

# Organic Farm Vegetable Production Assistant (Career Focus Program)

**Employer:** Our Little Farm <u>www.ourlittlefarm.ca</u>

**Location:** Lochaber-Partie-Ouest (Outaouais), Quebec (about 40 min. from Ottawa)

NOTE: If you have sent your resume in the past and would like to be considered for this position, please resend your resume in order to express your continued interest.

# Job Description

Ever thought about being a farmer? Here's a job that will help you gain valuable experience on a farm. Under the supervision of the farmer and the production manager, you will help us produce over 35 different types of organic vegetables and participate in many aspects of running a farm, such as:

- Harvest: picking, washing and packing vegetables for our CSA boxes & wholesale customers.
- **Greenhouse:** preparation of seeding mix, seeding and potting up.
- Field: transplanting, weeding, pruning and pest control.
- **Machinery Operation:** Tractor and implement utilisation (training provided).
- Market Style Drop-off: Helping clients, stocking produce, ect.

# Eligibility for Career Focus Program (must meet all criteria)

- Be between the ages of 15 and 30.
- Be unemployed or under-employed.
- Have graduated in the last three calendar years from a university, college or CEGEP.
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Have not participated in any other Youth Employment Strategy program (that is, Agricultural Youth Green Job's Initiative).

#### Qualifications

- Belief in the values of organic agriculture.
- Ability to work fast and a drive to improve efficiency.
- Good physical condition.
- Ability to work well with others.
- Ease with the public.
- Bilingualism is an asset but not required.
- Driver's license is an asset but not required.
- A good attitude and sense of humour.

## Job Details

- Start/End Date: late April to late October (there is some flexibility with these dates)
- Work Schedule: 40-48 hours/week: Monday to Friday, and occasional weekend work
- **Wage:** \$12.00/hour, minus source deductions (EI, QPP, QPIP, etc.)

#### Housing

We are located 2km from Thurso and 17km from Buckingham where there are an ample supply of month-to-month rental options at affordable prices. We can put you in touch with several landlords in the area who are reputable. You are responsable for transportation to and from the farm.

#### **About Us**

Our Little Farm is a young & dynamic farm that grows 35 different types of local, certified organic vegetables. We offer organic vegetable baskets (Community Supported Agriculture) in Gatineau and Ottawa. We also believe that the best way for someone to become a farmer is to work on a farm. That's why we seek to offer a stimulating experience and aim to share our knowledge as much as possible. We work fast, laugh a lot and love what we do!

# To Apply

Send your cover letter and resumé in PDF format to Jim at <u>jim@ourlittlefarm.ca</u>. We will review resumes as we receive them and usually do interviews via video conference. *Only suitable candidates will be contacted*. Interviews will be conducted the week of January 29th.

Check out our farm video: Youtube