

Organic Farm Vegetable Production Assistant (UN Green Corp)

Employer: Our Little Farm www.ourlittlefarm.ca

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 (please contact us if you have questions regarding your eligibility)

- be between the ages of 18 and 30 (inclusive) at the time of intake/selection;
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or persons who have been granted refugee status in Canada:
- be legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations;
- not be in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits at the time of the placement (*Please note that the cancellation of EI benefits may cause some delay in the hiring process);
- not be full-time students or co-op students;
- not have participated in a youth project or programme funded by the federal government within
 one year. If youth have participated in a federally-funded youth programme, they must have been
 continuously unemployed throughout the following year, and their application will be subject to
 review:
- must be able to commit to a full-time job placement;
- Unemployed or underemployed.

Note: Underemployment exists when employed persons are A) working part-time, or B) working in a field that does not utilize their academic qualifications, thus, not attaining their full employment level.

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.*

Check out our farm video: Youtube