

Farmworker Legal Services of New York, Inc.



Unemployment Benefits for Farmworkers

Sometimes farm workers who are not working can receive unemployment benefits. Each state has its own rules about who can get benefits.

To apply for benefits, go to the nearest unemployment office and take your Social Security card, identification, pay stubs for the last two years, and the name and addresses of all your employers for the last two years. You may also visit the New York State Unemployment website at: http://www.labor.state.ny.us/ui/how_to_file_claim.shtm for information on how you can apply online.

If the unemployment office turns you down, they will send you a letter. The letter will tell you that you have the right to ask for a hearing if you think they are wrong. You must ask for a hearing right away, or else you won't get one. Please call a legal office when you get the letter.