

FARMWORKER LEGAL SERVICES

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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 rogueing | 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 |



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 |
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| D&K Harvesting | Ronald Rasch Farms: Ionia, Kent, Ottawa, Newaygo, Montcalm | 99 | Apple Harvester | 8/15/2014 to 10/31/201 4 | 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 |
| D&K Harvesting | Mecosta & Montcalm Counties | 60 | Corn detasseling | 7/4/2014 to 8/7/2014 | July 21, 2014 | \$11.49 | Whitehall: (231) 893-1008 ext. 2552 |
| Kunkel Onion Farms | Eaton County | 8 | Farm worker: onions, pull weeds, harvest, packing | 4/08/2014 to 1/1/2015 | August 20, 2014 | \$11.49 | Charlotte: (517) 541-8971 |

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 |
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| 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 | lda – 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 |