

Farm Hand Assistant (Casual)

Background

This position has been formed as part of a collaboration with Bundaberg Fruit & Vegetable Growers, The Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network and Bundaberg Canegrowers, it is open only for Students who are currently enrolled at Bundaberg High Schools and for those who are interested in working in agriculture.

These positions have been created in partnership with regional farming businesses who have an interest in providing opportunities that will assist our youth in developing a pathway into Agriculture.

The Position

The successful candidate will carry out general day to day farming duties as directed by the Farm owner or supervisor. Duties may include but will not be limited to;

- Assist with Harvest of produce
- Assist with grading and packing of produce
- Assist with tree pruning and ground maintenance
- Follow all Workplace Health and Safety rules as and where required
- Assist with irrigation management and possibly installation
- Operation of farm machinery
- Assist with pest management
- Other duties as directed

The Opportunities

Through this program, you may develop the following skills and experience.

- Irrigation
- Quality assurance
- Understanding of food safety practices
- Understanding of Work place Health and Safety requirements
- Operation of harvest equipment and machinery
- Knowledge on the establishment of crops produced by host

The process

Applications received from students will be screened based on how they apply for the position. If selected, you will be invited to attend an interview.

Feedback is sent to all employers which will include your resume and how you interacted during the interview so they can make a decision on who will be suitable for the tasks they have made available.

To apply

We are currently seeking energetic students to apply for a position in the Holiday Harvest Jobs program, aimed at assisting students to develop an understanding for agriculture and building skills for the future.

Based in Bundaberg, these positions will be a hands on role requiring you to use and build your skills and knowledge while working with growers to achieve a profitable and sustainable farming system.

Applications will be accepted via email: kylie.jackson@bfvg.com.au and must contain a resume and detailed cover letter that includes;

- The reason why you want to apply and what interests you about the Agriculture Industry
- Any possible career goals you might have
- Any related experience you might already have
- Confirmation you have a current tax file number or have applied for one
- Confirmation from family to support you with your transport requirements

Employment Offer and what's next.

If successful for the position you will be employed on a casual basis during periods of time in the School holidays that the host has capacity and availability of work.

Prior commencing employment you will need to complete an online induction which will be sent to you via email by Kylie Jackson.

Your host may pay you under the following industry Awards depending on their primary business activities;

- Sugar Industry Award, example rate of pay for under 17yrs \$15.59 per hour (casual)
- Note: rates may be higher if you are older than 17yrs
- Horticulture Award, example rate of pay for under 18yrs \$17.36 per hour (casual) or by piece rate if you are harvesting or packing.
- Note: rates will be lower if you are younger than 17yrs