your partner’s): Yes No</td>
<td>City/town: ___________________________ Country: _______________ Yes No</td>
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18. Do you rent, own or borrow the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County?

1 ☐ Rent [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

2 ☐ Own [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

3 ☐ Borrow [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

IF RENT...

19. How much is your share of the rent in the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County?

$_______ per ? day ? week ? month

☐ No answer

20. How many people are included in the rent (including yourself)? _______

21. Do you pay rent for the entire dwelling, or do you share with others?

1 ☐ I pay the entire rent

2 ☐ I share the rent with others

→ How much is the total rent for the entire dwelling?

$__________ per ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month

☐ Don’t know/No answer

22. Is the rental agreement in your (or your spouse/partner’s) name?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t know/No answer

23. Are any of the utility bills (electricity, gas, or telephone) in your (or your spouse/partner’s) name?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t know/No answer

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IF OWNER...

24. How much is your share of the mortgage?

$ __________

☐ No answer

25. Do you own the house yourself, or did you buy it with others?

1☐ Own house

2☐ Bought with others

→ What is the mortgage for the entire house?

$ __________

☐ Don’t know/No answer

26. Do you receive any income from renters?

☐ Yes → How much? $________ per ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month

☐ Don’t know/No answer

☐ No
27. How much is your monthly payment for each of the following services in the place you stay during the week while working in Napa County?

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<td>B. Water</td>
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<td>C. Trash</td>
<td>$ _______</td>
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**IF EVERYTHING IS PAID TOGETHER:**

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<th>Don’t know</th>
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<td>Electricity, gas, water and trash</td>
<td>$ _______</td>
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28. Not counting bathrooms, how many rooms are there in the place where you stay during the week, while working in Napa County?

# ______

29. How many bedrooms are there?

# ______

30. Does anyone sleep in any rooms in addition to the bedrooms?

☐ Yes → Which other rooms are used for sleeping? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
☐ Living room ☐ Dining room ☐ Kitchen ☐ Hallway ☐ Garage
☐ Other [specify]: ________________________________

☐ No
31. Do you have the following amenities in the place you stay during the week, while working in Napa County? Please let me know if anything doesn’t work.

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<td>Bath or shower</td>
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<td>Telephone (land or cell)</td>
<td>Yes/No</td>
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Please mark yes or no for each amenity and indicate if it functions properly.
32. Have you had any of the following problems during the past two years, in any place you’ve lived in while working in Napa County? [READ OPTIONS, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

[IF RESPONDENT IS A HOMEOWNER, GO TO E]

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<th>You asked the owner for repairs and:</th>
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<td>A. They took a long time, or</td>
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<td>B. Refused to make the repairs</td>
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<td>C. You had problems but didn’t ask the owner to repair them for fear of being evicted</td>
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<td>D. You were refused housing because you didn’t have money for the deposit</td>
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<td>E. You were refused housing for being a farmworker</td>
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<td>F. You couldn’t pay the rent or mortgage because someone you lived with couldn’t pay their part</td>
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<td>G. You couldn’t get health or social services for lack of documents with your name and address, e.g. rental agreement or utility bill</td>
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<td>H. You suffered high levels of stress due to excessive noise or lack of privacy</td>
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<td>I. You had health problems associated with dampness, such as mold in your dwelling</td>
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33. Have you had any other housing problems during the past two years, anywhere you’ve lived while working in Napa County?

☐ Yes
   → Which? ______________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer
34. During the past 12 months, have you had any problems paying the rent or mortgage in any place you’ve lived while working in Napa County?

- Yes
- No [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]
- Don’t know/No answer [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]
- Not applicable, is borrowing a place [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

35. How did you pay the rent or mortgage? [READ OPTIONS, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. Borrowed → From who? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
   - Family or friends
   - Employer
   - Private moneylender
   - Bank
   - Community based organization
   - Other [specify]: ________________________

2. Took a “payday loan”

3. Took a credit card advance

4. Received emergency rental assistance

5. Sought other housemates to share the rent

6. Spent less on other necessities, such as food or health care

7. Other [specify]: ________________________
IF BORROWED OR USED CREDIT CARD, GO TO QERROR!
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36. How many times during the past 12 months did you take a loan or credit card advance to pay the rent or mortgage?

# ______

37. Thinking about the last time you took a loan or credit card advance:

A. How much was it for?

$________

☐ Don’t know/No answer

B. Were you charged interest?

☐ Yes → How much? ______% per ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month ☐ year

☐ Don’t know/No answer

☐ No
38. In the past 12 months, did you ever spend less on food or health care in order to pay the rent or mortgage on a place where you lived while working in Napa County?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer

39. Have you heard of programs that offer reduced rent or rental assistance for low income people? For example, HUD, Section 8, public housing for farmworkers or emergency rental assistance.

☐ Yes → Which program(s)? ______________________________

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer

40. Have you ever stayed in a labor camp in Napa County?

☐ Yes → Do you think you might stay there again sometime?

☐ Yes [GO TO QError! Reference source not found.]

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer
41. Why...[CHOOSE APPROPRIATE PHRASE]

- ...wouldn’t you stay in a labor camp again?
- ...haven’t you ever stayed in a labor camp?

[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. ☐ Hasn’t heard of labor camps
2. ☐ No room
3. ☐ Too expensive
4. ☐ Location – not accessible to work
5. ☐ Location – not accessible to other services (shopping, school, etc.)
6. ☐ Works at night – can’t get in
7. ☐ Can’t have outside guests
8. ☐ Can’t consume alcohol
9. ☐ Can’t play loud music
10. ☐ Doesn’t like food
11. ☐ Doesn’t want to pay for food
12. ☐ Not open all year
13. ☐ Doesn’t want others to interfere with housing situation
14. ☐ No family housing
15. ☐ They don’t accept people without legal documents
16. ☐ Other [specify]: ____________________________________________

________________________________________
42. Did you return to Mexico or your country of origin during the past winter?
   - Yes → [GO TO Q] Error! Reference source not found.
   - No
   - No answer

43. Did you spend the winter in Napa County or somewhere else?
   - Napa County
   - Somewhere else

44. Were you unemployed at all last winter?
   - Yes

   - No [GO TO Q] Error! Reference source not found.
   - No answer [GO TO Q] Error! Reference source not found.

45. For how long were you unemployed? ______  □ weeks  □ months
   - Don’t know/No answer
46. How did you pay the rent during that time? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1️⃣ Used personal savings
2️⃣ Spouse/partner was working
3️⃣ Had income from unemployment insurance
4️⃣ Took a loan
5️⃣ Lived with more people to reduce costs
6️⃣ Spent less on other necessities
7️⃣ Was unable to remain in that dwelling
8️⃣ Other [specify]: ___________________________________________________________________

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

47. I have some questions about your current job. What is your current position?

1️⃣ Field worker
2️⃣ Specialized – irrigation, tractor driver, pesticide applicator, etc.
3️⃣ Foreman/supervisor
4️⃣ Other [specify]: ___________________________________________________________________
48. Right now, during the harvest, are you paid by the hour, piece-rate or salary?

1. Hourly → How much do you earn per hour? $_____________
   
   How many hours did you work last week? ________

2. Piece rate → At what rate are you paid?
   
   $________ per 1. ton
   
   2. other quantity [specify]: ________________

3. Salary → What is your salary?
   
   $______________ per 1. week 2. two weeks 3. month 4. year

49. Right now, during the harvest, how many hours do you work per day on average?
   
   # ____________
   
   □ Don’t know/No answer

50. Is that enough hours?

   □ Yes    □ No    □ Don’t know/No answer
51. How much was your last paycheck?

$_____________

☐ Don’t know/No answer

52. How much time was that for?

1☐ One day  2☐ One week  3☐ Two weeks  4☐ One month

5☐ Other [specify]: __________________________

53. Approximately how much did you earn last year, before taxes and other deductions?

$_____________

☐ Don’t know/No answer

54. How much of what you earned was from farm work?

☐ Everything

☐ A portion, which was: $_____________

☐ Don’t know/No answer

55. IF RESPONDENT HAS A SPOUSE/PARTNER THAT LIVES IN THE US: Approximately how much did your spouse/partner earn last year, before taxes and other deductions?

$_____________

☐ Don’t know/No answer
56. Did you receive any other work-related income last year, such as bonuses or profit-sharing?

☐ Yes → How much? $___________  ☐ Don’t know/No answer

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer

57. Did you send any money to relatives in Mexico [or your country of origin] during the past 12 months?

☐ Yes → How much did you send last month?

$___________  ☐ Don’t know/No answer

→ How much did you send during the past 12 months?

$___________  ☐ Don’t know/No answer

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer

58. I have a few questions about when you’ve lived or worked in Napa County during the past 12 months.

INTERVIEWER: To fill out the following table, for each month, ask if the respondent lived in Napa County and if he/she worked in Napa County. If he/she lived or worked in Napa County, ask what he/she worked at. If he/she was working, ask what type of employer he/she had and how many hours he/she worked per week on average. If he/she doesn’t know the type of employer, ask for the employer’s name.
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**Codes for Grid**

**Type of Work**
- **TC** = Field work
- **TFA** = Non-agricultural work
- **D** = Unemployed
- **V** = Vacation

**Type of Employer**
- **R** = Grower
- **EMV** = Vineyard Management Co.
- **C** = Farm Labor Contractor
- **AT** = Temporary employment agency
- **ESA** = Custom service provider
- **EE** = Packing house
- **FA** = Non-agricultural employer
- **NS** = Don’t know/No answer
- **NA** = Not applicable
59. How many distinct employers did you have, working in agriculture in Napa County during the past 12 months?

# ________

60. Do you plan to work in Napa County again next year?

☐ Yes  [GO TO Q]  Error! Reference source not found.]

☐ No

☐ Don’t know/No answer

61. Why don’t you plan to work in Napa County again next year?

[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1 ☐ Insufficient work – in general

2 ☐ Insufficient work – during harvest

3 ☐ Wages have gone down

4 ☐ Housing is very expensive

5 ☐ Housing is too expensive to bring the family

6 ☐ Plans to find work outside of agriculture

7 ☐ Plans to retire

8 ☐ Plans to return to Mexico or country of origin

9 ☐ Plans to seek work in agriculture closer to permanent place of residence

10 ☐ Other [specify]: ________________________________
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

I have a few last questions for you. I’d like to remind you that everything we discuss is completely confidential, and that you do not have to answer any questions you would prefer not to answer.

62. How old are you? ______

63. In which year did you come to work in the U.S. for the first time? __________

64. In which year did you come to work in Napa County for the first time? __________

65. Do you speak any indigenous languages (such as Mixteco, Zapoteco, etc.)?

   ☐ Yes → Which? ____________________

   ☐ No

66. What is your residency status in the United States?

   1 ☐ Documented

   2 ☐ Undocumented

   3 ☐ Documents in process

   4 ☐ No answer
67. Besides cost, what are the most important factors you consider when seeking housing in or near Napa County?

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

68. In your opinion, how can housing for farmworkers in Napa County be improved?

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

69. INTERVIEWER - NOTE RESPONDENT’S GENDER:

1 ☐ Male  2 ☐ Female

70. INTERVIEWER – CONFIRM NAME OF RESPONDENT’S EMPLOYER

______________________________________________________________________________

Those are all the questions I have for you. Thank you very much for participating in this survey. Do you have any questions for me?

INTERVIEWER: PROVIDE $10 INCENTIVE AND ASK RESPONDENT TO SIGN RECEIPT. ALSO, PROVIDE INFORMATION SHEET ABOUT HOUSING RESOURCES.
INTERVIEWER, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Interviewer name: _______________________________________________

Interview date: ____________________

Do you feel the respondent provide accurate responses?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Not sure

Interviewer notes:

_________________________________________________________________
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