

Visa Glitch Stalls Workers, Straining U.S. Farms

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A computer failure has prevented the U.S. from issuing thousands of temporary and immigrant visas since June 9, leaving agricultural workers stranded at the border just as the summer harvest gets under way.

“It’s a crisis,” said Jason Resnick, general counsel for the Western Growers Association, which represents farmers in California, Arizona and Colorado.

He said that more than 1,000 workers who expected H-2A agricultural...