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## Wash. Farm Workers March for Better Pay

MATTAWA, Wash.—About 4,000 farm workers and religious, political and civil rights supporters called for better wages and working conditions during a 4½-mile march between two farm towns. Marchers want higher apple-

picking wages, amnesty for undocumented workers and protection for labor organizers from reprisals by employers.

"We have literally millions of Latinos and people of other ethnicities performing the work that other people don't want to do," said Arturo Rodriguez, the national president of the United Farm Workers of America, "and they're treated like second-class citizens."

In February, the AFL-CIO Executive Council passed a resolution calling for federal legislation granting amnesty to the 6 million undocumented workers in the United

States. Most of Washington state's more than 100,000 agricultural workers are undocumented.

Many marchers on the way from Desert Aire to Mattawa, about 165 miles southeast of Seattle, said they make \$6.50 an hour. Others said they got paid \$9 or \$10 per bin of apples—about \$5 less than they got three years ago.

"We cannot feed our families with these low wages and we will stop working if necessary to get a fair wage," said farm worker Arnulfo Ramirez.

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