



EMILIA ROMAGNA

Agricultural workers STRIKE on friday, June 15th

After a five months face-to-face, agricultural workers major unions FAI-CISL, FLAI- CGIL and UILA- UIL had to consider impossible any further bargaining aimed at renewing the National Collective Agreement for Agricultural workers due to the rejection by Confagricoltura, Coldiretti and Cia of almost all requests from the workers side.

The National Collective Agreement expired last december 31 and the requests we came up with are very important for the agricultural workers welfare: we requested to increase the short leaves opportunities, further support for motherhood, protection for workers with very serious illnesses or due protection for those female workers victims of violence.

We also requested to strenghten the welfare of labourers working for sub-contractors, better protection for foreign workers posted in Italy, support for workers with permanent contract who happen to be fired, all these together with more attention in terms of occupational safety. These are the issues we unfruitfully confronted the employers organizations with.

Furthermore, we requested for due attention in terms workers placement, their transportation to and from the work site sas well as the implementation of positive provisions of Law 199/2016 that tackles exploitative labour. A Law we hardly battled for. All these issues were just rejected by the employers organizations.

The employers asked, on one hand to cancel the daily working time of 6 hours and half and, on the other to introduce a minimum salary that might be lower and would by-pass our collective bargaining model. We disagreed.

Cancelling the daily working time will hinder the social benefits workers get with unemployment allowance based of social insurance contributions. Furthermore, the daily working time might be endless.

As we, agricultural workers unions, said no to the unacceptable requests of the employers organizations, they unilaterally decided they wouldn't confront us any longer.

Due to such dangerous attitude, and considering their unwillingness to discuss any pay increase, we have decided to call a

**NATIONAL STRIKE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
ALL THROUGH FRIDAY JUNE 15TH WITH DEMONSTRATIONS ALL OVER ITALY.**

In EMILIA-ROMAGNA, the demonstration will take place in FORLI' – meeting at 10 am in Corso della Repubblica 45, the demonstration will end in Piazza saffi.

Workers, join the strike. It's the only way that will force the employers to come back on their steps and confront the workers unions that are fighting for your rights and dignity.