Mar 1962 Founded by Cesar & Helen Chavez
Sep 1962 Founding Convention of NATL Farm Workers Association
Sep 1965 Beginning of Delano Grape Strike - Joint effort by NEVADA + Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO
Summer 1966 AWOC + NEVADA merge as UFWOC, AFL-CIO. UFWOC defeats Teamsters in critical grape election (531-331-19, 8/30/66)
1967 Start of first International Grape Boycott
Jul 1970 Last of Table Grape Growers Sign Contracts in Delano
Aug 1970 Huge lettuce strike in response to Teamster deals with growers; lettuce boycott follows
1972 Farm Bureau legislative campaigns in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Arizona; California to destroy boycott with "farm labor" legislation
Spring 1973 Grape contracts expire; growers turn to Teamsters; grape strike of 1973 + the second international grape boycott
Jun 1975 In response to boycott, Gov Brown gets diverse groups behind Calif Agricultural Labor Relations Act
Aug 1975 Elections begin; widespread violations of CALRA; Gov establishes enforcement task force; workers vote overwhelmingly for UFW (over Teamsters + no union)
Feb 1976 Growers get legislature to de-fund the law; elections stop; UFW begins initiative drive; legislature relents
1977 With UFW winning more than 75% of elections, Teamsters withdraw from fields
1979 Imperial Valley/Salinas lettuce strike
1982 Deukmejian elected; appoints David Stirling as General Counsel; enforcement of CALRA withers
1984 UFW makes decision to return to the grape boycott
1986 Deukmejian re-elected