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What Do Food Justice Standards Cover?

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| -Fair wage & benefit | -Workplace health & safety |
| -Fair & equitable contracts | -Farmworker housing |
| -Fair pricing | -Interns and apprentices |
| -Right to freedom of association & collective bargaining | -Children on farms |
| | -Conflict resolution policies |

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How Well Do You Know Your Food?

Take the Quiz!

- a) U.S. government regulatory agencies have banned the use of pesticides that result in negative health effects in humans **True False**
- b) The share of the food dollar farmers receive is declining **True False**
- c) Farmworkers have the same protections under labor laws (such as overtime) as other workers in the U.S. **True False**



Answers

- a) False - A study published in 2010 in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives* found that prenatal exposure to some widely used organophosphate pesticides significantly increases incidence of disorders in children. Farm supervisors report that workers are often exposed when chemical applicators fail to notify them before spraying pesticides in adjacent fields.
- b) True - Between 1993 and 2008, the farm share of the food dollar declined overall from 18¢ to 15¢, according to the USDA Economic Research Service report "A Revised and Expanded Food Dollar Series: A Better Understanding of Our Food Costs." This squeeze on farmers is largely due to increased consumption of prepared foods.
- c) False - Farmworkers are exempt from many protections of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Federally no overtime pay is required. Annually 22% of farmworker households earn less than \$10,000 and 47% earn between \$10,000 and \$20,000, below poverty guidelines for a family of four. Farmworkers spend much of their off-season time looking for work. In 2010 the average worker was only able to work for roughly 8 months.