



## Resources on the Bracero Program

A number of resources explore the little-known history of the Bracero Program:

“**Bittersweet Harvest**” is a travelling exhibit created by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History that explores how the Bracero Program produced both exploitation and opportunity. An [online exhibition](#) includes many photos and quotes from former braceros.

[The Bracero History Archive](#) has made available a rich collection of oral histories and artifacts from those who came north as part of the Bracero Program.

The documentary [Harvest of Loneliness](#) (2010) foregrounds the voices and stories of bracero workers as well as wives and families they left behind.

[Bracero Stories](#) (2008) is an award-winning bilingual documentary that explores the personal stories of five former braceros.

The [Bracero Project](#) of the Sin Fronteras Organizing Project (El Paso, TX) aims to educate the public and gain greater recognition for the contributions of Mexican workers to agriculture in the United States

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