

Farming is a trillion-dollar industry, yet it's filled with many poor families who work in poor conditions. It's hard for many to leave this industry since it consists of many migrants who have limited options for jobs and have very little money to start a new life. Many migrants who work in this industry struggle to receive fair treatment, safe work conditions, and high wages. Women's victories in creating a better environment in the farmwork industry have been overshadowed and unrecognized in the United States because women-led organizations and leaders have been outshined by their male co-workers and not given acknowledgments for their accomplishments.

A case that benefited many workers and migrant workers is *Saenz v. Roe*. People who come to California from abroad to work would not qualify for any assistance. According to *Extending The Progress of The Feminist Movement to the Rights of Migrants Farmworker Women*, it states, "NOW successfully served as co-counsel in *Saenz v. Roe*, a case brought before the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of a California law that required one year of residency in the state before new Californians could receive full welfare benefits." (Kamm, 772). This decision greatly impacted migrant farmworkers who travel a lot to work in different states to receive assistance for their already low-wage jobs. NOW is the nation's first women's legal defense and education fund for women that helped make this accomplishment possible. Faith Seidenberg served as the first President and was an attorney and a civil rights activist. This women-led organization helped many new farmworkers.

Dolores Huerta is one of the most influential farmworker activists in the United States who worked alongside Cesar Chavez to fight for better working conditions for farmworkers. She is the Co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association. In Dolores Huerta's documentary, Cesar Chavez asked Dolores in their first National Farm Worker Association who would elect

her for vice president when he stepped down and she responded with “Oh, I don't have to be on the board. I just want to serve all the women out there.” This displays Dolores’ dedication to fighting for others' rights; she wants to help advance the civil rights of farmworkers even without seeking recognition. If it wasn't for Cesar, Dolores did not think she had the power to receive credit or thought she deserved the recognition. She learned to not think that way and we shouldn't have to live in a place where women believe they do not deserve recognition for their accomplishments.

These women-led organizations and individuals have created better and safer conditions for farmworkers. Without their accomplishments, workers would still have no state assistance and continue to get mistreated. The Farm Workers Association continues to fight for farmworkers’ rights to this day. Many women are involved, yet many forget to give credit to them. Without their help, the farmwork industry will be in worse condition. There is still more that needs to be done, and more women are needed to help make a difference in farmworking.