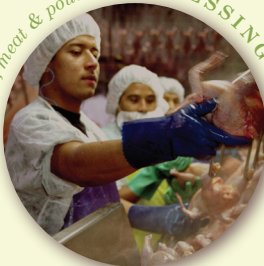


*PRODUCTION farm & fisheries workers*



*Food, meat & poultry PROCESSING workers*



*Warehouse & DISTRIBUTION workers*



*Restaurant & food SERVICE workers*



*RETAIL grocery workers*



# WHO'S BEHIND YOUR FOOD?

Close to 20 million people work in the food system in the U.S., equal to 1/6 of the nation's workforce. While there are some livable wage jobs, over 86% of surveyed food workers earn subminimum, poverty or low wages.

PHOTOS-LEFT TO RIGHT STARTING WITH PRODUCTION-Scott Robertson; Earl Dotter; Mikkel William Nielsen; ROC United; Darren Linker, Youth Worker Health and Safety Education Program, University of Washington

**Workers in the food system face higher levels of food insecurity, or the inability to afford to eat, than the rest of the U.S. workforce. Find out more in our report**

**THE HANDS THAT FEED US: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKERS ALONG THE FOOD CHAIN**



# **FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT. THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO PRODUCE OUR FOOD, FROM FARM TO PLATE, SHOULD BE RESPECTED, TOO.**

**Close to 20 million people, many of whom are people of color and immigrants, work in the U.S. food system.** Through a survey of over 600 workers, we found that 79% do not have or do not know if they have paid sick days; 53% have worked while sick; 57% have suffered an injury or illness on the job; and 58% do not have any health insurance at all. Due to this, workers along the food system have joined together in the Food Chain Workers Alliance (FCWA), a coalition of worker-based organizations whose members plant, harvest, process, pack, transport, prepare, serve, and sell food.

The FCWA works to improve wages and working conditions for all food system workers and aims to build a more sustainable food system that respects workers' rights—based on the principles of social, environmental and racial justice—in which everyone has access to healthy and affordable food. Our program areas include coordinated organizing campaigns, worker leadership development and solidarity, evaluation of certification programs and labor standards, policy, and education.

**Join the fight for a more socially just food system! Contact FCWA today!**

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