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Potential 2009 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 attest that they have been unsuccessful in locating sufficient numbers of qualified U.S. applicants for the jobs, and that they will continue to 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. **These domestic workers can apply up until 30 days after the date of first need listed below.** Up until this date, employers must accept all referrals of eligible domestic workers referred by the state workforce agency, Michigan Works!

This means that domestic workers in the U.S. should 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 workers about their rights under their contracts, as well as advise U.S. workers who are not given a chance to obtain the H2A jobs that the law permits them to obtain.

Employer	City and County	Positions Available	Type of Work	Period of Employment	Recruitment Period Ends	Hourly Pay	Michigan Job Order Number
Martin Farms	Allenton – St. Clair County	4	Farm Worker: drive/operate farm machines; thin/weed plants; pick fruits & vegetables; greenhouse			\$10.01	2776923
Yankee Springs Dairy	Middleville – Barry County	1	Driver and repair and maintain farm equipment			\$8.57	2787139
Roy Moore Racing Farm	Battle Creek – Calhoun County	1	Horse Trainer	12/30/2008 to 10/30/2009	Jan. 29, 2009	\$10.01	2753659
Anthony Cunningham	Clarksville – Ionia County	2	Horse Trainer	2/1/2009 to 12/1/2009	Mar. 3, 2009	\$10.50	2761525
Richard Rettele	Northville - Washtenaw County	1	Horse Trainer	2/28/2009 to 11/28/2009	Mar. 30, 2009	\$10.05	2763905
Parran’s Greenhouse & Farm Market	Ida – Monroe County	3	Farm Worker: harvest produce/vegetables	3/1/2009 to 10/31/2009	Mar. 31, 2009	\$10.01	2762168
Lucas Nursery & Landscaping	Superior Township - Washtenaw County	22	Farm Worker: trees and shrubs	3/1/2009 to 9/1/2009	Mar. 31, 2009	\$10.01	2761511
Jim Hoffman & Sons	Petoskey – Emmet County	8	Horticultural Worker: field work, nursery, operate machinery	3/12/2009 to 11/30/2009	Apr. 11, 2009	\$10.01	2765243
Northern Nursery	McMillan – Luce County	5	Nursery Worker	3/15/2009 to 10/15/2009	Apr. 14, 2009	\$10.01	2766525
Great Lakes Landscape Supply	Cedar Springs – Kent County	45	Farmworker: potting, weeding, watering, fertilizing, pruning, untying trees, shovel & unload plants	3/21/2009 to 11/21/2009	Apr. 20, 2009	\$7.40	2772961

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Bryant Sod Farms	Lapeer – Lapeer County	10	Sod farm laborer: operate farm machinery; fertilize; weed; cut, roll & stack sod	3/21/2009 to 12/1/2009	Apr. 20, 2009	\$10.61	2772299
Demeulenaere Farms	Washington – Macomb County	10	Farmworker: operate farm machines; work in greenhouse; field work	3/25/2009 to 12/31/2009	Apr. 24, 2009	\$11.42	2771640
Fogler's Orchard and Farm Market	Rochester - Oakland County	6	Farmworker: vegetables, flowers, greenhouse, fields	3/29/2009 to 10/31/2009	Apr. 28, 2009	\$10.01 (48 hrs)	2769322
DJ's Nursery & Flower Barn	Clinton Township – Macomb County	6	Horticultural Worker: soil cultivation, sod work, general farm maintenance	3/31/2009 to 12/31/2009	Apr. 30, 2009	\$10.01	2765788
Richard Rettele	Northville - Washtenaw County	4	Farmworker: care for horses	4/1/2009 to 11/1/2009	May 1, 2009	\$10.50	2779146
Dutchman Tree Farm	Manton – Missaukee County	43	Christmas Tree Farmworker	4/5/2009 to 12/10/2009	May 5, 2009	\$7.74 to \$8.39	2775502
Litzenburger Landscape	Harbor Springs – Emmet County	34	Nursery Worker	4/7/2009 to 11/30/2009	May 7, 2009	\$8.10	2776162
Richard Hoffman and Sons	Petoskey – Emmet County	7	Nursery Worker	4/7/2009 to 12/1/2009	May 7, 2009	\$8.10	2776308
Peggy's Gardening	Petoskey – Emmet County	8	Nursery Worker: may also operate tractor/other equip.	4/7/2009 to 12/5/2009	May 7, 2009	\$10.26	2776031
John Hoffman and Sons	Petoskey – Emmet County	11	Nursery Worker: may also operate tractor/other equip.	4/7/2009 to 12/10/2009	May 7, 2009	\$8.10	2774527
Oliver Farms	Macomb - Macomb County	5	Farmworker: sod, cucumbers, cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, corn, squash, operate tractor and seeder	4/9/2009 to 11/20/2009	May 9, 2009	\$10.01	2774992
Gee Farms	Stockbridge - Ingham County	10	Nursery Worker: also operate tractor, skid steer	4/9/2009 to 11/15/2009	May 9, 2009	\$7.74 to \$8.96	2776397
Bluff Gardens	Harbor Springs – Emmet County	6	Farmworker: fruits, vegetables, farm machinery	4/15/2009 to 12/12/2009	May 15, 2009	\$10.26	2777814
Emerald Valley Sod Farm	Stockbridge – Ingham County	7	Farmworker: loading; operate machinery, etc.	5/4/2009 to 12/1/2009	June 3, 2009	\$8.96	2779587
W.W. Farm	Clarkston – Oakland County	6	Farm Laborer: harvest crops, operate machinery, care for show horses	5/25/2009 to 11/30/2009	June 24, 2009	\$7.40	2780570
Leo Ocanas Farm	Traverse City – Grand Traverse County	6	Fruit Orchard Worker: cherries, apples	5/25/2009 to 11/29/2009	June 24, 2009	\$10.26	2784077
Bill's Farm Market	Petoskey – Emmet County	7	Farmworker: crops, nursery, greenhouse	6/1/2009 to 12/15/2009	July 1, 2009	\$10.26	2789630
Johnson Farm	Traverse City – Grand Traverse County	7	Farmworker: cherry/apple harvest; pruning; machinery operation	6/1/2009 to 11/30/2009	July 1, 2009	\$8.10	2779589
Walter Farms	Three Rivers – St. Joseph County	4	Farm Equipment Operator: drive/operate/maintain farm machines	6/1/2009 to 7/3/2009	July 1, 2009	\$10.50 to \$11.50	2792587
Gager Farms	Alma – Gratiot County	2	Farmworker: tilling, hoeing, weeding, harvesting	6/8/2009 to 10/31/2009	July 8, 2009	\$10.01 (35 hrs)	2791707
Lynn Mayer Great Lakes Glads	Bronson – Branch County	122	Farmworker: gladiolus harvesting	6/21/2009 to 10/16/2009	July 21, 2009	\$8.37	2791193
Hamlin Farms	South Haven – Allegan County	76	Farmworker: harvest cucumbers, field maintenance	7/10/2009 to 10/1/2009	August 9, 2009	\$7.57 to \$7.74	2792623