

Farmers fear losing immigrant workers under Trump crackdown

Farming uses high percentage of illegal labor

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SALEM — The head of Bethel Heights Vineyard looked out over the 100 acres of vines her crew of 20 Mexicans had just finished pruning, worried about what will happen if the Trump administration presses ahead with its crackdown on immigrants.

From tending the plants to harvesting the grapes, it takes skill and a strong work ethic to produce the winery’s pinot noir and chardonnay, and native-born Americans just aren’t willing to work that hard, Patricia Dudley said as a cold rain drenched the vineyard.

“Who’s going to come out here and do this work when they deport them all?” she asked.



AP Photo/Gillian Flaccus
Moses Maldonado poses for a photo in March in front of a statue in front of the state Capitol in Salem.

President Donald Trump’s hard line against immigrants in the U.S. illegally has sent a chill through the nation’s agricultural industry, which fears a crackdown will deprive it of the labor it needs to plant, grow and pick the crops that feed the country.

Fruit and vegetable growers, dairy and cattle farmers and owners of plant nurseries and vineyards have begun lobbying politicians at home

and in Washington to get them to deal with immigration in a way that minimizes the harm to their livelihoods.

Some of the farm leaders are Republicans who voted for Trump and are torn, wanting border security but also mercy toward laborers who are not dangerous criminals.

Farming uses a higher percentage of illegal labor than any other U.S. industry, according to a Pew Research Center study.

Immigrants working illegally in this country accounted for about 46 percent of America’s roughly 800,000 crop farmworkers in recent years, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Agriculture.

Economic implications

Stepped-up deportations could carry “significant economic implications,” a 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture study said. If America’s unauthorized labor force

shrank 40 percent, for example, vegetable production could drop by more than 4 percent, the study said.

The American Farm Bureau Federation says strict immigration enforcement would raise food prices 5 to 6 percent because of a drop in supply and because of the higher labor costs farmers could face.

In addition to proposing a wall at the Mexican border, Trump wants to hire 10,000 more Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers and has served notice that he intends to be more aggressive than the Obama administration in deporting immigrants.

ICE agents have arrested hundreds of immigrants since Trump took office, though how much of a change from the Obama administration that represents is a matter of debate.

Field hands have been among those targeted, with apple pickers detained in upstate New York and Guatemalans pulled over in Oregon on their way to a forest to pick a plant used in floral arrangements.

It doesn’t appear the arrests themselves have put a sizable dent in the agricultural workforce yet, but the fear is taking its toll.

Some workers in Oregon are leaving for job sites as early as 1 a.m. and staying away from check-cashing shops on payday to avoid dragnets. Farm employers are worried about losing their workforces.

“They say, ‘Don’t go out, don’t get drunk, don’t do nothing illegal’ because they need us too. They worry too,” said Moses Maldonado, who is in the U.S. illegally and has worked for nearly four decades tending wine grapes and picking fruit in Oregon.

In Los Banos, California, asparagus farmer Joe Del Bosque said workers are so afraid of being arrested in the field that he struggled to find enough hands in March to pick his crop.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TONIGHT

45

Plenty of clouds with a little rain late

TUESDAY

55
48

Cloudy with afternoon rain

WEDNESDAY

53
45

Cloudy with rain tapering off

THURSDAY

52
43

Occasional rain and drizzle

FRIDAY

56
42

Rather cloudy

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures	
High/low	51°/45°
Normal high/low	57°/42°
Record high	73° in 2006
Record low	34° in 2013
Precipitation	
Sunday	0.82"
Month to date	6.87"
Normal month to date	4.20"
Year to date	39.20"
Normal year to date	29.04"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tuesday 6:12 a.m.

Moonrise today 5:36 a.m.

Moonsset today 6:14 p.m.

New

First

Full

Last

Apr 26

May 2

May 10

May 18

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Hubble Space Telescope launched into orbit. (1990)

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
1:00 a.m.	8.9 ft.	7:30 a.m.	-0.2 ft.
1:35 p.m.	8.3 ft.	7:34 p.m.	0.8 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	65	55	pc	79	59	s		
Boston	62	44	pc	48	47	r		
Chicago	72	52	pc	75	60	pc		
Denver	68	38	pc	57	30	c		
Des Moines	74	54	pc	71	51	c		
Detroit	70	49	s	69	54	pc		
El Paso	91	67	s	85	61	s		
Fairbanks	53	34	s	50	33	c		
Honolulu	85	75	s	86	74	pc		
Indianapolis	73	53	s	75	59	pc		
Kansas City	75	55	s	74	50	pc		
Las Vegas	85	63	s	79	59	pc		
Los Angeles	74	58	pc	79	59	pc		
Memphis	74	53	s	81	62	s		
Miami	89	68	pc	83	67	s		
Nashville	67	51	pc	78	57	s		
New Orleans	78	58	s	81	65	s		
New York	60	50	pc	53	50	r		
Oklahoma City	76	58	s	86	53	s		
Philadelphia	59	49	r	58	53	s		
St. Louis	80	55	s	82	63	pc		
Salt Lake City	56	43	sh	53	42	r		
San Francisco	62	53	pc	66	55	c		
Seattle	55	46	r	57	47	c		
Washington, DC	55	52	r	63	57	c		

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	52	35	sh	57	39	c		
Bend	51	27	r	52	40	r		
Brookings	52	46	r	55	49	r		
Eugene	54	43	r	55	48	r		
Ilwaco	54	47	r	53	49	r		
Klamath Falls	51	31	r	51	41	c		
Medford	58	44	r	60	50	r		
Newberg	55	44	r	54	49	r		
Newport	53	45	r	55	48	r		
North Bend	55	46	r	57	51	r		

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	55	42	r	55	45	r		
Pendleton	54	41	c	59	46	c		
Portland	55	45	r	55	49	r		
Roseburg	55	45	r	58	52	r		
Salem	56	45	r	56	49	r		
Seaside	54	46	r	54	49	r		
Spokane	54	40	c	57	42	c		
Springfield	54	44	r	55	50	r		
Vancouver	54	45	r	54	49	r		
Yakima	59	37	c	65	43	c		

REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

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OBITUARIES

Leonard McKinley Vaughn Jr.

Naselle, Washington

Jan. 1, 1933 — April 2, 2017

Leonard McKinley Vaughn Jr., 84, of Naselle, Washington, passed away peacefully at Willapa Health and Rehab Center in Raymond, Washington, on Sunday, April 2, 2017.

Leonard was born to Leonard and Ellen Vaughn on Jan. 1, 1933, in Astoria, Oregon. He began his education at the age of 4 in the newly opened Rosburg School, and graduated from Naselle High School in 1951. He began working at a young age on the family dairy farm, the Grays River Creamery and driving truck.

Leonard married Betty Nelson on Oct. 5, 1951. They lived with Betty's parents while building their own home nearby in Salmon Creek, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

Leonard and his brother-in-law, Millard Penttila, were partners in L & M Garage in Naselle for 25 years. After selling the garage, Leonard began driving log truck for Johnson Forestry until buying his own self-loader and starting his own business, B & L Trucking. Leonard and Betty operated the business until he retired in 1995.

Leonard shared his dry sense of humor and “words of wisdom” with those closest to him. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, clamming, woodworking and raising cows. He spoke fondly of being part of community basketball

teams, being a volunteer fireman, and involvement in churches and other volunteer projects. He enjoyed playing cards, and especially loved spending time with family.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, Linda Thompson (Tom) of Naselle and Judy Heiner (Scott) of Montesano; and son, Danny Vaughn (wife Pam, and daughters Amanda and Morgan) of Naselle; grandchildren Michal Corbin (Derrill), Danielle Thompson, Jason Heiner, Justin Heiner and Calen Thompson; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Leonard was preceded in death by his first-born son, Leonard Dale Vaughn in 1970; sisters, Betty Habakangas (Charles), MaryAnn Hayes (Kenneth) and baby sister, Virginia Vaughn.

A memorial service is being held at Bethany Free Lutheran Church in Astoria at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. A graveside service will follow at Peaceful Hill Cemetery in Naselle at 3 p.m., with a reception immediately following at the Naselle Congregational Church on Parpala Road.

Donations in remembrance of Leonard may be made to Appelo Archives Center in Naselle. His guestbook is available at www.penttilaschapel.com

Leonard Vaughn Jr.

Voter registration deadline scheduled for Tuesday

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Clatsop County residents have until Tuesday to register for the May 16 special district election.

Ballots will be mailed Wednesday and must be submitted to the County Clerk’s Office by 8 p.m. Election Day.

Passport services will be suspended May 12 through May 19 as county staff holds the election.

DEATHS

April 23, 2017

FUNK, Michael Paul, 57, of Knappa, died in Knappa. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

JOHANSON, Nancy Adele, 93, of Astoria, died in St. Helens. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Knappa Prairie Cemetery Association, 6 p.m., annual meeting, 41484 Hillcrest Loop.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY

Clatsop Care Health District Board, noon, Clatsop Retirement Village, 947 Olney Ave.

Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.

Astoria Budget Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-7-4-6
4 p.m.: 9-6-9-7
7 p.m.: 3-1-1-8
10 p.m.: 9-7-7-9

Saturday's Megabucks: 2-4-8-31-33-38
Estimated jackpot: \$4.6 million

Saturday's Powerball: 21-39-41-48-63, Powerball: 6
Estimated jackpot: \$100 million

Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-7-7-5
4 p.m.: 0-9-7-0
7 p.m.: 8-4-3-4
10 p.m.: 4-6-7-4

Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-2-1-5
4 p.m.: 0-8-6-3
7 p.m.: 3-2-4-1
10 p.m.: 0-7-7-3

Friday's Mega Millions: 1-12-13-32-34, Mega Ball: 10
Estimated jackpot: \$52 million

WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 6-9-9

Sunday's Keno: 02-07-08-16-18-19-31-32-33-36-40-53-57-60-65-66-71-74-75-76

Sunday's Match 4: 08-18-19-20

Saturday's Daily Game: 5-2-7

Saturday's Hit 5: 02-10-13-26-36
Estimated jackpot: \$240,000

Saturday's Keno: 09-20-21-22-25-32-33-34-40-41-49-53-55-58-59-63-68-73-74-75

Saturday's Lotto: 03-05-22-23-34-39
Estimated jackpot: \$5.3 million

Saturday's Match 4: 04-06-07-10

Friday's Daily Game: 4-3-9

Friday's Keno: 03-04-05-08-10-12-21-33-37-39-41-52-59-61-63-64-66-69-70-76

Friday's Match 4: 10-13-19-22

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