2018 MAFO National Farmworker Conference

The need for farm labor continues to exist in all parts of the country. By the year 2050, farm labor needs will increase by 50%. There are 24,721 farms in New Mexico. The average wage of migrant farmworkers in Southern New Mexico is $6000. How will states address the workforce and economic development needs of rural America?

On April 8-11, over 300 delegates will convene at the Hotel Albuquerque for the 2018 MAFO National Farmworker Conference. Rural Latinos and farm worker serving organizations, along with partners from local, state and federal agencies, will come together to address issues on how to revitalize and strengthen rural America.

The conference will provide creative solutions to workforce development issues, health, immigration and education, rural communities issues, rural capacity building, strengthening rural Hispanic entrepreneurships, as well as identifying future trends that will impact rural communities and the agricultural industry.

The conference will provide delegates with opportunities to learn innovative strategies and different ways of thinking, access relevant, unique and emerging tools, and have meaningful interactions with rural community leaders and organizations from New Mexico and around the nation.

Two well-known and powerful farmworker leaders will be keynote speakers on Monday and Tuesday: Dolores Huerta one of the most influential labor leaders of the twentieth century and Arturo Rodriguez, President, United Farm Workers.

For more information on MAFO and the 2018 National Farmworker Conference go to www.mafofarmworker.com or contact Heladio Zavala, CEO, at heladio.zavala@umos.org

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Event: MAFO Town Hall Meeting  
Date: April 8, 2018  
Place: 2018 MAFO National Farmworker Conference  
            Hotel Albuquerque (Old Town)  
            800 Rio Grande Blvd  
            Albuquerque, NM  
Time: 3:00-5:00 P.M.  
Featuring the history of the farmworker movement, farmworker organizations and advocacy

Event: Opening Plenary Session  
Date: April 9, 2018  
Place: Hotel Albuquerque (Old Town)  
Time: 8:00-10:00 A.M.  
Featuring keynote speaker Dolores Huerta

Event: MAFO National Farmworker Leadership Awards Gala  
Date: April 10, 2018  
Place: Hotel Albuquerque (Old Town)  
Time: 7:30-9:30 P.M.  
Featuring keynote speaker Arturo Rodriguez, President, United Farm Workers
Leaders talk about migrant farm workers, ways to protect them

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Leaders from around the region gathered to talk about migrant farm workers and how to protect them in our area.