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Potential 2013 H2A Jobs in Michigan

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Several agricultural employers have submitted job orders that may result in them being granted permission to bring foreign “guestworkers” into the U.S. under the federal H2A program. To be approved to use H2A guestworkers, the employers have to show that they have been unsuccessful in locating sufficient numbers of qualified U.S. applicants for the jobs. They must keep the “H2A jobs” open to all qualified U.S. workers through the end of the designated recruitment period.

U.S. citizens and immigrants with work authorization have the right to apply for these jobs. If the employer finds enough qualified U.S. citizens or residents for the jobs, then they will not need to bring guestworkers into the U.S. The employer must provide free housing to any worker who is not from the local area. All jobs listed below offer 40 hours per week, unless otherwise noted.

All eligible workers, including migrant and seasonal farmworkers who apply for these jobs, have the legal right to the same terms and conditions that foreign guestworkers are promised. The employer must provide employment to any able, willing, qualified, and available U.S. worker who applies to the employer until 50% of the contract period has elapsed. Individuals interested in the job can also contact the Michigan Workforce Development Agency (also known as the job service).

Domestic workers in the U.S. and H2A guestworkers should both receive the following benefits:

- Hourly wage as noted below in each job order
- 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

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	56	Greenhouse worker: cultivating and harvesting tomatoes	2/12/2013 to 11/30/2013	July 5, 2013	\$11.30	Dowagiac: (269) 782-9864 ext. 1303
D&K Harvesting for Pioneer Hi-Bred International	St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, Van Buren, Calhoun, and Cass Counties	120	Farm worker: corn detasseler	7/5/2013 to 8/14/2013	July 25, 2013	\$11.30 (36 hrs per week)	Paw Paw: 1-800-533-5800 ext. 1255
Lynn Mayer’s Great Lakes Glads	Michigan: Branch County. Indiana: St. Joseph, LaGrange, and Steuben Counties	66	Farm worker: Harvesting gladiolus, bouquet processing, harvesting sunflowers	6/23/2013 to 10/12/2013	August 17, 2013	\$11.30 in Michigan. \$11.74 in Indiana.	Dowagiac: (269) 782-9864 ext. 1303
Hamlin Farms	South Haven – Allegan County	73	Farm worker: cucumber harvester	7/8/2013 to 10/8/2013	August 23, 2013	\$11.30	Holland: (616) 494-8821
L. Walther & Sons Inc.	Three Rivers – St. Joseph County	9	Agricultural Equipment Operator (potato farm)	8/12/2013 to 11/4/2013	August 23, 2013	\$12.74	Dowagiac: (269) 782-9864 ext. 1303

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Employer	City and County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
Kunkel Onion Farms	Eaton Rapids – Eaton County	7	Farm worker: onions, pull weeds, harvest, packing	4/01/2013 to 12/01/2013	August 1, 2013	\$11.30	Sparta: (517) 243-7990



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Employer	City and County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
Parran's Berry Farm	Ida – Monroe County	4	Farm worker: Manually plant, cultivate and harvest fruit and vegetables.	3/01/2013 to 10/31/2013	July 1, 2013	\$11.30	Dowagiac: (269) 782-9864 ext. 1303
Fogler's Orchard & Farm	Rochester – Oakland County	10	Farmworker: Tending and harvesting vegetables and flowers in the greenhouse and field	2/20/2013 to 11/30/2013	July 11, 2013	\$11.30 (48 hrs per week)	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext. 19
Lucas Nursery	Wayne and Washtenaw Counties	10	Nursery Worker: planting, pruning, and operating farm equipment	3/18/2013 to 11/14/2013	July 17, 2013	\$11.30	Dowagiac: (269) 782-9864 ext. 1303
Oliver Farms	Macomb – Macomb County	5	Farm worker: machinery operation; plant, seed, cultivate, harvest, fertilize	5/20/2013 to 11/20/2013	August 20, 2013	\$11.30	Lapeer: (810) 664-1680 ext. 19

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Employer	City and County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	50% of Contract	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Service Office
Litzenburger Landscape	Harbor Springs – Emmet County	28	Nursery worker, equipment operator	3/30/2013 to 11/30/2013	July 3, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231) 922-3728
Lucas Nursery	Boardman Township- Kalkaska County	6	Nursery worker: planting, harvesting, operating farm equipment	3/18/2013 to 11/14/2013	July 17, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231) 922-3728
John Hoffman & Sons Landscaping & Nurseries	Petoskey – Emmet County; also Otsego County	11	Nursery Worker: planting, cultivating, and performing other manual and machine tasks related to nursery work	3/27/2013 to 12/09/2013	August 2, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231) 922-3728
Henry Orchards	Benzonia- Benzie County	4	Farm worker: apples, cherries, peaches	5/01/2013 to 11/05/2013	August 3, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231) 922-3728
Dutchman Tree Farms	Manton – Missaukee County	47	Christmas Tree Farmworker	4/15/2013 to 12/10/2013	August 12, 2013	\$11.30	Ludington: (231) 583-2033
Bluff Gardens	Harbor Springs – Emmet County	4	Farm worker – fruits and vegetables; maintenance	4/15/2013 to 12/10/2013	August 12, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231) 922-3728
Bill's Farm Market	Petoskey – Emmet County	7	Farm worker on variety of crops: vegetables, Christmas trees, equipment operator	6/05/2013 to 12/01/2013	September 2, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231) 922-3729
Cherry Bay Orchards	Suttons Bay – Leelanau County	25	Farmworker – harvest apples and grapes	9/2/2013 to 10/26/2013	September 29, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231)922-3700
Henry Orchards	Benzonia- Benzie County	8	Farm worker: harvesting apples	9/1/2013 to 10/31/2013	October 1, 2013	\$11.30	Traverse City: (231) 922-3700