



# Mott's Workers Strike!

News from the RWDSU/UFCW Local 220 labor dispute in Williamson, New York

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On May 23, over 300 full-time manufacturing workers at the Mott's plant in Williamson, New York, were forced to strike after company executives demanded painful wage cuts while the company enjoyed a record year of \$555 million in profits. The members of RWDSU Local 220 remain committed to winning a strike and holding the line for all middle class jobs in the U.S.

The picket lines are only part of the fight. Mott's workers are spreading the word about their fight throughout North America, and this newsletter tells their story.

## UFCW PRESIDENT HANSEN PLEDGES SUPPORT OF 1.4 MILLION MEMBERS (7/8/10)

United Food and Commercial Workers President Joseph T. Hansen joined the members of Local 220 on the picket line in Williamson, New York, on July 6, pledging the support of the 1.4 million members of the UFCW for the striking Mott's workers.

"There is no more just fight in the United States right now than the one against what Dr Pepper Snapple is doing to you right now," Hansen said.



## UFCW LOCALS STAND WITH MOTT'S WORKERS ACROSS U.S. (7/14/10)

As the strike at the Mott's plant in Williamson, New York, continues through its second month, UFCW locals across the country are standing united with the striking RWDSU Local 220 members.

UFCW members have distributed flyers at supermarkets and discounters, informed customers about the greedy, union-busting tactics of Mott's and owner Dr Pepper Snapple Group, and let RWDSU Local

220 members know that they have the full support of the 1.4 million member UFCW.

UFCW locals participating in actions in support of the Mott's strikers included 2, 5, 7R, 21, 22, 23, 27, 38, 75, 88, 99, 135, 152, 227, 271, 304A, 328, 367, 400, 431, 455, 464A, 534, 536, 538, 540, 648, 653, 655, 700, 711, 770, 789, 876, 880, 881, 951, 1000, 1059, 1116, 1167, 1208, 1262, 1360, 1439, 1442, 1459, 1473, 1529, 1546, 1564, 1625, 1657, 1776, 1995, 1996, and 2008.



## MOTT'S WORKERS TAKE PICKET LINE TO NATIONAL FRUIT IN VIRGINIA (7/14/10)

**M**ott's workers took the picket line to the National Fruit manufacturing plant in Winchester, Virginia, to protest Mott's outsourcing and co-packing of applesauce due to slowed production in the Mott's Williamson, New York, plant. Strikers and union activists are leafleting National Fruit production workers to educate them about the ongoing labor dispute at Mott's.

Mott's strikers set up new picket lines in front of the National Fruit Product Company facility on Wednesday, June 14.

"We always knew they couldn't run efficiently

without us, but now we have proof with the National Fruit co-packing," said Stephanie Draper, a Line Technician at Mott's.

"They have a factory in Williamson, New York, made for applesauce manufacturing, with hundreds of unskilled workers inside and yet they have to send Mott's labels to their competitors to stick on other applesauce?," added Bruce Beal, Label Operator at the Williamson plant.



### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Publicize this struggle within your own union or organization.

Check out our website at: [www.mottsworkers.org](http://www.mottsworkers.org) and download our leaflet.

Write or fax a letter to DPS President & CEO Larry Young at: 5301 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024 or fax it to (972) 673-7976 (Please also fax a copy of your letter to the RWDSU at (212) 779-2809)

Contribute to the "RWDSU Mott's Hardship Fund" by sending your contribution to:

RWDSU/UFCW, 30 East 29th Street, New York, NY 10016

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