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Unfortunately, the agricultural community operates in a very dynamic environment, unlike most businesses. Work schedules are predicated, in large part, on weather and/or soil conditions coupled with crop development. As a grower or farm manager, your work schedule must flex to accommodate what you can do at any given time based on the variables that were previously listed. By limiting the hours of work in each week, the bill could be detrimental to the agricultural worker. For instance, if one of your crops are ready to be harvested, but conditions are less than adequate, labor may be sent home and called back later to stay within the 40- or 55-hour work week. That process will be detrimental to the agricultural worker in terms of transportation costs coupled with perhaps less hours in a day or more days in the week.