

## **Government extends seasonal workers' pilot**

The Government is to allow up to 30,000 seasonal workers into the UK in 2021 as part of an extension to the existing Seasonal Workers Scheme.

The additional number of visas for migrant workers follows a review of the seasonal workers pilot scheme that, for 2020, allowed for 10,000 workers.

The visas will last for a maximum of 6 months and will be available for 2021 only.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, only 25% of migrant workers, who would normally have worked seasonally on British farms, were able to arrive as a result of border closures in a number of countries. The CLA estimated that as many as 80,000 migrant workers are required per year.

Following a joint industry response, the Government set up the "Pick for Britain" website to encourage more British workers to help producers on farms. This will be extended in 2021.