

WAC 296-17A-4809 Classification 4809.

4809-01 Greenhouses, N.O.C.

Applies to:

Establishments engaged in raising plants exclusively within greenhouses not covered by another classification (N.O.C.).

Work in this classification includes, but is not limited to:

- Preparation of soils;
- Planting seeds or cuttings into pots and trays;
- Watering;
- Fertilizing plants;
- Related sales of plants and store operations.

Note: Some establishments may specialize in growing only indoor, outdoor or vegetable plants, while others will grow all types. The primary distinction between classification 4809 and other classifications where similar plants are grown is the exclusive use of greenhouses for the growing operations. Establishments subject to this classification will not have outdoor growing fields. All growing areas are confined to greenhouse operations.

What activities are not included in this classification?

• Contractors hired by farm to install, repair or build any farm equipment or structures (report in the classification applicable to the work being performed).

What is a farm labor contractor?

• A farm labor contractor is a specialty contractor who supplies laborers to a farm operation for specified services such as weeding, planting, irrigating and fertilizing; and

• Generally the work involves manual labor tasks as opposed to machine operation.

What risk classification are farm labor contractors to report in?

• Farm labor contractors are to be reported in the classification that applies to the farm they are contracting with; and

• Contractors who provide both equipment or machinery and the machine operators are to be reported in classification 4808 "Custom farm services," as the process involved in operating machinery is the same regardless of the type of farm they are providing services to or the type of crop involved.

4809-04 Farms: Mushrooms

Applies to:

Establishments engaged in the raising and harvesting of mushrooms for sale.

Work in this classification includes, but is not limited to:

- Preparation and sterilization of compost material;
- Seeding composted trays;
- Monitoring humidity and temperature controlled growing rooms;
- Moving trays from growing rooms;
- Harvesting;
- Grading and sorting;
- Fresh packing of mushrooms for sale to others.

What activities are not included in this classification?

• Canneries or freezer operations (report in classification 3902); and

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4809-05 Farms: Sprouts

Applies to:

- Establishments engaged in the raising and harvesting of bean and alfalfa sprouts using hydroponic growing methods.
- Hydroponics growing is a method where vegetable crops are raised in trays and tanks within a temperature controlled building, in a water solution containing inorganic nutrients.

Work in this classification includes, but is not limited to:

- Preparation and cleaning of tanks and trays;
- Preparation of water solutions;
- Planting of seed into water solution;
- Harvesting;
- Packaging of crops.

What activities are not included in this classification?

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