



H-2A Agricultural Clearance Order
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A. Job Offer Information

1. Job Title * Fruit and Vegetable Harvesting, Packing, and Field Work								
2. Workers Needed *	a. Total	b. H-2A Workers	Period of Intended Employment					
	26	26	3. First Date * 6/15/2023	4. Last Date * 11/1/2023				
5. Will this job generally require the worker to be on-call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week? * If "Yes", proceed to question 8. If "No", complete questions 6 and 7 below.							<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
6. Anticipated days and hours of work per week <i>(an entry is required for each box below) *</i>							7. Hourly Work Schedule *	
36	a. Total Hours	6	c. Monday	6	e. Wednesday	6	g. Friday	a. 7 : 00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
0	b. Sunday	6	d. Tuesday	6	f. Thursday	6	h. Saturday	b. 5 : 00 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM
Temporary Agricultural Services and Wage Offer Information								
8a. Job Duties - Description of the specific services or labor to be performed. * <i>(Please begin response on this form and use Addendum C if additional space is needed.)</i>								
See Addendum C								
8b. Wage Offer *	8c. Per *	8d. Piece Rate Offer \$	8e. Piece Rate Units / Estimated Hourly Rate / Special Pay Information \$					
\$ 14 . 91	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOUR <input type="checkbox"/> MONTH	\$ 35 . 00	Per bus, paid to group; divided by the number of workers. 14 workers per group, 4 buses Per Hour. Average Hourly Rate of Pay Per Worker is \$10.00. Guaranteed Rate \$14.91 Per Hour.					
9. Is a completed Addendum A providing additional information on the crops or agricultural activities to be performed and wage offers attached to this job offer? *							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
10. Frequency of Pay: * <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>N/A</u>								
11. State all deduction(s) from pay and, if known, the amount(s). * <i>(Please begin response on this form and use Addendum C if additional space is needed.)</i>								
The employer will make the following deductions: FICA taxes, income tax, cash advances, overpayment of wages, and charges for any loss to the employer due to the worker's damage or loss of equipment or housing items where it is shown that the worker is responsible, and any other deductions expressly authorized by the worker in writing. State income tax will be deducted.								

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B. Minimum Job Qualifications/Requirements

1. Education: minimum U.S. diploma/degree required. *	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> High School/GED <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Master's or higher <input type="checkbox"/> Other degree (JD, MD, etc.)	
2. Work Experience: number of <u>months</u> required. <input type="text" value="0"/>	3. Training: number of <u>months</u> required. * <input type="text" value="0"/>
4. Basic Job Requirements (check all that apply) §	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Certification/license requirements <input type="checkbox"/> b. Driver requirements <input type="checkbox"/> c. Criminal background check <input type="checkbox"/> d. Drug screen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Lifting requirement <u>75</u> lbs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Exposure to extreme temperatures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Extensive pushing or pulling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Extensive sitting or walking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i. Frequent stooping or bending over <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> j. Repetitive movements
5a. Supervision: does this position supervise the work of other employees? *	5b. If "Yes" to question 5a, enter the number of employees worker will supervise. §
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
6. Additional Information Regarding Job Qualifications/Requirements. * (Please begin response on this form and use Addendum C if additional space is needed. If no additional skills or requirements, enter " NONE " below) The worker must be responsible and consistent on the job. The worker must be able to lift 0-75 lbs., do repetitive movements, extensive pushing and pulling, walking, frequent stooping continuously throughout the day, and work in all kinds of weather conditions.	

C. Place of Employment Information

1. Place of Employment Address/Location *				
830 AVOCA FARM RD.				
2. City *	3. State *	4. Postal Code *	5. County *	
WINDSOR	North Carolina	27983	Bertie	
6. Additional Place of Employment Information. (If no additional information, enter " NONE " below) *				
NONE				
7. Is a completed Addendum B providing additional information on the places of employment and/or agricultural businesses who will employ workers, or to whom the employer will be providing workers, attached to this job order? *				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

D. Housing Information

1. Housing Address/Location *				
823 N BOARD ST.				
2. City *	3. State *	4. Postal Code *	5. County *	
EDENTON	North Carolina	27932	Chowan	
6. Type of Housing (check only one) *			7. Total Units *	8. Total Occupancy *
<input type="checkbox"/> Employer-provided <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rental or public (including mobile or range)			13	26
9. Identify the entity that determined the housing met all applicable standards: *				
<input type="checkbox"/> Local authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWA <input type="checkbox"/> Other State authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal authority <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____				
10. Additional Housing Information. (If no additional information, enter " NONE " below) *				
NONE				
11. Is a completed Addendum B providing additional information on housing that will be provided to workers attached to this job order? *				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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E. Provision of Meals

1. Describe how the employer will provide each worker with three meals per day or furnish free and convenient cooking and kitchen facilities. *
 (Please begin response on this form and use Addendum C if additional space is needed.)
 The employer will provide each worker three (3) meals per day: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The worker will be charged a daily rate of \$15.46 for all three (3) meals. Employer will provide transportation (at no cost to employees) to grocery and/or department store, once per week, for workers to obtain food and other necessities.

2. The employer: *	<input type="checkbox"/> WILL NOT charge workers for meals.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WILL charge each worker for meals at \$ 15 . 46 per day, if meals are provided.

F. Transportation and Daily Subsistence

1. Describe the terms and arrangements for daily transportation the employer will provide to workers. *
 (Please begin response on this form and use Addendum C if additional space is needed.)
ALL EMPLOYER PROVIDED WORKER TRANSPORTATION, MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

2. Describe the terms and arrangements for providing workers with transportation (a) to the place of employment (i.e., inbound) and (b) from the place of employment (i.e., outbound). *
 (Please begin response on this form and use Addendum C if additional space is needed.)
See Addendum C

3. During the travel described in Item 2, the employer will pay for or reimburse daily meals by providing each worker *	a. no less than	\$ 15 . 46	per day *
	b. no more than	\$ 59 . 00	per day with receipts

G. Referral and Hiring Instructions



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1. Explain how prospective applicants may be considered for employment under this job order, including verifiable contact information for the employer (or the employer's authorized hiring representative), methods of contact, and the days and hours applicants will be considered for the job opportunity. *
 (Please begin response on this form and use Addendum C if additional space is needed.)
COLLECT CALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. All referrals should contact their local state workforce agency career center, prior to contacting the employer. State Workforce Agency or Career center staff may only refer candidates who have been informed of all material terms and conditions of employment and have indicated, by accepting referral to the job offer that he or she is qualified, able, willing, and available for employment. State Workforce Agency or Career center staff should first contact employer by email to: mrgomezcropsinc@gmail.com, with the referral candidate's name, address, and telephone number, then instruct candidate to contact employer, Rafael Gomez @ 863-381-3590 directly to schedule a phone or in-person interview. All candidates should read or have read to them the job order before contacting the employer. All applicants if hired are expected to work for the full term of the contract, as stated on the job order. All applicants, if hired, should be available for work as stated in the "Job Activities" section in the job order. All applicants, if hired, will provide, original identification, and employment eligibility documentation. The employer will be available Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to conduct-- interviews, at no cost to the applicant.-

2. Telephone Number to Apply * +1 (863) 381-3590	3. Extension § N/A	4. Email Address to Apply * mrgomezcropsinc@gmail.com
5. Website Address (URL) to Apply * https://seasonaljobs.dol.gov/		

H. Additional Material Terms and Conditions of the Job Offer

1. Is a completed Addendum C providing additional information about the material terms, conditions, and benefits (monetary and non-monetary) that will be provided by the employer attached to this job order? *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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I. Conditions of Employment and Assurances for H-2A Agricultural Clearance Orders

By virtue of my signature below, I **HEREBY CERTIFY** my knowledge of and compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local employment-related laws and regulations, including employment-related health and safety laws, and certify the following conditions of employment:

- JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Employer assures that the job opportunity identified in this clearance order (hereinafter also referred to as the "job order") is a full-time temporary position being placed with the SWA in connection with an *H-2A Application for Temporary Employment Certification* for H-2A workers and this clearance order satisfies the requirements for agricultural clearance orders in 20 CFR part 653, subpart F and the requirements set forth in 20 CFR 655, subpart B. This job opportunity offers U.S. workers no less than the same benefits, wages, and working conditions that the employer is offering, intends to offer, or will provide to H-2A workers and complies with the requirements at 20 CFR part 655, subpart B. The job opportunity is open to any qualified U.S. worker regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap, or citizenship.
- NO STRIKE, LOCKOUT, OR WORK STOPPAGE:** Employer assures that this job opportunity, including all places of employment for which the employer is requesting temporary agricultural labor certification does not currently have workers on strike or being locked out in the course of a labor dispute. 20 CFR 655.135(b).
- HOUSING FOR WORKERS:** Employer agrees to provide or secure housing for the H-2A workers and those workers in corresponding employment who are not reasonably able to return to their residence at the end of the work day. That housing complies with the applicable local, State, and/or Federal standards and is sufficient to house the specified number of workers requested through the clearance system. The employer will provide the housing without charge to the worker. Any charges for rental housing will be paid directly by the employer to the owner or operator of the housing. If public accommodations or public housing are provided to workers, the employer agrees to pay all housing-related charges directly to the housing's management. The employer agrees that charges in the form of deposits for bedding or other similar incidentals related to housing (e.g., utilities) must not be levied upon workers. However, the employer may require workers to reimburse them for damage caused to housing by the individual worker(s) found to have been responsible for damage which is not the result of normal wear and tear related to habitation. When it is the prevailing practice in the area of intended employment and the occupation to provide family housing, the employer agrees to provide family housing at no cost to workers with families who request it. 20 CFR 655.122(d), 653.501(c)(3)(vi).

Request for Conditional Access to Intrastate or Interstate Clearance System: Employer assures that the housing disclosed on this clearance order will be in full compliance with all applicable local, State, and/or Federal standards at least 20 calendar days before the housing is to be occupied. 20 CFR 653.502(a)(3). The Certifying Officer will not certify the application until the employer provides evidence that housing has been inspected and approved or, in the case of rental or public accommodations, is otherwise in full compliance.
- WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE:** Employer agrees to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage in compliance with State law covering injury and disease arising out of and in the course of the worker's employment. If the type of employment for which the certification is sought is not covered by or is exempt from the State's workers' compensation law, the employer agrees to provide, at no cost to the worker, insurance covering injury and disease arising out of and in the course of the worker's employment that will provide benefits at least equal to those provided under the State workers' compensation law for other comparable employment. 20 CFR 655.122(e).
- EMPLOYER-PROVIDED TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:** Employer agrees to provide to the worker, without charge or deposit charge, all tools, supplies, and equipment required to perform the duties assigned. 20 CFR 655.122(f), .210(d), or .302(c).



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6. **MEALS:** Employer agrees to provide each worker with three meals a day or furnish free and convenient cooking and kitchen facilities to the workers that will enable the workers to prepare their own meals. Where the employer provides the meals, the job offer will state the charge, if any, to the worker for such meals. The amount of meal charges is governed by 20 CFR 655.173. 20 CFR 655.122(g). When a charge or deduction for the cost of meals would bring the worker's wage below the minimum wage set by the FLSA at 29 U.S.C. 206, the charge or deduction must meet the requirements of 29 U.S.C. 203(m) of the FLSA, including the recordkeeping requirements found at 29 CFR 516.27.

For workers engaged in the herding or production of livestock on the range, the employer agrees to provide each worker, without charge or deposit charge, (1) either three sufficient meals a day, or free and convenient cooking facilities and adequate provision of food to enable the worker to prepare his own meals. To be sufficient or adequate, the meals or food provided must include a daily source of protein, vitamins, and minerals; and (2) adequate potable water, or water that can be easily rendered potable and the means to do so. 20 CFR 655.210(e).

7. **TRANSPORTATION AND DAILY SUBSISTENCE:** Employer agrees to provide the following transportation and daily subsistence benefits to eligible workers.

A. *Transportation to Place of Employment (Inbound)*

If the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, and the employer did not directly provide such transportation or subsistence or otherwise has not yet paid the worker for such transportation or subsistence costs, the employer agrees to reimburse the worker for reasonable costs incurred by the worker for transportation and daily subsistence from the place from which the worker came to work for the employer to the employer's place of employment, whether in the U.S. or abroad. The amount of the transportation payment must be no less (and is not required to be more) than the most economical and reasonable common carrier transportation charges for the distances involved. The amount the employer will pay for daily subsistence expenses are those amounts disclosed in this clearance order, which are at least as much as the employer would charge the worker for providing the worker with three meals a day during employment (if applicable), but in no event will be less than the amount permitted under 20 CFR 655.173(a). The employer understands that the Fair Labor Standards Act applies independently of the H-2A requirements and imposes obligations on employers regarding payment of wages. 20 CFR 655.122(h)(1).

B. *Transportation from Place of Employment (Outbound)*

If the worker completes the work contract period, or is terminated without cause, and the worker has no immediate subsequent H-2A employment, the employer agrees to provide or pay for the worker's transportation and daily subsistence from the place of employment to the place from which the worker, disregarding intervening employment, departed to work for the employer. Return transportation will not be provided to workers who voluntarily abandon employment before the end of the work contract period, or who are terminated for cause, if the employer follows the notification requirements in 20 CFR 655.122(n).

If the worker has contracted with a subsequent employer who has not agreed in such work contract to provide or pay for the worker's transportation and daily subsistence expenses from the employer's place of employment to such subsequent employer's place of employment, the employer must provide for such expenses. If the worker has contracted with a subsequent employer who has agreed in such work contract to provide or pay for the worker's transportation and daily subsistence expenses from the employer's place of employment to such subsequent employer's place of employment, the subsequent employer must provide or pay for such expenses.

The employer is not relieved of its obligation to provide or pay for return transportation and subsistence if an H-2A worker is displaced as a result of the employer's compliance with the employer's obligation to hire U.S. workers who apply or are referred after the employer's date of need during the recruitment period set out in 20 CFR 655.135(d). 20 CFR 655.122(h)(2).

C. *Daily Transportation*

Employer agrees to provide transportation between housing provided or secured by the employer and the employer's place(s) of employment at no cost to the worker. 20 CFR 655.122(h)(3).

D. *Compliance with Transportation Standards*

Employer assures that all employer-provided transportation will comply with all applicable Federal, State, or local laws and regulations. Employer agrees to provide, at a minimum, the same transportation safety standards, driver licensure, and vehicle insurance as required under 29 U.S.C. 1841 and 29 CFR 500.104 or 500.105 and 29 CFR 500.120 to 500.128. If workers' compensation is used to cover transportation, in lieu of vehicle insurance, the employer will ensure that such workers' compensation covers all travel or that vehicle insurance exists to provide coverage for travel not covered by workers' compensation. Employer agrees to have property damage insurance. 20 CFR 655.122(h)(4).

8. **THREE-FOURTHS GUARANTEE:** Employer agrees to offer the worker employment for a total number of work hours equal to at least three-fourths of the workdays of the total period beginning with the first workday after the arrival of the worker at the place of employment or the advertised contractual first date of need, whichever is later, and ending on the expiration date specified in the work contract or in its extensions, if any. 20 CFR 655.122(i).

The employer may offer the worker more than the specified hours of work on a single workday. For purposes of meeting the three-fourths guarantee, the worker will not be required to work for more than the number of hours specified in the job order for a workday, or on the worker's Sabbath or Federal holidays. If, during the total work contract period, the employer affords the U.S. or H-2A worker less employment than that required under this guarantee, the employer will pay such worker the amount the worker would have earned had the worker, in fact, worked for the guaranteed number of days. An employer will not be considered to have met the work guarantee if the employer has merely offered work on three-fourths of the workdays if each workday did not consist of a full number of hours of work time as specified in the job order. All hours of work actually performed may be counted by the employer in calculating whether the period of guaranteed employment has been met. Any hours the worker fails to work, up to a maximum of the number of hours specified in the job order for a workday, when the worker has been offered an opportunity to work, and all hours of work actually performed (including voluntary work over 8 hours in a workday or on the worker's Sabbath or Federal holidays), may be counted by the employer in calculating whether the period of guaranteed employment has been met. 20 CFR 655.122(i).

If the worker is paid on a piece rate basis, the employer agrees to use the worker's average hourly piece rate earnings or the required hourly wage rate, whichever is higher, to calculate the amount due under the three-fourths guarantee. 20 CFR 655.122(i).



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If the worker voluntarily abandons employment before the end of the period of employment set forth in the job order, or is terminated for cause, and the employer follows the notification requirements in 20 CFR 655.122(n), the worker is not entitled to the three-fourths guarantee. The employer is not liable for payment of the three-fourths guarantee to an H-2A worker whom the Department of Labor certifies is displaced due to the employer's requirement to hire qualified and available U.S. workers during the recruitment period set out in 20 CFR 655.135(d), which lasts until 50 percent of the period of the work contract has elapsed (50 percent rule). 20 CFR 655.122(i).

Important Note: In circumstances where the work contract is terminated due to contract impossibility under 20 CFR 655.122(o), the three-fourths guarantee period ends on the date of termination.

9. **EARNINGS RECORDS:** Employer agrees to keep accurate and adequate records with respect to the workers' earnings at the place or places of employment, or at one or more established central recordkeeping offices where such records are customarily maintained. The records must include each worker's permanent address, and, when available, permanent email address, and phone number(s). All records must be available for inspection and transcription by the Department of Labor or a duly authorized and designated representative, and by the worker and representatives designated by the worker as evidenced by appropriate documentation. Where the records are maintained at a central recordkeeping office, other than in the place or places of employment, such records must be made available for inspection and copying within 72 hours following notice from the Department of Labor, or a duly authorized and designated representative, and by the worker and designated representatives. The content of earnings records must meet all regulatory requirements and be retained by the employer for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of certification by the Department of Labor. 20 CFR 655.122(j).

10. **HOURS AND EARNINGS STATEMENTS:** Employer agrees to furnish to the worker on or before each payday in one or more written statements the following information: (1) the worker's total earnings for the pay period; (2) the worker's hourly rate and/or piece rate of pay; (3) the hours of employment offered to the worker (showing offers in accordance with the three-fourths guarantee as determined in 20 CFR 655.122(i), separate from any hours offered over and above the guarantee); (4) the hours actually worked by the worker; (5) an itemization of all deductions made from the worker's wages; (6) if piece rates are used, the units produced daily; (7) beginning and ending dates of the pay period; and (8) the employer's name, address and FEIN. 20 CFR 655.122(k).

For workers engaged in the herding or production of livestock on the range, the employer is exempt from recording and furnishing the hours actually worked each day, the time the worker begins and ends each workday, as well as the nature and amount of work performed, but otherwise must comply with the earnings records and hours and earnings statement requirements set out in 20 CFR 655.122(j) and (k). The employer agrees to keep daily records indicating whether the site of the employee's work was on the range or off the range. If the employer prorates a worker's wage because of the worker's voluntary absence for personal reasons, it must also keep a record of the reason for the worker's absence. 20 CFR 655.210(f).

11. **RATES OF PAY:** The employer agrees that it will offer, advertise in its recruitment, and pay at least the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR), a prevailing wage rate, the agreed-upon collective bargaining rate, the Federal minimum wage, or the State minimum wage, whichever is highest, for every hour or portion thereof worked during a pay period. If the offered wage(s) disclosed in this clearance order is/are based on commission, bonuses, or other incentives, the employer guarantees the wage paid on a weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly basis will equal or exceed the AEWR, prevailing wage rate, Federal minimum wage, State minimum wage, or any agreed-upon collective bargaining rate, whichever is highest. If the applicable AEWR or prevailing wage is adjusted during the contract period, and that new rate is higher than the highest of the AEWR, the prevailing wage, the collective bargaining rate, the Federal minimum wage, or the State minimum wage, the employer will increase the pay of all employees in the same occupation to the higher rate no later than the effective date of the adjustment. If the new AEWR or prevailing wage is lower than the rate guaranteed on this job order, the employer will continue to pay at least the rate guaranteed on this job order.

If the worker is paid on a piece rate basis, the piece rate must be no less than the prevailing piece rate for the crop activity or agricultural activity and, if applicable, a distinct work task or tasks performed in that activity in the geographic area, if one has been issued. At the end of the pay period, if the piece rate does not result in average hourly piece rate earnings during the pay period at least equal to the amount the worker would have earned had the worker been paid at the appropriate hourly rate, the employer agrees to supplement the worker's pay at that time so that the worker's earnings are at least as much as the worker would have earned during the pay period if the worker had instead been paid at the appropriate hourly wage rate for each hour worked. 20 CFR 655.120, 655.122(l).

For workers engaged in the herding or production of livestock on the range, the employer agrees to pay the worker at least the monthly AEWR, the agreed-upon collective bargaining wage, or the applicable minimum wage imposed by Federal or State law or judicial action, in effect at the time work is performed, whichever is highest, for every month of the job order period or portion thereof. If the offered wage disclosed in this clearance order is based on commissions, bonuses, or other incentives, the employer guarantees that the wage paid will equal or exceed the monthly AEWR, the agreed-upon collective bargaining wage, or the applicable minimum wage imposed by Federal or State law or judicial action, whichever is highest, and will be paid to each worker free and clear without any unauthorized deductions. The employer may prorate the wage for the initial and final pay periods of the job order period if its pay period does not match the beginning or ending dates of the job order. The employer also may prorate the wage if an employee is voluntarily unavailable to work for personal reasons. 20 CFR 655.210(g).

12. **FREQUENCY OF PAY:** Employer agrees to pay workers when due based on the frequency disclosed in this clearance order. 20 CFR 655.122(m).
13. **ABANDONMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OR TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** If a worker voluntarily abandons employment before the end of the contract period, or is terminated for cause, the employer is not responsible for providing or paying for the subsequent transportation and subsistence expenses of that worker, and that worker is not entitled to the three-fourths guarantee, if the employer notifies the U.S. Department of Labor and, if applicable, the Department of Homeland Security, in writing or by any other method specified by the Department of Labor or the Department of Homeland Security in the *Federal Register*, not later than 2 working days after the abandonment or termination occurs. A worker will be deemed to have abandoned the work contract after the worker fails to show up for work at the regularly scheduled time for 5 consecutive work days without the consent of the employer. 20 CFR 655.122(n).
14. **CONTRACT IMPOSSIBILITY:** The work contract may be terminated before the end date of work specified in the work contract if the services of the workers are no longer required for reasons beyond the control of the employer due to fire, weather, or other Act of God that makes fulfillment of the contract impossible, as determined by the Department of Labor. In the event that the work contract is terminated, the employer agrees to fulfill the three-fourths guarantee for the time that has elapsed from the start date of work specified in the work contract to the date of termination. The employer also agrees that it will make efforts to transfer the worker to other comparable employment acceptable



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to the worker and consistent with existing immigration laws. In situations where a transfer is not affected, the employer agrees to return the worker at the employer's expense to the place from which the worker, disregarding intervening employment, came to work for the employer, or transport the worker to his/her next certified H-2A employer, whichever the worker prefers. The employer will also reimburse the worker the full amount of any deductions made by the employer from the worker's pay for transportation and subsistence expenses to the place of employment. The employer will also pay the worker for any transportation and subsistence expenses incurred by the worker to that employer's place of employment. The amounts the employer will pay for subsistence expenses per day are those amounts disclosed in this clearance order. 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 distances involved. 20 CFR 655.122(o).

The employer is not required to pay for transportation and daily subsistence from the place of employment to a subsequent employer's place of employment if the worker has contracted with a subsequent employer who has agreed to provide or pay for the worker's transportation and subsistence expenses from the present employer's place of employment to the subsequent employer's place of employment. 20 CFR 655.122(h)(2).

15. **DEDUCTIONS FROM WORKER'S PAY:** Employer agrees to make all deductions from the worker's paycheck required by law. This job offer discloses all deductions not required by law which the employer will make from the worker's paycheck and all such deductions are reasonable, in accordance with 20 CFR 655.122(p) and 29 CFR part 531. The wage requirements of 20 CFR 655.120 will not be met where undisclosed or unauthorized deductions, rebates, or refunds reduce the wage payment made to the employee below the minimum amounts required under 20 CFR part 655, subpart B, or where the employee fails to receive such amounts free and clear because the employee kicks back directly or indirectly to the employer or to another person for the employer's benefit the whole or part of the wage delivered to the employee. 20 CFR 655.122(p).
16. **DISCLOSURE OF WORK CONTRACT:** Employer agrees to provide a copy of the work contract 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. For an H-2A worker coming to the employer from another H-2A employer or who does not require a visa for entry to the United States, the employer agrees to provide a copy of the work contract no later than the time an offer of employment is made to the H-2A worker. A copy of the work contract will be provided to each worker in a language understood by the worker, as necessary or reasonable. In the absence of a separate, written work contract entered into between the employer and the worker, the work contract at minimum will be the terms of this clearance order, including all Addenda, the certified *H-2A Application for Temporary Employment Certification* and any obligations required under 8 U.S.C. 1188, 29 CFR part 501, or 20 CFR part 655, subpart B. 20 CFR 655.122(q).
17. **ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES FOR CLEARANCE ORDERS:**
 - A. Employer agrees to provide to workers referred through the clearance system the number of hours of work disclosed in this clearance order for the week beginning with the anticipated first date of need, unless the employer has amended the first date of need at least 10 business days before the original first date of need by so notifying the Order-Holding Office (OHO) in writing (e.g., email notification). The employer understands that it is the responsibility of the SWA to make a record of all notifications and attempt to inform referred workers of the amended first date of need expeditiously. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(3)(i).

If there is a change to the anticipated first date of need, and the employer fails to notify the OHO at least 10 business days before the original first date of need, the employer agrees that it will pay eligible workers referred through the clearance system the specified rate of pay disclosed in this clearance order for the first week starting with the originally anticipated first date of need or will provide alternative work if such alternative work is stated on the clearance order. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(5).
 - B. Employer agrees that no extension of employment beyond the period of employment specified in the clearance order will relieve it from paying the wages already earned, or if specified in the clearance order as a term of employment, providing transportation from the place of employment, as described in paragraph 7.B above. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(3)(ii).
 - C. Employer assures that all working conditions comply with applicable Federal and State minimum wage, child labor, social security, health and safety, farm labor contractor registration, and other employment-related laws. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(3)(iii).
 - D. Employer agrees to expeditiously notify the OHO or SWA by emailing and telephoning 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. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(3)(iv).
 - E. If acting as a farm labor contractor (FLC) or farm labor contractor employee (FLCE) on this clearance order, the employer assures that it has a valid Federal FLC certificate or Federal FLCE identification card and when appropriate, any required State FLC certificate. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(3)(v).
 - F. Employer assures that outreach workers will have reasonable access to the workers in the conduct of outreach activities pursuant to 20 CFR 653.107. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(3)(vii).

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read and reviewed this clearance order, including every page of this Form ETA-790A and all supporting addendums, and that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained therein is true and accurate. This clearance 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. 20 CFR 653.501(c)(3)(viii). I understand that to knowingly furnish materially false information in the preparation of this form and/or any supplement thereto or to aid, abet, or counsel another to do so is a federal offense punishable by fines, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 1001.

1. Last (family) name * GOMEZ	2. First (given) name * RAFAEL	3. Middle initial §
4. Title * PRESIDENT		

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5. Signature (or digital signature) * Digital Signature Verified and Retained By <i>Certifying Officer</i>	6. Date signed * 4/27/2023
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A.9. Additional Crop or Agricultural Activities and Wage Offer Information

Crop ID	Crop or Agricultural Activity	Wage Offer	Per	Piece Rate Units / Estimated Hourly Rate / Special Pay Information
	Watermelon Cutters	\$ 35 . 00	Piece Rate	Per bus, paid to group; divided by the number of workers. 14 workers per group, 4 buses Per Hour. Average Hourly Rate of Pay Per Worker is \$10.00. Guaranteed Rate \$14.91 Per Hour.
	Watermelon Loaders	\$ 100 . 00	Piece Rate	Per bus, paid to group; divided by the number of workers. 10 workers per group, 3 buses Per Hour. Average Hourly Rate of Pay Per Worker is \$30.00. Guaranteed Rate \$14.91 Per Hour.
	Watermelon Unloaders & Packers	\$ 100 . 00	Piece Rate	Per bus, paid to group; divided by the number of workers. 14 workers per group, 3 buses Per Hour. Average Hourly Rate of Pay Per Worker is \$21.43. Guaranteed Rate \$14.91 Per Hour.
	Field and Packing House Drivers	\$ 14 . 91	Hour	
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C. Additional Place of Employment Information

1. Name of Agricultural Business §	2. Place of Employment *	3. Additional Place of Employment Information §	4. Begin Date §	5. End Date §	6. Total Workers §
AJ SMITH & SONS, INC.	830 AVOCA FARM RD. WINDSOR, North Carolina 27983 BERTIE		6/15/2023	11/1/2023	26
AJ SMITH & SONS, INC.	433 GREENHALL RD. EDENTON, North Carolina 27932 CHOWAN		6/15/2023	11/1/2023	26
AJ SMITH & SONS, INC.	200 PARADISE RD. EDENTON, North Carolina 27932 CHOWAN		6/15/2023	11/1/2023	26

D. Additional Housing Information



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H. Additional Material Terms and Conditions of the Job Offer

a. Job Offer Information 1

1. Section/Item Number *	A.8a	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Job Duties
<p>3. Details of Material Term or Condition (up to 3,500 characters) * The worker will perform job duties as assigned by the supervisor. They will vary from time to time depending on crop ripening and weather. The watermelon, pumpkin, and cucumber harvesting, packing, and field work is temporary and will last from June to November.</p> <p>Watermelon Hand Harvesting-In order to perform this kind of work, the worker must be able to walk down the field row and use a knife to hand-cut ripe watermelons off the vine for harvesting. The watermelons are then loaded in a bus by forming part of an assembly line, in which the first worker bends down picks up the watermelon and it is passed on to consecutive workers by passing, catching, lifting, until it reaches the worker on the bus, who then sets it down and stacks them until the bus is considered full.</p> <p>Watermelon and Pumpkin Packing- The watermelon and pumpkin is transported by bus to the packing shed. Upon its arrival, it is unloaded by a group of workers and placed on a conveyer belt. The group of workers on the conveyer belt are responsible for sorting, labeling, and packing the watermelon and pumpkin in cardboard containers. While the workers are waiting on the next load of watermelons to arrive, they will be responsible for assembling card board containers.</p> <p>Field Work- During the contract, the worker will plant dead plants with new plants, weed beds, and perform other miscellaneous work.</p> <p>Field Drivers-The field drivers will drive the buses or loading trucks out to the field where the field workers who are harvesting the watermelons, pumpkins, and cucumbers, and will load them onto the bus or loading truck until full. They will then drive the fully loaded bus or loading trucks back to the packing shed where the packing shed workers will unload them onto a belt. The process is then repeated again.</p> <p>Equipment and Vehicle Operation-The workers may need to drive and/or operate various agricultural farm equipment and vehicles to perform the work on the farm such as field trucks, tractors, and forklifts. The workers must use safety and precaution when using agricultural farm equipment and vehicles. All passengers must be seated and practice safety and precaution. The passengers must wait to exit the agricultural farm equipment and vehicles when the driver comes to a complete stop and gets off the vehicle. The workers will keep the agricultural farm equipment and vehicles free of trash. Only properly licensed drivers will be permitted to operate the agricultural farm equipment and vehicles.</p> <p>Workers must take care to operate all equipment safely and follow all safety requirements outlined by the employer. All of the watermelon, pumpkin, and cucumber harvesting, packing, and transporting labor are performed on the farms specifically in the work-sites listed on the application and itinerary and are all a part of the watermelon, pumpkin, and cucumber farming operation. The field drivers, which are employees of M & R Gomez Crops, Inc. are the ones that drive the buses being used in the field to load the watermelons, pumpkins, and cucumbers, and take them to the shed for packing. The packing shed workers are employees of M & R Gomez Crops, Inc. The packing shed is located on the farms listed on the harvesting itinerary. The packing of watermelons, pumpkins, and cucumbers is considered agriculture labor because the work is being done on a farm and the watermelons, pumpkins, and cucumbers are a horticultural commodity that must be packed by grade before leaving the farm for selling purposes at the market. The watermelons, pumpkins, and cucumbers are in unmanufactured state at the time of packing and all the watermelons are produced on the farm. M & R Gomez Crops, Inc. is the operator of the farms for the time period requested.</p>			

b. Job Offer Information 2

1. Section/Item Number *	F.2	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Inbound/Outbound Transportation
<p>3. Details of Material Term or Condition (up to 3,500 characters) * After the worker has completed 50% of the work period, the employer will reimburse the worker for the cost of transportation and subsistence expenses of at least \$15.46 per day with no receipts and a maximum of \$59.00 per day with receipts. This covers the cost from the place of recruitment to the place of employment. Upon completion of the work contract the employer will pay reasonable costs of return including transportation and subsistence from place of employment to place of recruitment.</p>			

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c. Job Offer Information 3

1. Section/Item Number *	A.8a	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Job Duties - null
<p>3. Details of Material Term or Condition (<i>up to 3,500 characters</i>) *</p> <p>Pumpkin Hand Harvesting & Field Packing-In order to perform this kind of work, the worker must be able to walk down the field row and use a pair of loppers to hand cut ripe pumpkins off the vine for harvesting. The pumpkins are then loaded in a bus. The workers will form part of an assembly line, in which the first worker bends down picks up the pumpkin and it is passed on to consecutive workers by passing, catching, lifting, until it reaches the worker on the bus, who then sets it down and stacks them inside until the bus is filled.</p> <p>Cucumber Hand Harvesting and Packing- In order to perform this kind of work, the worker must be able to walk down the field row carrying a harvesting bucket or box bend down and look for the ripe cucumbers, gently twist them off the vine and place them in the harvesting bucket or box. Some cucumber may be put in plastic bags or cartons before it is packed in the box. The worker then takes the full bucket or box of cucumbers over to the loading truck and hands it to the truck loader to dump them into large plastic bins or to leave the full boxes on the truck. An empty bucket or box is given back to the worker and the process is started again.</p>			

d. Job Offer Information 4

1. Section/Item Number *	F.2	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Inbound/Outbound Transportation - null
<p>3. Details of Material Term or Condition (<i>up to 3,500 characters</i>) *</p> <p>The employer will pay \$15.46 per day with no receipts and up to \$59.00 per day with receipts. This is true, except when the worker will not be returning to the place of recruitment, due to subsequent employment with another employer, who agrees to pay such costs. In this case the employer will only pay for transportation and subsistence to the next job. The amount of the transportation payment will be equal to the most economical and reasonable similar common carrier transportation charges for the distance involved. These arrangements apply only to workers for whom the employer is legally obligated to supply housing.</p> <p>M & R Gomez Crops, Inc. will pay and provide any of the following or a combination of the following means of transportation for inbound and outbound transportation for the workers: chartered buses, chartered vans, and/or secure flights to the place of employment from the place from which the workers come to work for the employer (inbound) and from the place of employment to the place from which the worker departed at the end of the contract (outbound transportation). Transportation will be provided to the workers at no less than the most economical and reasonable common carrier transportation charges for the distances involved. In the event an employee chooses their own means of inbound and outbound transportation he/she will be reimbursed at no less than the most economical and reasonable common carrier transportation charges for the distances involved. Related inbound daily subsistence charges paid by the worker and/or incurred by the worker will be reimbursed to the worker and related outbound daily subsistence charges the worker will incur will be given to the worker in an advanced payment at no less than the most economical and reasonable common carrier transportation charges for the distances involved.</p>			

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e. Job Offer Information 5

1. Section/Item Number *	F.1	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Daily Transportation - null
3. Details of Material Term or Condition (<i>up to 3,500 characters</i>) * Employee's will be picked up every morning at the employer provided housing and taken to work. At the end of the work day employees will be transported back to the employer provided housing. The employer will inform the workers what time they will be picked up for work in the morning and what time they will be taken home after work. These times will vary according to the crop readiness, amount of work scheduled for the day, and weather. The employer will use 1 vehicle to transport the workers. One (1) bus with capacity for thirty-four (34) workers. The transportation will be provided by the employer, M & R Gomez Crops, Inc. Transportation is provided at no cost to the workers from the employer provided housing to the worksite and back from the worksite to the employer provided housing and is available to workers who do not reside in the employer provided housing.			

f. Job Offer Information 6

1. Section/Item Number *	A.8a	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Job Duties - Work Rules
3. Details of Material Term or Condition (<i>up to 3,500 characters</i>) * Failure to respect the Work Rules can cause you to be fired from your job. 1. The worker must comply with the work for which he was hired following the specifications of the employer or supervisor. 2. No excessive absences or tardies are allowed. Workers must report to work during work hours and be ready to work. Workers are not allowed to start work before the indicated time or work later than the time indicated by the supervisor or employer. 3. The worker is not allowed to take breaks not authorized by the supervisor or employer. 4. The worker is not allowed to leave the workplace without permission from the supervisor or employer. 5. The use of any type of weapons, firearms, and fireworks will not be allowed: The discharge of weapons, firearms, paint guns or pistols, and fireworks in the workplace and surrounding property is prohibited in work transportation. 6. Illegal drug use will not be allowed in the workplace and surrounding property and on work transportation. 7. The consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be allowed in the workplace and surrounding property and in work transportation. 8. The use of the cell phone is not allowed during work hours unless it is in the position of Supervisor or allowed by the employer. 9. No jewelry is allowed during work hours. 10. Open-toe shoes, sandals, or sandals are not to be worn during work hours. They should wear closed shoes that protect their feet. 11. No person who is not an employee of M & R Gomez Crops, Inc. is allowed to enter the workplace, or the company's vehicles or machinery. 12. Misbehavior, bullying, or harassment is not allowed. 13. No fighting or horse play will be permitted at the worksite or employer transportation.			

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H. Additional Material Terms and Conditions of the Job Offer

g. Job Offer Information 7

1. Section/Item Number *	A.8a	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Job Duties - HOUSING RULES
<p>3. Details of Material Term or Condition (<i>up to 3,500 characters</i>) *</p> <p>1. The home should be used only for living purposes not for business.</p> <p>2. Residents shall abide by all enforceable community rules, any fire, health, safety, and sanitary laws, and all other relevant national state or local standards that are applicable to the community and/or the home.</p> <p>3. Only employees of M & R Gomez Crops, Inc. will be allowed to live in employer-provided housing. Overnight guests are not permitted.</p> <p>4. Keep the residence in good working condition. Workers will be liable for the cost to repair damage purposely caused by them that is not considered normal wear and tear.</p> <p>5. The home shall be kept clean and free of any garbage inside and outside.</p> <p>6. Garbage shall be disposed of properly in provided receptacles and shall be taken out to the roadside on trash days.</p> <p>7. Residents may not dump, flush or discharge any hazardous or toxic waste, or other harmful or improper wastes or substances into the disposal systems or drains such as toilets, showers, bathtubs, and sinks.</p> <p>8. All members will participate in keeping the house clean of common areas such as living room, bathroom, and dining room. Each worker is responsible for keeping their bedroom assigned area clean. Assigned house duties are to be completed on a weekly basis. If house and/or assigned bedroom area is not kept clean, a house cleaning service will be hired to do the cleaning at the expense of the worker(s).</p> <p>9. All appliances and power cords shall be turned off or unplugged when not in use. This includes but is not limited to air conditioners and cell phone chargers.</p> <p>10. Do not remove screens from windows and doors.</p> <p>11. Do not cover or remove fire alarms and fire extinguishers.</p> <p>12. Privacy, Use and Quiet Enjoyment: Residents and their guests shall not interfere with the other resident's privacy, use, and quiet enjoyment of their homes or neighboring homes, at any time.</p> <p>13. Noise and Disturbances: Residents may not play any stereo, radio, or television, or otherwise create noise, at a level that unreasonably interferes with other resident's right to quiet enjoyment of their homes and neighboring homes. Reasonable quiet enjoyment of their homes must be maintained between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or during the time period specified in any applicable local by-law or ordinance.</p> <p>14. Use of Firearms and Fireworks: Discharging of firearms, paint guns, or air guns is prohibited within the residence. The use of fireworks in the residence is prohibited.</p> <p>15. No illegal drug use will be permitted on the property.</p> <p>16. No drinking alcoholic beverages inside the living facility.</p> <p>Repeated violations of the housing rules may result in the termination of your use of the housing supplied by the company as well as the termination of your position.</p> <p>17. In the event female workers are hired, they will be provided separate living and bathroom facilities. Male workers are not allowed in female living or bathroom facilities and Female workers are not allowed in male living or bathroom facilities</p>			

h. Job Offer Information 8

1. Section/Item Number *	A.8a	2. Name of Section or Category of Material Term or Condition *	Job Duties - Wage Rate Offer
<p>3. Details of Material Term or Condition (<i>up to 3,500 characters</i>) *</p> <p>All domestic and foreign labor seasonal agricultural workers employed pursuant to this work order may be compensated above the indicated hourly wage rate. This is not promised or guaranteed. The decision to pay above the indicated rates will be made by the employer, in its sole discretion, and will be based on factors such as performance and tenure of the beneficiaries.</p>			

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