Figure 2. When does overtime/premium pay apply to farm workers?

1 A volunteer is one who donates their services, usually part-time, to a non-profit organization for public service, religious, or humanitarian objectives, not as an employee and without contemplation of pay.

2 Premium pay will be phased out completely by 2023 with the rate lowering to 1.3 times regular wages in 2020, 1.2 times in 2021, and 1.1 times in 2022. Note that there are additional restrictions on which businesses can operate on Sundays and holidays. For more information, see: www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-blue-laws

3 MA wage and hour laws define agriculture as “labor on a farm and the growing and harvesting of agricultural, floricultural, and horticultural commodities.” For more information, see www.buylocalfood.org/what-is-considered-farm-work

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