



U.S. Department Labor  
Employment and Training Administration

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Agricultural and Food Processing Clearance Order ETA Form 790  
Pedido de Empleados para Agricultura y Procesamiento de Alimentos

1. Employer's Name and Address (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)/  
Nombre y Dirección del Empleador (Número, Calle, Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal)

Saratoga Sod Farm, Inc.  
1670 Rt. 4  
Stillwater NY 12170

c/o Leonard J. D'Arrigo, Attorney  
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, NY 12260  
(518) 487-7642

Telephone number/Teléfono: (518) 664-5038 Fax: (518) 664-3559

2. Location and Direction to Work Site/ Ubicación y Dirección al Lugar de Trabajo

1670 Rt. 4, Stillwater, NY 12170 (Saratoga County)  
902 Rt. 4, Schuylerville, NY (Saratoga County)  
Duell Rd., Schuylerville, NY (Saratoga County)  
River Road, Schuylerville, NY (Saratoga County)  
Weir Road, Schaghticoke, NY (Rensselaer County)  
4064 River Road, Schaghticoke, NY (Rensselaer County)  
647 Stillwater Bridge Rd., Schaghticoke, NY (Rensselaer County)

All work sites are owned and operated by Saratoga Sod Farm, Inc.

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3. Location and Description of Housing / Dirección y Descripción de la Vivienda

1670 Rt. 4, Stillwater, NY 12170  
Mobile Home  
Capacity: 4

3 Bedrooms, Full Kitchen, bath, laundry, living area.

Approximately 1 mile past where Rt. 32 splits from Rt. 4, near Saratoga National Historic Park.

4 Workers will be housed at this location

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Números 4 a 8 para USO ESTATAL

4. Industry Code/Código Industrial  111421	5. Job Order No. /Num. de Orden de Empleo  NY1006571
6. Occupational Title and Code /Título Ocupacional y Código Farmworker + Laborer, Crop 45.2093.01	
7. Clearance Order Issue Date / Fecha de Trámite 12/28/11	
8. Job Order Expiration Date / Fecha de Expiración 7/31/12	

9. Anticipated Period of Employment / Periodo Anticipado de Empleo

From/ Desde: 03/01/2012 To/Hasta: 12/30/2012

10. No. of Workers Requested / Num. de Trabajadores Solicitados

4

11. Anticipated Hours of Work per Week/Horas Anticipadas de Trabajo por Semana. Total: 55

Sunday / Domingo	0	Monday / Lunes	10
Tuesday / Martes	10	Wednesday / Miércoles	10
Thursday / Jueves	10	Friday / Viernes	10
Saturday / Sábado	5		

12. Collect Calls Accepted from/ Aceptan Llamadas por Cobrar de:

Employer / Empleador Yes/Si  No

Local Office / Oficina Local Yes/Si  No

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13. Board Arrangements / Arreglo de Alojamiento

Housing is provided at no cost to workers who are not reasonably able to return the same day to their place of residence. Housing is not provided to non-workers. Workers will buy and prepare own food.

14. Referral Instructions / Instrucciones sobre cómo Referir Candidatos

All local applicants and intrastate are to apply directly to employer, Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm; and Fridays between 9:00am and 11:00am. All interstate (out of state) applicants may apply at any workforce agency (SWA) office or by contacting employer directly.

15. Job Specifications / Especificaciones del Trabajo

Perform various activities associated with growing grass and sod on farm. Activities will be exclusively performed in an outdoor environment. Aid in soil preparation, including removing rocks, roots, limbs, stumps, trees, and other debris from the fields and farm area. Sod large areas, sow grass seed, plant plugs of sod grass, cut, roll, and stack sod in accordance with supervisor's instructions. Weed, hoe, and propagate. Water, fertilize, spray, monitor, trim, weed, load, transport, and discard sod. Irrigation set up and operation. Bag certified grass seed. Perform other activities associated with growing grass and sod in a nursery. Workers will load and unload empty pallets by hand. Workers may be subject to random drug testing at employer expense post hire. Workers must be able to work in cold, wet, hot, humid weather and able to work on their feet in bent, stooped positions for long periods of time. Physically able to lift up to 50-75 pounds on a consistent basis throughout each work day. 1 month of verifiable experience in sod/turfgrass production required.

**See Attachments**

If more space is needed, summary of Material Job Specifications in ENGLISH can be included in separate document, and may also be included in SPANISH)

16. Wage Rates, Special Pay Information and Deductions / Tarifa de Pago, Información Sobre Pagos Especiales y Deducciones (Rebajas)

Crop Activities	Hourly Wage	Piece Rate / Unit(s)	Special Pay (bonus, etc.)	Deductions		Pay Period Período de Pago
				Yes/Sí	No	
Cultivos	Salario por Hora	Pago por Pieza / Unidad(es)	Pagos Especiales (Bono, etc.)	Deducciones		
Turfgrass/Sod	\$ <del>10.25</del> 10.56	\$		Social Security / Seguro Social	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weekly / Semanal
	\$	\$		Federal Tax Impuestos Federales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	\$	\$		State Tax Impuestos Estatales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bi-weekly / Quincenal
	\$	\$		Meals / Comidas		<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$	\$		Other (specify)/ Otro (especifica)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other / Otro

More Details About the Pay / Mas Detalles Sobre el Pago

**Employer will deduct/withhold only as permitted by law.**

(If additional space is needed, use separate sheet of paper. / Si necesitas más espacio, utilice otra hoja de papel)

17. Transportation Arrangements / Arreglos de Transportación

**Employer agrees to reimburse inbound transportation and subsistence expenses to each worker, or any person, government agency or private organization, which, on behalf of the worker has paid or advanced such transportation and subsistence expenses, from the residence, place of last employment or place of recruitment to the job site after the worker has completed 50% of the stipulated period of employment, from initial date of need or from date after actual arrival of worker if later than the stated date to report. See attachment #17.**

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18. Is it the prevailing practice to use Farm Labor Contractors (FLC) to recruit, supervise, transport, house, and/or pay workers for this (these) crop activity (ies)? ¿ Es la práctica habitual de usar Contratistas de Trabajo Agrícola para reclutar, supervisar, transportar, dar vivienda, y/o pagarle a los trabajadores para este(os) tipo(s) de cosecha(s)? Yes / Sí  No

If you have checked yes, what is the FLC wage for each activity? / Si contesto "Si," cual es el salario que le pagas al Contratista de Trabajo Agrícola por cada actividad?

19. Unemployment Insurance provided? Seguro de Desempleo?

Yes/Sí  No

20. Workers' compensation insurance provided? Se le provee seguro de compensación/indemnización al trabajador:

Yes/Sí  No

21. Are tools provided at no charge to the workers? / Se les proveen herramientas sin costo alguno a los trabajadores?

Yes/Sí  No

22. List any arrangements which have been made with establishment owners or agents for the payment of a commission or other benefits for sales made to workers. (If there are no such arrangements, enter "None") / Enumere todos los acuerdos o convenios hechos con los propietarios del establecimiento o sus agentes para el pago de una comisión u otros beneficios por ventas hechas a los trabajadores. (Si no hay ningún acuerdo o convenio, indique "Ninguno")

None

23. List any strike, work stoppage, slowdown, or interruption of operation by the employees at the place where the workers will be employed.  
(If there are no such incidents, enter "None") / Enumere toda huelga, paro o interrupción de operaciones de trabajo por parte de los empleados en el lugar de empleo. (Si no hay incidentes de este tipo, indique "Ninguno")

None

24. Address of Order Holding Office (include Telephone number)/Dirección de la Oficina donde se radica la oferta (incluya el número de teléfono)

New York State Dept. of Labor One-Stop office nearest you

25. Name of Local Office Representative (include direct dial telephone number) / Nombre del Representante de la Oficina Local (Incluya el número de teléfono de su línea directa)

New York State Dept. of Labor One-Stop office nearest you

26. Employer's Certification: This job order describes the actual terms and conditions of the employment being offered by me and contains all the material terms and conditions of the job.  
Certificación del Empleador: Esta orden de trabajo describe los términos y condiciones del empleo que se le ofrece, y contiene todos los términos y condiciones materiales ofrecidos.

Laurie Griffen, VP/Owner



Employer's Signature & Title/ Firma y Título del Empleador

Date: 12/15/11

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Public Burden Statement

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**New York State Department of Labor**  
**Form ETA 790 Attachment #2 – Additional Information**

**Item 1:**

**Employer Name:** Saratoga Sod Farm, Inc.  
**Employer Email:** Laurie@saratogasod.com  
**Employer Fax:** (518) 664-3559  
**Agent/Attorney:** Leonard J. D'Arrigo, Whiteman, Osterman, & Hanna  
LLP  
**Agent Email:** ldarrigo@woh.com  
**Agent Fax:** (518) 487-7777

**Item 13: Board Arrangements**

Employer will  will not  provide three meals per day and will deduct \$ 0 per day.  
Employer will  will not  furnish free dishes, cooking utensils and convenient kitchen and cooking facilities.  
Employer will  will not  provide transportation to assure workers access to stores where they can purchase groceries and/or other incidentals and/or medical necessities.

**Item 15: Job Specifications**

The employer will provide 0 days of training and/or allow 0 days of work for worker to reach production standards if applicable.

Production Standards (if applicable): After completion of training or break-in period, employer will expect worker to: N/A

**Item 16: Wage Rates, Special Pay Information and Deductions**

The employer will provide workers referred through the interstate clearance system **55 hours** of work for the week beginning with the anticipated date of need, unless employer has amended the date of need by notifying the State agency no later than 10 business days before the date of need. If the employer fails to notify NYS Department of Labor office, then employer shall pay an eligible worker referred through the clearance system **\$563.75** for the first week starting with the originally anticipated date of need. If worker referred fails to notify the NYS Department of Labor of continued interest in the job at least 5 days before date of need, worker will be disqualified from this assurance. Employer will  will not  require worker to perform alternative work if the guarantee cited in this section is invoked. Alternative work: N/A

Employer will maintain adequate payroll records. Workers will be paid weekly

on Friday for work through the previous Friday.

**Item 20: Workers' Compensation**

The employer assures that Policy # G2122 030-6 issued by The New York State Insurance Fund provides the required insurance for injuries arising out of and in the course of employment. Employer's proof of insurance coverage will be provided to the Chicago Processing Center before certification is granted.

New York State Department of Labor  
FORM ETA 790 -- Attachment #1

Terms and Conditions/Clarifications and Assurances

Job Order Number: NY1006571

Employer: Saratoga Sod Farm, Inc.

A: CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS ON FORM ETA 790

Item 3: Housing

- a. Housing and utilities are provided at no cost to H-2A workers and those workers in corresponding employment who are unable to return to their place of residence the same day.
- b. Housing beds, bedding and mattresses will be furnished at no cost to the workers.
- c. Housing will be clean and meet the applicable federal and State housing standards.
- d. Workers will be responsible for maintaining housing and surrounding areas in a neat, clean manner.

Item 15: Job Specifications

- a. Workers must be able to demonstrate that they are physically able to perform the work as described.
- b. Employer may terminate worker with timely notification to the NPC and DHS, if the worker:
  - 1) Refuses, without cause, to perform work for which the worker was recruited and hired;
  - 2) Commits serious acts of misconduct; or
  - 3) Fails, after completing any training or break-in period, to reach production standards
  - 4) Abandons Job ("Job Abandonment") – is absent for five consecutive previously scheduled days without prior notification to employer.

Item 16: Wage Rates, Special Pay Information and Deductions

The employer will offer, advertise in its recruitment, and pay a wage that is the highest of the AEWR, the prevailing hourly wage or piece rate, the agreed upon collective bargaining wage, or the Federal or State minimum wage, except where a special procedure is approved for an occupation or specific class of agricultural employment. Employer assures that if a change in the AEWR requires an increase such increase will be paid as of the effective date of the increase. Also if the AEWR is decreased this will become the wage effective of the date of the decrease.

- a. If, during a pay period, piece rate earnings for total hours of work at a piece-rate do not result in average hourly earnings equal to or greater than the guaranteed minimum hourly rate, the worker will receive make-up pay to the guaranteed minimum wage rate.
- b. In New York State, the only deductions that can be taken from worker pay are:
  1. Those required by law, such as Social Security, income tax, and garnishment of wages;
  2. Those that benefit workers and are authorized in writing, such as life insurance, or a savings account

**Any other deductions are illegal.**

- c. The employer guarantees to offer employment for a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  ("three fourths guarantee") of the hours in the workdays during the period of the contract, and all extensions thereof. This guarantee begins with the first workday after the worker's arrival at the place of employment and ends on the date specified on the job order or extensions thereof. In fire, weather, or Act of God terminations, the  $\frac{3}{4}$  guarantee period ends on the date of termination. The employer must make efforts to transfer the worker to other comparable employment acceptable to the worker, consistent with existing immigration law. If such transfer is not affected, the employer must return the worker, at the employers expense, to the place from which the worker (disregarding intervening employment) came to work for the employer, or transport the worker to the workers next certified H 2A employer, whichever the worker prefers; reimburse the workers the full amount of any deductions made from the worker's pay by the employer for transportation and subsistence expenses to the place of employment; and pay the worker for any costs incurred by the worker for transportation and daily subsistence to that employer's place of employment. The amount of daily subsistence will be in accordance with current rates published in the *Federal Register* (for workers with and without receipts). The amount of the transportation payment must not be less (and is not required to be more) than the most economical and reasonable common carrier transportation charges for the distance involved.
- d. Workers will not be required to work more than the number of hours specified in the job order for a workday or on their Sabbath or federal holidays to meet this guarantee. The worker's average hourly earnings will be used under this guarantee where wages are paid on a piece rate basis. A worker who is terminated for cause or who voluntarily abandons his/her job is not entitled to this guarantee if employer provides timely notification to the NPC and DHS.
- e. Workers with school age children who have migrated with such children and who depart in time to return home for the beginning of the school year shall be paid, in addition to the basic wages, any bonus or other incentive payments or other expenses to which they would be entitled had they stayed the entire job order period.

#### **Item 17: Transportation**

Employer agrees to reimburse inbound transportation and subsistence expenses (\$10.73 per day minimum to a maximum of \$46.00 per day) to each worker, or any person, government agency or private organization which, on behalf of the worker has paid or advanced such transportation and subsistence expenses, from the place from which the worker has come to work for the employer, whether in the U.S. or abroad to the place of employment, after the worker has completed 50% of the stipulated period of employment, from initial date of need or from the day after actual arrival of worker if later than the stated date to report.

- a. Employer will provide or pay the cost of return transportation and subsistence to each worker who completes the employment period, or who is terminated for medical reasons, or as the result of an Act of God, from place of employment to place of recruitment, except if the worker is not returning to his place of recruitment and had subsequent employment with an employer who will bear transportation expenses, in which case this employer only pays for the transportation to the next job.
- b. Employer will not be responsible for providing return cost of transportation and subsistence from place of employment to place of recruitment if the worker voluntarily abandons the job or is terminated for cause and employer provides timely notification to the NPC and DHS.
- c. If requested by the worker, the employer will assist in making transportation arrangements.

- d. Employer will provide transportation, at no cost to the worker, from the employer provided housing to the actual work site and return at the end of the day.

Employer: Saratoga Sod Farm, Inc.

**Item 21: Tools and Equipment**

The employer will furnish without cost all tools, supplies, or equipment required in the performance of work.

**B: OTHER CLARIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES**

1. The employer agrees to abide by the regulations at 20 CFR 655.135 and 20 CFR 653.501.
2. The employer will expeditiously notify the State agency by telephone immediately upon learning that a crop is maturing earlier or later, or that weather conditions, over-recruitment, or other factors have changed the terms and conditions of employment.
3. Outreach workers shall have reasonable access to the worker in the conduct of outreach activities pursuant to 20 CFR 653.501(xvi).
4. Where appropriate, the employer is certified in the use and application of pesticides per Federal Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of Environmental Conservation requirements. The employer assures that workers hired under this order who will be handling pesticides will be provided appropriate training.
5. The employer will provide to an H-2A worker no later than the time at which the worker applies for the visa, or to a worker in corresponding employment no later than on the day work commences, a copy of the work contract between the employer and the workers in a language understood by the worker
6. The employer assures that if acting as a farm labor contractor (FLC) or farm labor contractor employee (FLCE) on the order, he has a valid federal FLC certificate or FLCE identification card.
7. The applicant assures that he/she complies with NYS registration requirements. Farm labor contractors anticipating employment contracting with growers or processors in New York State, growers or processors in New York State who use the services of a farm labor contractor, and growers or processors in New York State who, without using the services of a farm labor contractor, are responsible for bringing into the state five or more out-of-state migrant farm or food processing workers, including H-2A workers, are required to register with the New York State Department of Labor and pay a registration fee in addition to any other fees that may be applicable.

Employer Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_

12/15/11