



Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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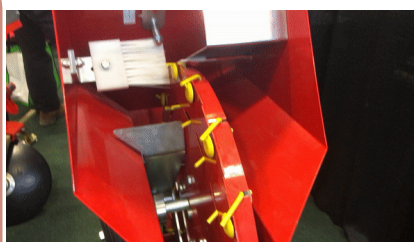
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OFVC Sessions for Vegetable Growers



The Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention (OFVC) is this week and there are over 30 different sessions with a total of over 140 presentations. The entire session list can be found on the OFVC website (<http://www.ofvc.ca/sessions.html>). Here are some specific sessions that might be of interest to

vegetable growers:

Wednesday February 19 – Morning 9:30-12

Sweet Corn and Cucurbits
Soil Precision Planting and Mapping
Farming Basics for New Growers

Wednesday February 19 – Afternoon 2-4

Brassica Production
Ensuring Food Safety along the Supply Chain
OPMA – Food Innovation: Trends, Opportunities, Adaptation
Farming Basics for New Growers

Thursday, February 20 – Morning 9:30-12

Combating Weeds with Old and New Technologies
Vegetable Fertility – New Approaches
General Labour
Transitioning to Organic Production
FMO Networking Symposium

Thursday, February 20 – Afternoon 2-4

Business
FMO Networking Symposium
Workshop: Electronic PTTW Application Process
SR&ED – Part of your 2020 Agriculture Project

In addition to the sessions, the tradeshow has over 200 exhibitors (http://www.ofvc.ca/exhibit_list.html) this year! Check out www.ofvc.ca for a full list of exhibitors, sessions and competitions.

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- ◆ Summer Student Positions for OMAFRA based in Harrow
- ◆ Publication 75B – Guide to Weed Control is now available

Summer Student Positions for OMAFRA based in Harrow



Job Posting: Student Horticulture Assistant

Organization: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Division/Branch: Economic Development Division / Agriculture Development Branch

Job Term: Temporary (1 position) for up to 16 weeks

Location: Harrow, Ontario

Salary: \$14.85 / hour, based on a 36.25 hour work week

Are you serious about making your mark, getting hands-on work experience and learning more about careers in the Ontario Public Service? These positions will provide an excellent opportunity for those interested in a career in horticulture production, research or the agricultural sector. This position will provide the opportunity to learn about the horticulture crop sector within the province.

Duties:

- Assist with summer applied research and demonstration projects conducted by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Horticulture Staff.
- Projects may focus on greenhouse vegetable production practices e.g.: production systems, nutrition, pest management, and others.
- Field work might include farm tours, field scouting, identification and monitoring of insects and crop diseases.
- Assist staff with the setup of research experiments, collection and analysis of data for the projects.
- Assist staff with the collection and analysis of on-farm samples and data for research projects.
- Assist staff to gather existing and conduct new literature reviews and develop written reports and presentation materials on key initiatives.
- Assist in the coordination of events, programs and projects (e.g. workshops, demonstrations, field days etc.) working with key stakeholders and clients in delivery of programs and information.
- Office work might include providing customer service assistance, assisting with issue management, research, data collection and database management, assisting with the production of technical information such as newsletters, etc.

What we are looking for, please review the qualifications for this position:

- You apply your interpersonal skills to work within a multi-disciplinary team and participate in meetings.
- You apply your observational skills and attention to detail to conduct research, field monitoring and data entry.
- You apply your written communication skills to prepare a variety of documents (e.g. reports, factsheets, and articles).
- You are familiar with computer-based software applications including MS Office, Internet and database management software (i.e. Excel) to perform data entry, conduct analysis, prepare reports, track and compile information.
- You can work in an outdoor or greenhouse environment with some light physical activity involved including light lifting.
- You work independently or as part of a team; you plan, organize and prioritize your work to meet competing deadlines.
- You are familiar with farming and crop production.
- You are willing to travel to rural locations (frequently not accessible by public transportation).
- You must have a minimum Ontario G2 Driver's Licence.

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How to apply:

- You must demonstrate how you meet the eligibility criteria, skills and experience we are looking for clearly, completely and concisely. We rely on the information you provide to us.
- You must be a resident of Ontario.
- You must be eligible to work in Canada.
- You must be between 15-24 years of age (up to 29 with disability) on the first day of employment.
- You must be currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary school or have completed all academic requirements for graduation within 6 months of first day of employment.
- You must provide your cover letter and resume electronically in one file to cara.mccreary@ontario.ca: PDF, WORD, plain or rich-text format (.pdf, .doc, .docx, .txt and .rtf). Or you could provide your cover letter and resume on paper to:

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If you have a disability and require accommodation to apply please contact Cara McCreary.

Posting Date: **Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

Closing Date: **Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

Publication 75B – Guide to Weed Control is now available

The 2020 Guide for Weed Control for Hort Crops is now available! The publication can be accessed online here: Publication 75B – Guide to Weed Control – Hort Crops (<https://onvegetables.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/75B-2020.pdf>)

The print copy will be available from Publications Ontario sometime in March 2020 at: <https://www.publications.gov.on.ca/browse-catalogues/agricultural-publications>

For those visiting the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention, stop by the OMAFRA booth #108 to purchase a print copy for \$26.25 (tax included).

