Determining what information is needed

What information do you want?	Is the information easily available somewhere else?	Where is that information fully or partially available?	How necessary is the information?			How do you plan to use the responses?
			Not necessary	Nice to know	Must know	
Age	Possibly	U.S Census (not farmworker specific) Farmers or contractors Migrant Education Migrant Head Start Farmworker housing Migrant Health Center data-bases.			X	To determine need for age-specific services, for example: pediatric care, teen clinics, etc.
Gender	Possibly	U.S Census (not farmworker specific) Farmers or contractors Migrant Education Migrant Head Start Farmworker housing Migrant Health Center data-bases.			X	To determine needs for gender specific services, for example: OB/GYN services, male clinics, etc.
Marital status	Possibly	Migrant Head Start Farmworker housing	X			To determine how many farmworkers are single. *Knowing the percentage of single farmworkers may have little value when assessing the health care needs of the farmworker population*
Number of people living in the household	Possibly	U.S Census (not farmworker specific) Farmers or contractors Migrant Education Migrant Head Start Farmworker housing Migrant Health Center data-bases.		X		To determine how many people there are per household. *Depending on the objective of the needs assessment, knowing the number of people per household may be useful for: a) calculating the size of the population b) determining the health center penetration rate c) planning staffing patterns*
Regular source of medical care	Possibly	Emergency rooms (not farmworker specific)			X	To determine how many people are not using the health center. *Depending on the objective of the needs assessment, knowing the number of people reporting not having a medical home can be useful for: a) determining C/MHC penetration rate b) determining the number of farmworkers using emergency rooms for non-emergencies c) determining the number of people with no access to primary care, etc. d) supporting need for service expansion or for establishing a new access point*

Household income	No				X	To determine the level of poverty among farmworkers. *Knowing household income can help health centers determine:* *a) the level of poverty among farmworkers in the target area* *b) potential program income from patient co-pay* *c) the number of people that could qualify for the sliding fee scale*
How long are farmworkers in the area	Possibly	Farmers or contractors			X	To find out how long farmworkers are in the area. *Knowing how long farmworkers are in the area is helpful information when:* *a) planning a needs assessment* *b) determining what service delivery strategy to use for meeting their needs* *c) planning outreach activities* *d) planning staffing patterns*
Crops	Yes	Farmers or contractors Agricultural Extension Office State Farmworker Monitor Census of Agriculture Area Agricultural Industry WebPages		X		What crops are being grown *This information can help health centers to:* *a) determine seasonality of employment* *b) know when to expect influxes of farmworkers* *c) plan outreach activities*
Agricultural task	Possibly	Farmers. Contractors. Agricultural Extension Office State Farmworker Monitor			X	To determine what agricultural tasks farmworkers are working on. *This information can help health centers determine:* *a) occupational/environmental risks* *b) the need to establish educational interventions* *c) the need to establish referral mechanisms for environmental health specialists*
Educational level	Possibly	Migrant Education		X		To determine the educational level of members of household. This information can help to inform the design of outreach and educational information provided by the HC.
Primary Language	Possibly	U.S Census (not farmworker specific) Migrant Education Migrant Head Start Farmworker housing Migrant Health Center data-bases.			X	To determine the primary language spoken in the home. This information can help health centers when: *a) planning a needs assessment* *b) designing materials for patient use* *c) planning outreach activities* *d) hiring appropriate staff*