

To whom it may concern,

I am an employee working in the **agriculture** industry. The federal government has declared that agriculture is a **“critical” industry** whose operations, “have a special responsibility to maintain (their) normal work schedule.” Additionally, the guidance outlines agriculture-related activities including everything from farm operations and workers, to workers engaged in carrying out agricultural government programs, to workers and businesses engaged in the manufacture and repair of farm equipment.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) states that Critical Infrastructure includes but is not limited to **“food and plant cultivation, including farming crops, livestock, food processing and manufacturing, animal feed and feed products, rendering, commodity sales, and any other work critical to the operation of any component of the food supply chain.”**

Agriculture requires all different types of travel to and between farms, ranches and other types of operations. This is why you find me on the road today. We are doing our best to practice social distancing and healthy habits while we continue to produce food, fiber and fuel for our communities, state and nation.

Employer: _____

Title/Position: _____

Employee Name Print: _____

Employee Signature: _____

Employer Signature: _____

Please contact _____ at this phone number _____ if you have any questions or concerns about my travel.

Thank you.

The Department of Homeland Security defines Food and Agriculture workers as:

- Workers supporting groceries, pharmacies and other retail that sells food and beverage products
- Restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations - Carry-out and delivery food employees
- Food manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—to include those employed in food processing (packers, meat processing, cheese plants, milk plants, produce, etc.) facilities; livestock, poultry, seafood slaughter facilities; pet and animal feed processing facilities; human food facilities producing by-products for animal food; beverage production facilities; and the production of food packaging
- Farm workers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically
- Farm workers and support service workers to include those who field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs
- Employees and firms supporting food, feed, and beverage distribution, including warehouse workers, vendor-managed inventory controllers and blockchain managers
- Workers supporting the sanitation of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail
- Company cafeterias - in-plant cafeterias used to feed employees
- Workers in food testing labs in private industries and in institutions of higher education
- Workers essential for assistance programs and government payments
- Employees of companies engaged in the production of chemicals, medicines, vaccines, and other substances used by the food and agriculture industry, including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, minerals, enrichments, and other agricultural production aids
- Animal agriculture workers to include those employed in veterinary health; manufacturing and distribution of animal medical materials, animal vaccines, animal drugs, feed ingredients, feed, and bedding, etc.; transportation of live animals, animal medical materials; transportation of deceased animals for disposal; raising of animals for food; animal production operations; slaughter and packing plants and associated regulatory and government workforce
- Workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products
- Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary to agricultural production and distribution