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Michigan Farmworker Jobs Paying \$11.49/Hour in 2014

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Several agricultural employers have submitted job orders that will pay at least \$11.49 per hour for farmworker jobs in Michigan. The jobs are open to any qualified job applicant, including migrant and seasonal farmworkers anywhere in the U.S. These job orders are often the first step in the employer eventually bringing foreign guestworkers to Michigan under the federal "H2A visa" if not enough U.S. workers find out about these jobs. If the employer finds enough qualified U.S. citizens or residents for the jobs, then they will need fewer guestworkers. **U.S. workers can apply until 50% of the contract period has elapsed, unless noted below.**

All workers who apply for and obtain these jobs have the right to the same terms and conditions that foreign guestworkers are promised. For example, the employer must provide free housing to any worker who is not from the local area. All jobs listed below offer approximately 35 - 40 hours per week. Individuals interested in the job can contact the Michigan Workforce Development Agency (also known as the job service). Other benefits available to all workers who get these jobs are:

- Hourly wage of at least \$11.49 (* indicates piece-rate or bonus available)
- Free and licensed housing if the worker does not live within commuting distance
- A guarantee that the employer will comply with all H2A program requirements
- Workers compensation insurance
- The cost of travel from the place of recruitment to the job site, after completing 50% of the contract period
- The cost of travel back home, after completing the contract period
- A record of the amount of work performed and amount paid, including deductions

Farmworker Legal Services will counsel H2A visa holders about their rights under their contracts, U.S. workers who obtain these "H2A" jobs, and potential U.S. workers who are denied their right to obtain these jobs.

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN (Active jobs listed first in bold)

Employer	City and County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
Hamlin Farms	South Haven – Allegan County	80	Farm worker: cucumber harvester	7/9/2014 to 10/8/2014	August 23, 2014	\$11.49*	Holland: (616) 396-2154
Walther Farms	Three Rivers – St. Joseph County	14	Potato equipment operator/mechanic	7/28/2014 to 11/3/2014	September 15, 2014	\$12.74	Three Rivers: (269) 273-2717
Maroa Farms	Coldwater – Branch County	70	Farmworker: tomato greenhouse	10/1/2014 to 6/15/2014	February 6, 2015	\$11.49*	Coldwater: (517) 278-0214
Walther Farms	Three Rivers – St. Joseph County	7	Potato equipment operator/mechanic	3/24/2014 to 6/16/2014	May 5, 2014	\$12.74	Paw Paw: (269) 657-7014, ext. 1264
T. Bell Detasseling	Kalamazoo, Cass, St. Joseph, and Branch Counties	100	Corn detasseling, bean roqueing	6/16/2014 to 8/10/2014	July 13, 2014	\$11.49	Kalamazoo: (269) 488-7613
D&K Harvesting	Branch, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren, & Calhoun Counties	130	Corn detasseling	7/4/2014 to 8/7/2014	July 21, 2014	\$11.49	Kalamazoo: (269) 488-7613
Great Lakes Glads	Branch & St. Joseph Counties	72	Farm worker: Harvesting gladiolus & sunflowers, bouquet processing	6/22/2014 to 10/11/2014	August 16, 2014	\$11.49*	Coldwater: (517) 278-0214



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CENTRAL & WEST MICHIGAN (Active jobs listed first in bold)

Employer	County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
D&K Harvesting	Ronald Rasch Farms: Ionia, Kent, Ottawa, Newaygo, Montcalm	99	Apple Harvester	8/15/2014 to 10/31/2014	September 22, 2014	\$11.49*	Petoskey: (231) 439-5242
Mark W. Youngquist	Kent City- Kent County	24	Apple harvester	9/8/2014 to 11/5/2014	October 7, 2014	\$11.49*	Grand Rapids: (616) 336-4048
Windy Ridge Orchards	Conklin - Ottawa, Kent Counties	20	Farmworker: apples, peaches, nectarines and plums	9/8/2014 to 11/6/2014	October 7, 2014	\$11.49*	Grand Rapids: (616) 336-4048
Green Tree Orchards	Conklin - Ottawa, Kent Counties	32	Farmworker: Apple Harvester	9/9/2014 to 11/6/2014	October 8, 2014	\$11.49*	Grand Rapids: (616) 336-4048
Joe Rasch Orchards	Conklin – Ottawa, Kent Counties	25	Farmworker: Apple Harvester	9/8/2014 to 11/7/2014	October 8, 2014	\$11.49*	Grand Rapids: (616) 336-4048
Snappy Apple Farms	Casnovia – Muskegon County	75	Farmworker: Apple Harvester	9/27/2014 to 11/5/2014	October 16, 2014	\$11.49*	Grand Rapids: (616) 336-4048
Bebow Transport	St. Louis – Gratiot County	8	Agricultural Equipment Operator	9/6/2014 to 12/1/2014	October 19, 2014	\$11.49	Alma: (616) 754-9315 ext. 3307
<i>D&K Harvesting</i>	<i>Mecosta & Montcalm Counties</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>Corn detasseling</i>	<i>7/4/2014 to 8/7/2014</i>	<i>July 21, 2014</i>	<i>\$11.49</i>	<i>Whitehall: (231) 893-1008 ext. 2552</i>
<i>Kunkel Onion Farms</i>	<i>Eaton County</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Farm worker: onions, pull weeds, harvest, packing</i>	<i>4/08/2014 to 1/1/2015</i>	<i>August 20, 2014</i>	<i>\$11.49</i>	<i>Charlotte: (517) 541-8971</i>

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN (Active jobs listed first in bold)

Employer	City and County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
D&K Harvesting	Applewood Orchards: Monroe & Lenawee Counties	49	Apple Harvester	8/15/2014 to 10/31/2014	September 22, 2014	\$11.49*	Adrian: (517) 266-5627 ext. 63206
Witt Farms	Deerfield – Lenawee County	25	Farmworker: jalapeño and banana peppers	7/28/2014 to 10/17/2014	September 6, 2014	\$11.49	Adrian: (517) 266-5627 ext. 63206
Walther Farms	Caro & Cass City - Tuscola County	4	Potato equipment operator/mechanic	8/25/2014 to 10/30/2014	September 27, 2014	\$12.74	Caro: (989) 673-8103 ext. 15
Juan Vasquez	Ruhlig Farms: - Monroe County	125	Farmworker: vegetables and fruit	9/11/2014 to 11/30/2014	October 21, 2014	\$11.49	Monroe: (734) 240-7991

Parran's Berry Farm	Ida – Monroe County	4	Farmworker: plant, cultivate and harvest fruit and vegetables.	3/01/2014 to 10/31/2014	July 1, 2014	\$11.49	Paw Paw: (269) 657-7014 ext. 1264
Fogler's Orchard & Farm	Rochester – Oakland County	10	Farmworker: Vegetables, fruit trees, and flowers in greenhouses and field	2/17/2014 to 11/15/2014	July 2, 2014	\$11.49 (48 hrs/week)	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext. 19
Lucas Nursery	Wayne and Washtenaw Counties	10	Nursery Worker: planting, pruning, and operating farm equipment	3/17/2014 to 11/14/2014	July 16, 2014	\$11.49	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext. 19
Oliver Farms	Macomb – Macomb County	6	Farmworker: equipment operation; harvest produce.	4/27/2014 to 11/20/2014	August 8, 2014	\$11.49	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext. 19

NORTHERN MICHIGAN (Active jobs listed first in bold)

Employer	City and County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
Bill's Farm Market	Petoskey – Emmet County	7	Vegetables, Christmas trees, equipment operator	6/5/2014 to 12/1/2014	September 2, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730
Cherry Bay Orchards	Suttons Bay – Leelanau County	35	Farmworker: apples, pears, grapes, cherries	8/31/2014 to 11/8/2014	October 4, 2014	\$11.49*	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730
Henry Orchards	Benzonia – Benzie County	10	Farm worker: apples	9/5/2014 to 11/15/2014	October 10, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730
Dutchman Tree Farms	Manton – Missaukee County	100	Farmworker: Christmas trees, cherries, apples, asparagus, corn	9/15/2014 to 12/10/2014	October 28, 2014	\$11.49*	Cadillac: (231) 775-3408
Northern Nursery	McMillan – Luce County	5	Nursery Worker	4/15/2014 to 11/15/2014	N/A	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3728
Cherry Bay Orchards	Suttons Bay - Leelanau County	12	Fruit farmworker	3/17/2014 to 8/31/2014	June 8, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3700
Lucas Nursery	Boardman Township- Kalkaska County	4	Nursery worker: planting, harvesting, operating farm equipment	3/17/2014 to 11/14/2014	July 16, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730
Peggy's Gardening	Petoskey – Emmet County	10	Nursery Worker	3/16/2014 to 12/1/2014	July 24, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730
Jim Hoffman's Sons	Petoskey – Emmet County	8	Nursery Worker	4/12/2014 to 11/15/2014	July 30, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730
Henry Orchards	Benzonia – Benzie County	4	Farm worker: apples, cherries, peaches	5/1/2014 to 11/15/2014	August 9, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730
Dutchman Tree Farms	Manton – Missaukee County	47	Christmas Tree Farmworker	4/14/2014 to 12/10/2014	August 12, 2014	\$11.49*	Cadillac: (231) 775-3408
Bluff Gardens	Harbor Springs – Emmet County	3	Farm worker – fruits and vegetables; maintenance	4/20/2014 to 12/18/2014	August 19, 2014	\$11.49	Traverse City: (231) 922-3730