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Everyone knows our mass produced foods are full of toxic pesticides and fish genes, and that our clothes are made by slave children in the third world, but the Canadian Temporary Foreign Worker program aspires to bring the best of both of these worlds to domestic farming right here. Workers in the program are imported from Mexico and Central America, work the farms most of the year, then get shipped back just before everything freezes over and the benefits of health care and citizenship kick in.

McGill food producers Campus Crops want to draw attention to this aspect of food production, which is often missing from discussions of the ethics of eating. They're holding a workshop on migrant labour and food production on Friday, July 29 from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring speakers from the Immigrant Workers' Centre and Dignidad Migrante.

"One thing that is often overlooked is class and race in food production," says Alexandra Blair, garden coordinator at Campus Crops. "It's valuable to talk about pesticides and organic food as health-related topics, but we're interested in moving from talking about individual health to community health."

Migrant Labour & Food Production takes place in the Lev Bukhman room on the second floor of McGill's SSMU building ([3480 McTavish](tel:3480-McTavish)). More details are available at campuscropsmcgill.blogspot.com.

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