



Agriculture Labor Update from Washington, DC

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USApple: Your Voice in DC

- **Only National Group with Apple Focus**
- **Work with Coalitions & Industry**
 - **Common Goals – Labor & Farm Bill**
 - **Unique Apple Perspective**

Key Issues: Agriculture Labor

- **#1 Issue East to West – Large/Small**
- **H2A on Rise – Visas Doubled**
 - **Growth Attributable to Apples**
 - **Delays – Multi Agency Process**
 - **Expensive & Bureaucratic**

Key Issues: Agriculture Labor

- **Agriculture Workforce Coalition**
 - **USApple – Founding Member**
- **Current Climate**
 - **Challenges & Opportunities**

Headlines

May 15, 2017

U.S. Apple Board Member Stresses Labor Reform At Senate Farm Bill Hearing

USApple meets with senior White House officials to discuss association priorities

JUNE 01, 2017

Industry supports proposed changes to H-2A program

By **Ashley Nickle** July 20, 2017 | 1:25 pm EDT

MAY 22, 2017

USApple leader speaks at congressional briefing on ag labor crisis

U.S. Apple leader pleads for labor reform

By **Jim Offner** May 23, 2017 | 4:45 pm EDT







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- **Goodlatte “Ag Act”**
- **Replaces H2A with New H2C**
 - **Streamlined, Less Expensive**
- **AWC Provided Feedback**
 - **H2C is Excellent in Most Respects**
 - **Coalition Stressed Importance of Current Workforce**

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- **Changes to the Bill from June to Oct**
 - **Current Workforce**
 - **Health Insurance Requirement**
 - **Transition from H2A to H2C**
- **Committee Markup**

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- **Positives in the Bill**
 - **Market-Based Wage - No AEWR**
 - **No Housing or Transportation Req**
 - **No Private Right of Action**

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- **Areas of Concern**
 - **Introduction of a Cap**
 - **Current Workforce Left Out**
 - **No Transition Between Programs**
 - **Health Insurance Requirement**

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- **Securing America's Future Act**
 - **Repackaging of Ag Act w/ DACA, E-Verify and Enforcement**

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- **CEO Meetings This Week**
 - **Goal to Improve the Bill**
- **Future of Goodlatte Bill**
 - **House Leaders Gaging Support**
 - **Senate Won't Vote Yes**
 - **DACA Likely to be Slim Pkg**

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- **In the Meantime....**
 - **Potential Regulatory Reforms**
 - **White House Working Group**
 - **Efforts to Modernize**
 - **Streamline**

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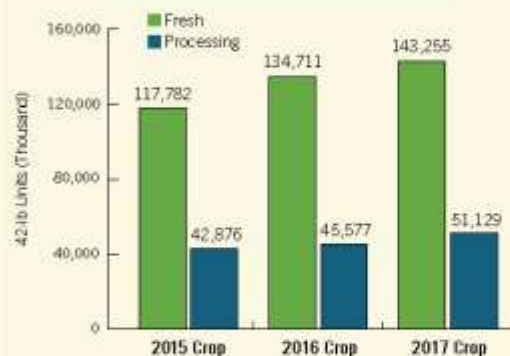
- **Enforcement Only Approach**
 - **History of Ag Opposition**
 - **Leadership Commitment**
 - **Ryan's Office Confirmed**



MarketNews

Fresh Apple Holdings at 143.3 Million Bushels

Total U.S. Fresh and Processing Holdings on November 1



November 1 U.S. Holdings

- U.S. fresh-market apple holdings of 143.3 million bushels on November 1, 2017, are 6 percent more than the November 1, 2016 holdings of 134.7 million bushels, and 15 percent more than the five-year average of 125.1 million bushels.
- Total processing apple holdings as of November 1, 2017, were 51.1 million bushels, 12 percent more than those on November 1, 2016, and 17 percent more than the five-year average for that date.



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Thank You!

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