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Michigan Farmworker Jobs Paying \$11.56/Hour in 2015

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Several agricultural employers have submitted job postings that will pay at least \$11.56 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 H2A 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). Benefits available to all workers who get these jobs are:

- Hourly wage of at least \$11.56 (* 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
Maroa Farms	Coldwater – Branch County	92	Greenhouse workers: tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries	8/25/2015 to 6/18/2016	January 21, 2016	\$11.56*	Coldwater: (517) 278-0222
<i>Maroa Farms</i>	<i>Coldwater – Branch County</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Farmworker: tomato greenhouse</i>	<i>10/5/2014 to 6/15/2015</i>	<i>February 9, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56*</i>	<i>Coldwater: (517) 278-0214</i>
<i>Walther Farms</i>	<i>Three Rivers – St. Joseph County</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Potato equipment operator/mechanic</i>	<i>3/1/2015 to 6/1/2015</i>	<i>April 16, 2015</i>	<i>\$12.74</i>	<i>Paw Paw: (269) 657-7014 ext 1255</i>
<i>Walther Farms</i>	<i>Three Rivers – St. Joseph County</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Potato equipment operator/mechanic</i>	<i>3/1/2015 to 11/15/2015</i>	<i>July 8, 2015</i>	<i>\$12.74</i>	<i>Three Rivers: (269) 273-2717</i>
<i>T. Bell Detasseling</i>	<i>St. Joseph County and surrounding counties</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>Corn detasseling, bean roguing, seed corn harvest & sort</i>	<i>6/27/2015 to 8/10/2015</i>	<i>July 19, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56; 11.61 in Indiana</i>	<i>Three Rivers: (269) 273-2717</i>
<i>D&K Harvesting</i>	<i>St. Joseph County and surrounding counties</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>Corn detasseling</i>	<i>7/1/2015 to 8/15/2015</i>	<i>July 23, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56*</i>	<i>Three Rivers: (269) 592-2031</i>
<i>Great Lakes Glads</i>	<i>Bronson – Branch County</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>Harvest flower crops</i>	<i>6/21/2015 to 10/8/2015</i>	<i>August 14, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56*</i>	<i>Coldwater: (517) 278-0214</i>
<i>Hamlin Farms</i>	<i>South Haven – Allegan County</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Harvest cucumbers and field maintenance</i>	<i>6/30/2015 to 10/7/2015</i>	<i>August 18, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56*</i>	<i>Holland: (616) 494-8821</i>
<i>Leitz Farms</i>	<i>Sodus – Berrien County</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>General farm labor & harvest blueberries, cucumbers, cantaloupes, tomatoes, apples</i>	<i>6/25/2015 to 10/15/2015</i>	<i>August 20, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56*</i>	<i>Dowagiac: (269) 782-9864 ext 1304</i>

A&B Costanza Farms	Sodus – Berrien County	60	Harvest zucchini, squash, pumpkin, jalapeño/bell peppers, cucumbers	7/1/2015 to 10/15/2015	August 23, 2015	\$11.56*	Benton Harbor: (269) 782-9864 ext 1304
Russell Costanza Farms	Sodus – Berrien County	80	Harvest cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, tomatillos	7/1/2015 to 10/31/2015	August 31, 2015	\$11.56*	Benton Harbor: (269) 782-9864 ext 1304
Stanton Farms	Sherwood – Branch County	9	Harvest cabbage, kale, broccoli, tomatoes	7/6/2015 to 11/17/2015	Sept 11, 2015	\$11.56	Coldwater: (517) 278-0200
Jon First	Dowagiac – Cass County	4	Harvest fruits and vegetables	7/28/2015 to 10/31/2015	Sept 13, 2015	\$11.56	Benton Harbor: (269) 927-1064 ext 1125
PepperCo USA	Coldwater - Branch County	14	Manual labor in hydroponic greenhouse	N/A – Job posted 7/10/2015	N/A (not H2A)	\$11.56*	Coldwater (apply in person)
Walther Farms	Three Rivers – St. Joseph County	11	Potato equipment operator/mechanic	8/1/2015 to 11/15/2015	Sept 23, 2015	\$12.74	Three Rivers: (269) 273-2717

WEST & CENTRAL 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
NJ Fox & Sons	Oceana County	20	Harvest asparagus	5/5/2015 to 6/20/2015	May 23, 2015	\$11.56*	Shelby: (231) 981-4237
Todd Greiner Farms Packing	Oceana	21	Harvest asparagus, cherries, zucchini, sweet corn, peaches, squash, pumpkins, apples	5/8/2015 to 10/31/2015	August 4, 2015	\$11.56*	Shelby: (231) 981-4237
Manzana LLC	Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, Newaygo, Ionia, Montcalm & Mecosta Counties	74	Farmworker: apples, corn detasseling	3/24/2015 to 12/20/2015	August 6, 2015	\$11.56*	Sparta: (616) 887-2541
Kunkel Onion Farms	Eaton County	3	Farm worker: onions, pull weeds, harvest, packing	4/1/2015 to 1/1/2016	August 16, 2015	\$11.56	Charlotte: (517) 541-8971
Anderson & Girls Orchards	Montcalm County	18	Harvest strawberries, cucumbers, apples, peaches, raspberries	6/13/2015 to 10/25/2015	August 19, 2015	\$11.56	Sparta: (616) 887-2541
Frens Orchards	Newaygo County	25	Harvest zucchini, squash, pumpkins, apples	7/4/2015 to 11/1/2015	Sept. 2, 2015	\$11.56*	Fremont: (231) 924-3230
Martinez & Sons Trucking	Kent County	24	Harvest celery	7/20/2015 to 10/20/2015	Sept. 4, 2015	\$11.56*	Grand Rapids: (616) 648-9145
D&J & Sons Harvesting	Montcalm, Ionia, & Kent Counties	46	Harvest apples and pickles (cucumbers)	7/18/2015 to 11/1/2015	Sept 9, 2015	\$11.56*	Greenville: (616) 754-9315 ext 3307
Manzana LLC	Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, Newaygo, Ionia, & Montcalm Counties	235	Harvest apples	8/15/2015 to 11/5/2015	Sept 25, 2015	\$11.56	Grand Rapids: (616) 648-9145
D&K Harvesting	Kent, Muskegon, & Ottawa Counties	71	Harvest apples	9/1/2015 to 10/30/2015	Sept 30, 2015	\$11.56*	Grand Rapids: (616) 648-9145
Joe Rasch Orchards	Ottawa County	65	Harvest apples	9/1/2015 to 11/1/2015	Oct 1, 2015	\$11.56*	Grand Rapids: (616) 648-9145
Windy Ridge Orchards	Ottawa County	20	Harvest nectarines, peaches, and apples	9/1/2015 to 11/4/2015	Oct 3, 2015	\$11.56*	Grand Rapids: (616) 648-9145
Mark W. Youngquist	Kent County	30	Harvest apples	9/1/2015 to 11/5/2015	Oct 3, 2015	\$11.56*	Grand Rapids: (616) 648-9145

<i>Snappy Apple Farms</i>	Muskegon County	70	Harvest apples	9/15/2015 to 10/28/2015	Oct 6, 2015	\$11.56*	Grand Rapids: (616) 648-9145
<i>Hackert Family Farms</i>	Mason County	24	Harvest apples	9/22/2015 to 10/31/2015	Oct 11, 2015	\$11.56*	Ludington: (231) 583-2030

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
<i>Walther Farms</i>	Cass City - Tuscola County	2	Potato equipment operator/mechanic	4/20/2015 to 6/10/2015	May 15, 2015	\$12.74	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext 19
<i>Parrans Berry Farm</i>	Ida - Monroe County	4	Farmworker: harvest fruits and vegetables	3/1/2015 to 10/31/2015	July 1, 2015	\$11.56	Monroe: (734) 240-7991
<i>Lucas Nursery</i>	Washtenaw and Wayne Counties	10	Nursery Worker: planting, pruning, and operating farm equipment	3/16/2015 to 11/14/2015	July 15, 2015	\$11.56	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext 19
<i>Foglers Orchard and Farm</i>	Rochester - Oakland County	10	Farmworker: vegetables, fruit trees, and flowers in greenhouses and field	4/1/2015 to 11/15/2015	July 24, 2015	\$11.56 (48 hrs/wk)	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext 19
<i>Oliver Farms</i>	Macomb - Macomb County	6	Farmworker: harvest; equipment operator	4/20/2015 to 11/20/2015	August 5, 2015	\$11.56	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext 19
<i>D & K Harvesting</i>	Monroe & Lenawee Counties	49	Applewood Orchards - apple harvesting	5/25/2015 to 10/31/2015	August 12, 2015	\$11.56*	Adrian: (517) 266-5627 ext 63206
<i>Vasquez Citrus & Hauling</i>	Monroe County	225	Ruhlig Farms: Plant, cultivate and harvest fruits and vegetables	4/27/2015 to 11/30/2015	August 13, 2015	\$11.56	Monroe: (734) 240-7991
<i>Van Dyk Farms</i>	Lapeer County	70	General farm labor and harvest lettuce	6/24/2015 to 10/23/2015	August 23, 2015	\$11.56	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext 19
<i>Witt Farms</i>	Deerfield - Lenawee County	50	Harvest peppers & pumpkins; operate equipment	7/15/2015 to 11/1/2015	Sept 7, 2015	\$11.56	Adrian: (517) 266-5627
<i>Walther Farms</i>	Cass City - Tuscola County	4	Potato equipment operator/mechanic	8/24/2015 to 10/30/2015	Sept 26, 2015	\$12.74	Caro: (989) 673-8103 ext 15
<i>ML Farm Systems</i>	Owendale - Huron County	36	Build and repair livestock buildings	7/11/2015 to 2/28/2016	Nov 4, 2015	\$11.56	Bad Axe: (810)664-1680 ext 19

NORTHERN MICHIGAN (Active jobs listed first in bold)

Employer	City (County)	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
<i>Northern Nursery</i>	McMillan (Luce)	5	Nursery Worker	3/31/2015 to 11/15/2015	N/A	\$11.56	Traverse City: (231) 922-3729
<i>Cherry Bay Orchards</i>	Suttons Bay (Leelanau)	12	Fruit Farmworker (apples, pears, cherries, grapes)	3/23/2015 to 8/31/2015	June 11, 2015	\$11.56*	Traverse City: (231) 922-3700
<i>Lucas Nursery</i>	Boardman Twp (Kalkaska)	4	Nursery Worker: planting, harvesting, operating farm equipment	3/16/2015 to 11/14/2015	July 15, 2015	\$11.56	Traverse City: (231) 922-3729
<i>Jim Hoffman's Sons</i>	Petoskey (Emmet)	9	Nursery Worker	3/23/2015 to 11/15/2015	July 19, 2015	\$11.56	Traverse City: (231) 922-3729
<i>Peggy's Gardening</i>	Petoskey (Emmet)	10	Nursery Worker	3/27/2015 to 12/1/2015	July 29, 2015	\$11.56	Traverse City: (231) 922-3729
<i>Dutchman Tree Farms</i>	Manton (Missaukee)	70	Farmworker: Christmas trees, cherries, apples, asparagus, corn	3/30/2015 to 12/15/2015	August 7, 2015	\$11.56	Ludington: (231) 583-2033
<i>Henry Orchards</i>	Benzonia (Benzie)	2	Farm worker: apples, cherries, peaches	5/1/2015 to 11/15/2015	August 8, 2015	\$11.56	Traverse City: (231) 922-3728
<i>Bluff Gardens</i>	Harbor Springs (Emmet)	3	Farm worker - fruits and vegetables; maintenance	4/13/2015 to 12/18/2015	August 15, 2015	\$11.56	Traverse City: (231) 922-3729

<i>Bill's Farm Market</i>	<i>Petoskey (Emmet)</i>	7	<i>Farmworker: Christmas trees and crops (manual labor and equipment)</i>	<i>6/5/2015 to 12/1/2015</i>	<i>September 2, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56</i>	<i>Traverse City: (231) 922-3729</i>
<i>Lentz Farms</i>	<i>Honor (Benzie)</i>	1	<i>Orchard worker</i>	<i>7/11/2015 to 11/15/2015</i>	<i>September 12, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56</i>	<i>Traverse City: (231)-922-3737</i>
<i>Henry Orchards</i>	<i>Benzonia (Benzie)</i>	7	<i>Harvest apples</i>	<i>9/18/2015 to 10/30/2015</i>	<i>October 9, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56</i>	<i>Traverse City: (231) 922-3730</i>
<i>Dutchman Tree Farms</i>	<i>Manton (Missaukee)</i>	135	<i>Farmworker: Christmas trees, cherries, apples, asparagus, corn</i>	<i>9/28/2015 to 12/15/2015</i>	<i>November 6, 2015</i>	<i>\$11.56*</i>	<i>Cadillac: (231) 775-3408</i>