

State Organic Vegetable Farming Comm • madison WI
 Organic Vegetable Farm Manager • 3-402161010-01-C
 Exhibit A - Program Provisions

Approved: 9/1/2018

TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP: The term of apprenticeship shall be Competency-based, which requires the apprentice's successful attainment of the competencies described in these program provisions. Hours of labor shall be the same as established for other skilled employees in the trade.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD: The probationary period shall be the first 3 months of the apprenticeship, but in no case shall it exceed twelve calendar months. During the probationary period, this contract may be cancelled by the apprentice or the sponsor upon written notice to the Department, without adverse impact on the sponsor.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: The apprentice shall attend the Wisconsin Technical College System or other approved training provider, as assigned, for paid related instruction four hours per week or the equivalent and satisfactorily complete the prescribed course material for a minimum of 144 hours, unless otherwise approved by the Department. The employer must pay the apprentice for attended related instruction hours at the same rate per hour as for services performed.

WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE: In order to obtain well-rounded training and thereby qualify as a skilled worker in the trade, the apprentice shall have experience and training in the following areas and shall demonstrate competency, as specified herein. This instruction and experience shall include the following operations but not necessarily in the sequence given. Time spent on specific operations need not be continuous.

<u>Work Process Description</u>	<u>Approximate Hours</u> (Min - Max)
Manage fields.	200
A. Apply compost or fertilizer.	
B. Perform primary tillage.	
C. Prepare seed beds.	
D. Lay plastic mulch.	
E. Assess field and weather conditions.	
F. Perform stale seed bed preparation.	
G. Incorporate crop residue into soil.	
H. Seed cover crop.	
I. Mow cover crop.	
J. Terminate cover crop.	
K. Perform deep tillage.	
L. Maintain non-production areas	
 Propagate transplants.	 200
A. Seed vegetable crop into trays.	
B. Maintain proper temperature and moisture levels.	
C. Maintain proper ventilation.	
D. Prepare greenhouse growing media.	
E. Harden off seedlings.	
F. Maintain greenhouse equipment & structure.	
G. Pot up seedlings.	
H. Maintain seedling fertility.	
I. Perform greenhouse sanitation.	
J. Control greenhouse pests and diseases.	
K. Asses germination and seedling growth.	
L. Troubleshoot plant performance issues.	
 Seed and transplant crops.	 200

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- A. Consult the field plan.
 - B. Assess field conditions and plant status.
 - C. Prepare equipment, supplies, seeds and transplants.
 - D. Sow vegetable seeds in fields.
 - E. Transplant crops.
 - F. Record seedling and planting.
 - G. Irrigate seeds and transplants.
- Maintain crops. 200
- A. Assess plant health.
 - B. Prepare equipment and supplies.
 - C. Determine cultural needs.
 - D. Prune plants.
 - E. Thin plants.
 - F. Blanch plants.
 - G. Hill plants.
 - H. Irrigate plants.
 - I. Apply row cover.
 - J. Perform side dressing and/or foliar feeding.
 - K. Record crop maintenance.
- Control weeds. 200
- A. Prevent weed and weed seed formation.
 - B. Assess weed pressure, e.g. potential or actual..
 - C. Identify weeds.
 - D. Determine weeding method.
 - E. Perform non-mechanical weeding.
 - F. Perform mulching.
- Control pests and disease. 200
- A. Perform preventative measures.
 - B. Assess pest and disease pressure, e.g. potential or actual.
 - C. Identify pests and diseases.
 - D. Determine control method.
 - E. Implement approved control methods.
 - F. Evaluate efficacy of control method.
 - G. Record control treatment.
- Harvest crops. 200
- A. Assess plant maturity for harvest.
 - B. Project yield.
 - C. Prepare harvesting equipment and supplies.
 - D. Harvest crop to farm standards.
 - E. Transport crop to processing facility.
- Perform post-harvest handling. 200
- A. Clean crop.
 - B. Cool crop.
 - C. Sort crop.
 - D. Pack crop.
 - E. Store crop.
 - F. Cure crop.
 - G. Label crop.
 - H. Record crop harvest.

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I. Clean equipment and facility.	
J. Deliver crop.	
K. Maintain crop quality throughout.	
Operate farm equipment and tools.	200
A. Operate tractors.	
B. Operate tractor implements.	
C. Operate hand tools.	
D. Operate pack shed equipment.	
Maintain equipment.	200
A. Follow maintenance schedules.	
B. Clean equipment and tools.	
C. Sharpen knives and tools.	
D. Troubleshoot mechanical problems.	
E. Follow equipment repair protocol.	
F. Maintain irrigation system.	
G. Maintain delivery vehicles and tractors.	
H. Stock replacement parts.	
I. Maintain farm asset list.	
Review farm production plan.	100
A. Plan field and bed layout.	
B. Plan crop rotations.	
C. Conduct soil tests.	
D. Create soil fertility plan.	
E. Maintain organic certification.	
F. Create planting schedules.	
G. Order seeds and supplies.	
Assist with managing employees.	100
A. Determine labor needs.	
B. Create job descriptions.	
C. Recruit job applicants.	
D. Interview job applicants.	
E. Hire farm employees.	
F. Orient new employees.	
G. Establish standard operating procedures.	
H. Train employees.	
I. Maintain employee records.	
J. Assess employee performance and provide feedback.	
K. Create employee schedules.	
L. Create a daily work plan.	
M. Communicate farm visions and values.	
Local Optional Work Processes	156
A. Perform marketing.	
B. Perform customer service.	
Paid Related Instruction	144
TOTAL	2500

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The above schedule is to include all operations and such other work as is customary in the trade.

MINIMUM COMPENSATION TO BE PAID:

N/A

Base skilled wage rate N/A per hour.

If at any time the base skilled wage rate rises or falls, the apprentice's wage shall be adjusted proportionately. The wage rate of apprentices employed in this trade and this firm shall be based on the base skilled wage rate stated above.

All apprentices are covered by State and Federal Wage and Hour Standard requirements. All apprentices shall be paid no less than the minimum wage established under regulations.

CREDIT PROVISIONS: The apprentice, granted credit at the start or during the term of the apprenticeship, shall be paid the wage rate of the pay period to which such credit advanced the apprentice.

Work credit hours approved: N/A

School credit hours approved:
Paid related instruction: N/A

Unpaid related instruction: N/A

Total credit hours to be applied to the term of the apprenticeship: N/A

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

The on-the-job learning is competency-based, i.e. there are no time requirements for the overall length of the program and the work processes. Time requirements apply to related instruction only (144 hours).

The apprentice must successfully complete the course, "Transition to Trainer," in the final year of the program.



50-090-1 ORGANIC VEGETABLE FARM MANAGER APPRENTICE

Program Design Summary & WTCS Curriculum Standards Model [FY18]

Description

Organic Vegetable Growers specialize in certified organic, diversified vegetables serving primarily fresh markets. Occupational duties and tasks support broad areas related to organic system planning, propagation, seeding, field management, crop maintenance, weed and pest control, harvesting, post-harvesting handling, farm business management, and marketing. Organic Vegetable Growers market their produce using CSAs, farmer's markets, farm stands, direct wholesale to restaurants and grocery stores, and other wholesale channels.

Mission

Provides related instruction for apprentices participating in an employer-sponsored Wisconsin approved apprenticeship training program.

Target Population

The following minimum qualifications for applicants:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- High school diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Valid government issued photo ID
- Be physically able to perform work with reasonable accommodation

Career/Job Titles

Crew Leader

Field Crew

Market Manager

Pack Shed Manager

Greenhouse Manager

Assistant Farmer

Production Manager

Field Operator

Farm Manager

Entry Requirements

Registered Wisconsin Apprentice

Apprenticeship Minimum Standards

Title: Organic Vegetable Farm Manager

Overall Length: 2500 hours (approximately 15 months--the length will span over at least two growing seasons)

Apprenticeship Type: Competency Based

Paid Related Instruction: 144 hours

Related Instruction Provider: WTCS

Special Provisions: None

DACUM

Related [Organic Vegetable Farm Manager DACUM](#)

Minimum Qualifications for Sponsors

Minimum qualifications for employers (farms) will include a current, valid organic certification from an accredited organization.

Work Processes

All farms with apprentices must perform the following work processes. (Contract requirements)

- Manage fields
- Propagate transplants
- Seed and transplant crops
- Maintain crops
- Control weeds
- Control pests and diseases
- Harvest crops
- Perform post-harvest handling
- Operate farm equipment and tools
- Maintain equipment
- Plan farm production
- Perform marketing and customer service
- Assist with managing employees

DACUM Information

Title	Organic Vegetable Grower Farm Manager
Sponsoring Organization	Wisconsin Technical College System
DACUM Date	Conducted on 1/27/17. Finalized on 2/17/17.
Organized By	Julie Dawson, Department of Horticulture, University of Wisconsin-Madison Claire Strader, Small-Scale and Organic Produce Educator, Dane County UW-Extension and FairShare CSA Coalition Nancy Nakkoul, Education Director, WTCS

Owen Smith, Program & Policy Analyst, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards,
WI Dept. of Workforce Development

DACUM Panel of Experts

Participant	Title	Organization
John Binkley	Farmer	Equinox Community Farm
Janet Gamble	Farm Owner/Manager	Turtle Creek Gardens
Brian Gronski	Owner	Groche Organic Farms, LLC
Sheri Howard	Owner	Vintage Vittles, LLC
Kristen Kordet	Owner	Blue Moon Community Farm
Chris McGuire	Farmer	Two Onion Farm
John Middleton	Owner/Farmer	Fazenda Boa Terra
Laura Mortimore	Farmer	Orange Cat Community Farm
Mike Noltnerwyss	Farmer	Crosswords Community Farm, LLC
Peter Seely	Owner	Springdale Farm

Program Outcomes

- 1 Manage fields
- 2 Propagate transplants
- 3 Seed and transplant crops
- 4 Maintain crops
- 5 Control weed, pests and disease
- 6 Harvest crops
- 7 Perform post-harvest handling
- 8 Maintain equipment
- 9 Implement farm production plan
- 10 Conduct marketing and customer service activities
- 11 Assist with managing employees

50-090-1 Organic Vegetable Farm Manager Related Instruction Model [2017-18]

Description

This program configuration represents a statewide model for class cohorts in the related instruction portion of the Organic Vegetable Farm Manager apprenticeship. The model outlines related instruction for 1.5 years. It reflects a total of 144 hours of combined related instruction lecture, demonstration, and hands-on learning aligned with DWD-BAS apprenticeship training standards. The focus group recommend related instruction occur December through March. This model aligns WTCS learning outcomes with relevant industry standards as identified by an industry validated DACUM and Exhibit A work processes approved by the state trade committee. Supporting documentation may be found in the BAS related job book. This curriculum model may

be interpreted and implemented by the colleges as required to meet local needs and in support of local work processes by the steering committee and DWD-BAS.

Credits

1 - Occupation Specific 4 @ 36 hours/credit=144 hours
 2 - Occupation Supportive 8 hours for Transition to Trainer course

Total Credits 4

Term 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits
50-080-701	Organic Farm Systems	1.5 credits 54 hours

Term 2

Course #	Course Title	Credits
50-080-702	Production Related Farm Management	1.5 credits 54 hours
50-090-703	Farm Business Management and Marketing	1 35 hours

Other Program Requirement (Last Year of Apprenticeship)

Course #	Course Title	Credits
47-455-455	Transition to Trainer: Your Role as a Journey Worker	8 hours

Program Course List

Number	Title	Credits & Hours	Description	Pre/Corequisites
50-080-701	Organic Farm Systems	1.5 credits 54 hours	Introduces organic and systems approach to vegetable farming. Examines crop rotation plans; weed, pest, and disease plans; soil fertility and conservation plans; and organic certification paperwork. In addition, apprentices examine career pathways in organic vegetable farming and begin a career plan.	
50-080-702	Production Related Farm Management	1.5 credits 54 hours	Provides an overview of production related farm management activities and processes. Emphasis is placed on types of plants, designing	Organic Farm Systems

Number	Title	Credits & Hours	Description	Pre/Corequisites
			<p>a planting plan, growing seedlings, greenhouse management systems, plant health indicators, irrigation methods, weed, pest and disease control methods, harvest handling, and equipment types and maintenance.</p>	
<p>50-090-703</p>	<p>Farm Business Management and Marketing</p>	<p>1 credit 35 hours</p>	<p>Introduces apprentices to the farm business management and marketing processes and tasks needed for Organic Vegetable Farm Managers. Emphasis is placed on developing a farm marketing plan, evaluating a farm business plan, exploring farm recordkeeping systems, and interpreting farm financial information.</p>	<p>Organic Farm Systems Production Related Farm Management</p>
<p>47-455-455</p>	<p>Transition to Trainer: Your Role as a Journey Worker</p>	<p>8 hours</p>	<p>Apprenticeship training is a collaborative partnership: employer and employee associations, government, and educational institutions each play a part. In reality, most learning takes place through the daily interaction between an apprentice and his/her co-workers. Surveys have shown that the apprentices are least satisfied with the on-the-job portion of their training--particularly the ability of journey level workers and supervisors to pass on their knowledge of the trade.</p> <p>You have already learned to use the tools of your chosen trade. In this workshop you will be introduced to a new set of basic tools--the tools of a jobsite trainer. You will explore the skills that are necessary to be an effective trainer, discover how to deliver hands-on training, and examine the process for giving useful feedback. During the workshop you will build a Training Toolkit to take back to your work on the job.</p>	