

VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM TO:

DATE 1/8/2008

Florida <u>X</u>	North Carolina <u>X</u>	Kentucky <u>X</u>	Pennsylvania <u>X</u>
Texas <u>X</u>	South Carolina <u>X</u>	West Va. <u>X</u>	Maryland <u>X</u>
Georgia <u>X</u>	Puerto Rico <u>X</u>	Delaware <u>X</u>	Other <u>Alabama</u>

FROM: Rural Services Manager  
Virginia Employment Commission  
P. O. Box 1358  
Richmond, Virginia 23211

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Clearance Order No. 87718

Extension is requested for the 1 cop(ies) of the order which is/are attached,  
dated 1/8/2008 for 2, FARMWORKER, GRAIN II 401-687-010  
(No. of Openings) (Occupational Title and Code)

to be sent to the offices of your choice.

COMMENTS: Please indicate below the action taken by your office.

Michelle Abraham  
(signature)

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

The above request has been reviewed and action taken as indicated below:

ACCEPTED \_\_\_\_\_ Location(s) to which extend:

REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Rejection: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

Number of additional copies required. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

**Agricultural and Food Processing Clearance Order**  
**Pedido de Empleados para Agricultura y Procesamiento de Alimentos**

U.S. Department of Labor  
 Employment and Training Administration



O.M.B. Approval No. 1205-0134, Expires 08/31/2009

1. Employer's Name and Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code, and telephone number) Nombre y Dirección del Empleador (Número, calle, ciudad, código postal y teléfono)  Lowfields Farm, LLC FEI #: 56-2254116 218 Lowfields Lane Palmyra, VA 22963 (919) 523-3244	Industry Code / Código de Industria 111998	Job Order # / No. Orden de Empleo 87718
	Occupational Title and Code / Título Ocupacional y Código 401687010 FARMWORKER, GRAIN II 45209202	
	Clearance Order Issue Date / Fecha de Tramite: 1/8/08	
2. Location and Direction to Work Site / Dirección del lugar de trabajo  218 Lowfields Lane Palmyra, VA 22963 Rt. 650 South, Left onto 640, right into Lowfields Farm  (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)	Job Order Expiration Date / Fecha de expiración: 7/2/08	6. Anticipated Period of Employment / Periodo Anticipado de Empleo  From/Desde: 2/1/2008 To/Hasta 12/1/2008
	7. No. of Workers Requested / No. de Trabajadores Pedidos 2	
3. Location and Description of Housing / Dirección y Descripción de la Vivienda  616 Lower Breemo Lane Bemo Bluff, VA 23022  Mobile Home  (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)	8. Anticipated Hours of Work per Week / Horas Anticipadas de Trabajo por Semana Total: 40 Sunday / Domingo 0 Wednesday / Miércoles 7 Monday / Lunes 7 Thursday / Jueves 7 Tuesday / Martes 7 Friday / Viernes 7 Saturday / Sabado 5	
	9. Collect Calls Accepted/Se Aceptan Llamadas a Cobrar: Employer / El Empleador Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Local Office/Oficina Local Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	4. Board Arrangements / Arreglo de Alojamiento  In addition to providing free cooking and kitchen facilities, employer will provide transportation for workers to and from a store at least once a week for supplies (for workers who housing must be provided).  (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)	
5. Referral Instructions / Instrucciones para el Referimiento de Candidatos  The employer or agent agrees to interview referrals from all sources. Employer's agent agrees to interview all US workers referred by the VEC who have been screened by such employment services for: 1) U.S. Employment Eligibility. 2) Availability for the entire season. 3) Have transportation to the job site. 4) Have been fully apprised by the employment office of the terms, conditions and nature of employment.  (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)		
10. Job Specifications / Descripción del Trabajo [Summary of Material Job Specifications in <b>ENGLISH</b> must be included inside this box]  Help with irrigation, clean and maintain equipment, help load grain and seed, assist with mowing, cutting and baling hay, work in fields, clean around barns. In addition to work in hay and grain, workers may be required to perform variable tasks such as the following: irrigation, ditching, hoeing, shoveling, loading, unloading, hauling, ground preparation, weeding, moving livestock, operation of tractors, mowers, rakes and other haying equipment under supervision and similar tasks related to general farming.  (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)		
10 a. Descripción del Trabajo / Job Specifications [Summary of Material Job Specifications in <b>SPANISH</b> must be included inside this box]  Ayude con la irrigación, limpie y mantenga el equipo, ayude al grano y al germen de la carga, a la ayuda con la siega, al corte y al heno que embala, trabajo en los campos, limpios alrededor de graneros. Además de trabajar en el heno y grano, se requerirá a los trabajadores a realizar tareas variables tales como las siguientes: irrigar, hacer zanjas, quata queas, palear, cargar, descargar, acarrear, preparación del campo, sacar hierbas, mover ganado, operar tractores, segadoras, rastrillo y otro equipo del heno bajo supervisión y otras tareas similares relacionadas con agricultura en general.  (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)		

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

Crop Activities / Cultivos	Hourly Wage Salario por Hora	Piece Rate / Unit(s) Pago por Pieza / Unidad(es)	Special Pay (bonus, etc.)	Deductions / Deducciones	YES SI	NO	Pay Period	
			Pagos Especiales (Bono, ect.)				Periodo de Pago	
Hay Grain				Social	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Weekly / Semanal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	\$ 9.02	\$		Federal Tax Impuestos Federales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	\$	\$		State Tax Impuestos Estatales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Bi-weekly / cada 2 sem.	
	\$	\$		Meals (comidas)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	\$	\$		Other (specify) / Otro		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other / Otro	

More Details About the Pay/Más Detalles Sobre el Pago  
 All work provided in this job order will be compensated by the hour at the current AEWR (adverse effect wage rate) of \$ 9.02 /hour, or the legal federal or state minimum wage rate, whichever is higher. In the event DOL promulgates a new AEWR during the recruitment of contract period which is lower than the AEWR in effect at the time of application, this lower AEWR becomes the guarantee at the discretion of the employer unless there is a prevailing hourly rate higher than the new SEWR. See attachment item 11 for expanded explanation.  
 (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)

12. Transportation Arrangements / Arreglos de Transportación (Please explain)  
 For workers who complete the 50% of the work period, the employer will reimburse the worker for costs incurred by the worker for transportation and reasonable subsistence from the place from which the worker came to work for the employer to the place of employment. See attachment item 12 for expanded explanation.  
 (see attachment / para más detalles vea 1)

13. Is it the prevailing practice to use Farm Labor Contractors (FLC) to recruit, supervise, transport, house, or pay workers for this (these) crop activity(ies)? Es la costumbre en el area de usar Contratistas Agricolas para reclutar, supervisar, transportar, dar vivienda, ó pagarle a los trabajadores en este/estos tipo(s) de cosecha(s)/sembrado(s)? Yes/Si        No  If you have checked yes, what is the FLC wage for each activity?/Si contesto "Si," cual es el salario que le paga al Contratista Agrícola para cada actividad?

14. Unemployment Insurance provided / Seguro por Desempleo: Yes  No   
 15. Workers' compensation insurance provided / Indemnización por accidente de trabajo: Yes  No   
 16. Are tools provided at no charge to the workers? / ¿Se le proveen las herramientas de trabajo a los trabajadores sin cargo alguno? Yes  No

17. 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")/Indique todo acuerdo o convenio con los propietarios del establecimiento o sus representantes con respecto al pago de una comisión u otros beneficios por ventas hechas a los trabajadores. (Si no hay ningún acuerdo o convenio, indique "Ninguno")  
**NONE**

18. 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 todo huelga, paro o interrupción de las operaciones por parte de los empleados en el lugar de empleo. (Si no hay, indique "Ninguno")  
**NONE**

19. Address of Order Holding Office (include Telephone number)/Dirección de la Oficina donde se Radicó la Oferta (incluya número de teléfono)  
 Virginia Employment Commission  
 2211 Hydraulic Rd./P.O. Box 7466  
 Charlottesville, VA 22906

20. Name of Local Office Representative (include direct dial telephone number) / Nombre del Representante de la Oficina Local (Incluya numero de telefono)  
 Mr. Ken Shaver  
 Phone: (434) 984-7640

21. 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 de trabajo y contiene todos los materiales, terminus, y condiciones ofrecidos.  
 Employer's Signature & Title/ Firma y Título del Empleador  
 OWNER  
 Date: 12/11/2007

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Item 3. Location and description of housing

Housing is provided at no cost only to non-commuting workers. "Non-commuting workers" are those workers who are not reasonably able to travel to and from the residence he/she occupied at the time of employment offer each work day. Housing will be provided to workers only. No person who is not an employee and has not been assigned housing will be permitted to occupy the housing.

Employer retains possession and control of the housing premises at all times and worker, if provided housing under the terms of this work agreement, shall vacate the housing promptly upon termination of employment with the employer who provides the housing.

Directions to housing: Hwy 15 South from Fork Union, right onto Lower Bremono Lane, right onto CSX road, mobile home is third building on right.

Housing will be clean and in compliance with applicable federal housing standards or local rental housing standards when made available for occupancy. Workers occupying the housing will be responsible for maintaining the housing and their living quarters in a neat, clean manner and in compliance with Work Rules which will be provided upon hiring and are attached hereto and incorporated by reference in this Application. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary action as described in the Work Rules. Reasonable repair costs of damage other than that caused by normal wear and tear will be charged to the workers found responsible for willful or negligent damage to housing or furnishings. Workers will be assigned to employer-provided housing by a designated company manager and must occupy the quarters assigned to them. Women workers will be provided with sleeping facilities shared with other female workers and segregated toilet facilities. Dining and other common area will be shared or separate cooking facilities will be provided.

Item 4. Board arrangements

In addition to providing free cooking and kitchen facilities, employer will provide free transportation for workers to and from a store at least once a week for supplies (for workers for whom housing must be provided).

Item 5. Referrals

Referrals of individuals shall be made through the Virginia Employment Commission order holding office in order to ascertain current employment, crop or housing information and to enable proper arrangements to be made. It will be the responsibility of the "applicant holding office" to inform job seekers of the terms and conditions of this clearance order. The "applicant holding office" after coordinating the referral with the order holding office will contact the employer's agent or the employer directly and advise the agent or employer of the referral or referrals. When possible, a translator will be made available. Interviews, either in person or by telephone, will be conducted by the employer's agent during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Employer's agent will interview the person during the above mentioned hours if necessary. Employer's agent to be contacted first at the following address and phone number. If unavailable, contact employer directly during the same hours.

MAS Labor H-2A, LLC.  
P.O. Box 507  
Lovingson, VA 22949  
434-263-4300/434-263-4700 (fax)

Order holding office: Virginia Employment Commission  
2211 Hydraulic Rd./P.O. Box 7466  
Charlottesville, VA 22906  
(434) 984-7640

Item 7 Number/Type of Workers

Workers must possess documentation required to enable employer to comply with the employment verification requirements of IRCA. Accurate completion of Form I-9 will be required of each worker within (3) days of employment pursuant to U.S. law. All workers hired under this job order must demonstrate eligibility to work legally in the U.S. Refer to the back of Form I-9 for documents acceptable for purposes of establishing employment eligibility. After hiring, employer may verify legitimacy of social security numbers through Employment Verification System (EVS) for workers who have not been employed by him in previous years.

Workers should bring with them documents verifying their legal right to work in the U.S. at the time of employment. Valid eligibility documents will be necessary to complete payroll tax withholding and I-9 forms.

Employer's agent agrees to interview all US workers referred by the State Employment Services, local or by supply states who have been screened by such employment services for:

1. Availability for entire season
2. Have transportation to job site
3. Have been fully apprised by the local employment office of the terms, conditions and nature of employment
4. Are legally entitled to work in the U.S.

Actual hiring commitment is left to the discretion of the employer when applicant presents himself for employment.

Item 8. Work Week

The work day is from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday through Friday and 7:00 AM until 12 noon on Saturday, with an unpaid lunch break (7 hours/day and 5/day on Saturday). The worker may be requested, but not required, to work as much as 12 hours per day and/or on the Sabbath, depending on weather and other conditions. Extreme heat, cold or drought may affect working hours. Employer will offer 40 hours/week, weather and crop conditions permitting. Worker will report to work at designated time and place as directed by employer each day.

Item 10. Job Specifications

Jobs offered are work on a Farm handling both manual and machine tasks associated with commodity production and harvest activities. Workers must be able to perform manual as well as mechanized activities with accuracy and efficiency.

Performs a variety of tasks associated with a diversified grain, hay and cattle farm. Help with equipment maintenance, load grain and seed, assist with mowing, cutting and baling hay, work in fields, clean around barns. Upon occasion workers may be required to dig ditches and install water lines to sheds, barns, stock tanks and other structures on the farm.

Workers will work loading trucks with bales of hay and sacks of grain weighing from 50 to 60 pounds. Workers must be able to lift such weights to a height of 5 feet over the course of the work

day. Livestock activities include repairing pasture fencing, feeding, watering and assisting with calving.

Work is to be done in the field for long periods of time. Workers are expected to perform duties including boxing, weighing and loading of produce. Workers may assist in loading trucks weighing from 60 to 70 pounds and lifting to a height of 5 feet.

In addition, workers may be required to perform variable tasks such as the following: irrigation, ditching, shoveling, hoeing, hauling, ground preparation, weeding and other tasks related to general farming.

Work may also include mechanized field work using power equipment. By way of example and not limitation power equipment may include tractors, planters, sprayers, cultivators and other equipment. Workers will be expected to be able to operate agricultural equipment with or without direction.

Workers should be able to work on their feet in bent positions for long periods of time. Allergies to ragweed, goldenrod, insect spray, related chemicals, etc. may affect workers' ability to perform the job. Workers should be physically able to do the work required with or without reasonable accommodations.

Workers are exposed to wet weather early in the morning through the heat of the day, working in fields. Temperatures may range from 10 to 100 F. Workers may be required to work during occasional showers not severe enough to stop field operations.

Employer assures that workers will be provided transportation from living quarters to work site every day (for workers who must be provided housing.)

Employer will accept any worker or workers who are capable of performing the work. Employer is willing to train workers for a period not to exceed 3 days (24 working hours). Persons seeking employment under the provisions of this job order should be available for the entire period requested by the employer. All terms and conditions included in the job order will apply equally to all workers, domestic and foreign, specifically employed according to the provisions of this job order.

Employer retains the right to discharge an obviously unqualified worker, malingerer or recalcitrant worker who is physically able but does not demonstrate the willingness to perform the work necessary for the employer to grow a premium quality product. (See also Attachment 2, General Conditions).

All terms and conditions included in the job order will apply equally to all workers, domestic and foreign, employed under this job order.

#### Item 11. Wage Rates/Pay Information

Workers are paid weekly. All general production work provided in this job order will be paid by the hour the current AEW of 9.02/hour, or at the prevailing wage rate as determined by the Virginia Employment Commission, or the legal federal or state minimum wage rate, whichever is highest. In the event the DOL promulgates a new AEW during the recruitment or contract period which is lower than the AEW in effect at time of application, this lower AEW becomes the guarantee at the discretion of the employer unless there is a prevailing hourly rate higher than the new AEW.

The employer guarantees to offer the workers employment for at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the work hours of the total period during which the work order and all extensions thereof are in effect, beginning with the first work day after the arrival of the workers at the place of employment and ending on the termination date specified in the work order or its extension, if any. If the employer offers the worker during such period less employment than required under this provision, the worker will be paid the amount he/she would have earned had he/she, in fact, worked for the guaranteed number of hours. Employee will perform other duties related to this/these crop activities and other tasks required in operating a farm.

If, before the expiration date specified in the work order, the service of the workers is no longer required for reasons beyond the control of the employer due to fire, or other Acts of God, such as frost, flood, drought, hail, etc. which makes the fulfillment of the contract impossible, and the RA so certifies, the employer may terminate the work order and return the worker to the place from which the worker, without intervening employment, came to work for the employer at the expense of the employer.

Employer will provide without charge all tools, supplies and equipment necessary to perform duties assigned.

Unless the employer has amended the date of need no less than ten (10) working days prior to the date of need through notice to the order holding office, the employer will guarantee one week's wages to all workers subject to this order beginning with the anticipated start date.

If the worker voluntarily abandons employment before the end of the job order period or is terminated for job related reasons or misconduct, the employer will not be responsible for providing or paying return transportation and subsistence expenses of the worker.

Employer agrees to maintain adequate and accurate payroll records. The employer will furnish to each worker on payday an itemized accounting of earnings and of all legal and authorized deductions. Social Security, FICA and FUTA deductions will be made for individual U.S. workers as required by law.

Employer will provide workers' compensation at no cost to workers covering injury and disease arising out of and in the course of worker's employment. Proof of worker's compensation insurance will be provided to Regional Administrator prior to certification date.

#### Item 12. Transportation

For workers who complete 50 percent of the work period, the employer will reimburse the worker for costs incurred by the worker for transportation and reasonable subsistence from the place from which the worker came to work for the employer to the place of employment. Subsistence will be in accordance with current rates published in the *Federal Register* (for workers with and without receipts.) The amount of the reimbursement for transportation shall be the worker's actual cost, but no more than the most economical and reasonable similar common carrier transportation charges for the distance involved.

If the worker completes the period of employment, the employer will provide or pay for the worker's transportation and reasonable subsistence from the place of employment to the place from which the worker came to work for the employer, except when the worker has accepted subsequent employment with another employer who agrees to accept the return transportation costs, in which case this employer only pays for the transportation to the next job.

For the purposes of the above requirements the “period of employment” shall be the period from the first workday the worker is at the employer’s farm and is ready, willing, able and eligible to work until the anticipated ending day of employment in Item 6.

Reimbursement of inbound and return transportation costs applies only to persons recruited from outside normal commuting distance (to and from their permanent place of residence each day; see page one). Return transportation will not be provided to workers who voluntarily abandon employment before the end of employment period or who are terminated for cause.

The employer will provide transportation at no cost to the worker from the employer provided housing to the worksite and return on a daily basis. Such transportation shall be in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The use of this transportation is voluntary; no worker will be required as a condition of employment to utilize the transportation and subsistence if applicable.

If the services of the worker are no longer required for reasons beyond the control of the employer due to fire or other acts of God such as frosts, flood, drought, hail or the like which makes fulfillment of the work period impossible and Regional Administrator so certifies, the employer will provide reimbursement for transportation and daily subsistence from the place of recruitment for covered employees.

#### 50% Exemption

The employer requests an exemption from the 50% rule under 655.103(e). It did not, during the last calendar year, use more than 500 ‘man-days’ of agricultural labor as defined in Section 3 (u) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 USC 203 [u]). The employer is not a member of an association which has applied for a temporary alien agricultural labor certification under this subpart for its members, and has not otherwise associated with other employers who are applying for H-2A workers under this subpart

#### Assurances

The employer agrees to abide by the regulations at 20 CFR 655.103 and 20 CFR 653.501.

#### Workers Compensation Insurance

Carrier: Virginia Farm Bureau

Policy: WC 6102261

General Conditions

To be hired for employment under this job order, the worker must be able, willing and qualified and be available at time and place needed to perform the work described in this job order.

The worker understands that if he quits or is terminated for cause prior to the end of the period of employment he will not receive certain transportation reimbursement discussed under Item 12 and may not be eligible for rehire in future years.

Employer may terminate the worker for lawful job-related reasons and so notify the Job Service local office if the worker (a) abandons the employment; three consecutive workdays of unexcused absence shall be an abandonment of employment; employee must notify the employer and secure permission for necessary absences; (b) malingers or otherwise refuses without justified cause to perform as directed the work for which the worker was recruited and hired; (c) commits serious act(s) of misconduct or serious or repeated violation(s) of the employer's work rules; the employer may make and post work rules which shall apply to this employment; the worker shall abide by such rules (a copy of general rules is attached); (d) fails after completing the allowable training period to perform in a workmanlike manner to enable the employer to produce and sell a premium quality product; (e) provides other lawful job-related reasons for termination of employment.

This work agreement shall also be terminated by reason of fire, hurricane, frost, flood, drought, hail, other acts of God or other calamity or reason beyond the employer's control to make fulfillment of this work agreement impossible. "Reason beyond employer's control" includes termination of worker, if he is not a US worker because a US worker makes himself available for the job under DOL 50% rule.

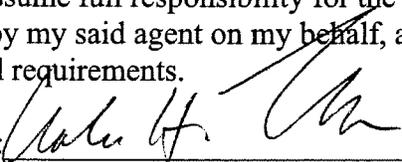
A copy of the Agricultural Work Agreement and Work Rules will be provided to the worker no later than the date work commences.

EMPLOYER'S STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 20 CFR SECTION 655.101 (a) (2)

The undersigned employer, pursuant to 20 CFR Section 655.101 (a) (2), does hereby authorize the MAS Labor H2A, to act as my agent and on my behalf for the purpose of signing and filing an Application for Temporary Alien Agricultural Labor Certification and to do any and all other acts necessary to pursue and obtain such Certification. My said agent is specifically authorized to make hiring commitments on my behalf, provided however, that my said agent is specifically not authorized to hire, pay, fire, supervise or otherwise control the work of any employee.

As the employer, I assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the Application, for all representation made by my said agent on my behalf, and for the compliance with all regulatory and other legal requirements.

EMPLOYER SIGNATURE:



DATE: 12.13.07

MAS Labor H2A, does hereby certify that it is acting only as agent for the above employer with respect to its Temporary Alien Agricultural Labor Certification Application. MAS Labor H2A, is neither the employer nor a joint employer of the workers requested, and the individual employer above, retains the full power to hire, pay, fire, supervise and otherwise control the work of all workers requested through the Employment Service, except to the extent that MAS Labor H2A, has been specifically authorized to make hiring commitments on behalf of the employer.

MAS Labor H2A, agent

By:

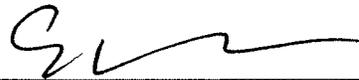


Elizabeth D. Whitley

DATE: 12.13.07

Lowfields Farm, LLC

We expect the total number of workers the employer will use in the occupation of this/these crop activities to be 4, of which 2 are expected to be H-2A workers for which certification is requested and the balance will be US workers. These numbers are estimates only as total workforce needs are dependent upon weather, crop conditions and worker availability.



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Elizabeth D. Whitley  
MAS Labor H2A, LLC

APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY

I, Lowfields Farm, LLC, as the employer, agree to abide by the regulations at 20 CFR 655.103 and 20 CFR 653.501.

I hereby request permission for conditional entry into the intrastate/interstate clearance system so that my job order can be transmitted to labor supply states in a timely manner to facilitate the recruitment of supply workers. My housing was in compliance with USDOL regulations in 2007 but, because of disuse, cannot meet applicable standards at this time.

As a condition to placing my order into clearance, I, Mr. Charles H. Nicholson, certify that 30 days prior to occupancy, my housing will meet standards of the US Department of Labor.

I also authorize representatives of the State Employment Service, the State Health Department and/or the US Employment and Training Administration to inspect the housing that I am offering such workers at any reasonable time to verify its condition.

I expect my housing to be occupied by 2/1/2008.



Agent

12-13-07

Date



E.S. Representative

12/17/07

Date

## Lowfields Farm, LLC Work Rules

Although not intended to be a complete list, these work rules are intended to provide guidance to workers of standards of conduct expected of them.

Notice is provided that violation of lawful job-related employer requirements, including these work rules, will be considered grounds for immediate termination of a worker's employment. Penalties such as suspension from work opportunity for the remainder of a day to three days may be made in the case of less serious violations.

Workers are expected to comply with all rules relating to discipline, attendance, work quality and effort, and the care and maintenance of all property provided to them by the employer.

1. Workers who perform sloppy work may be suspended without pay for the remainder of a workday or for up to three days in the sole judgement of their supervisor, depending on the degree of infraction, the worker's prior record and other relevant factors. Discharge of the worker may result from any subsequent offense.
2. No use or possession of beer, liquor or illegal drugs is permitted during work time or during any workday before work is completed for the day (such as during meals); workers may not report for work under the influence of beer, liquor or illegal drugs. Employees may be terminated for excessive use of alcohol, drunk and/or disorderly conduct in housing after hours. Illegal drugs may not be used, sold, manufactured or kept on any employer premises, including housing. Employer will test for drugs upon suspicion of use.
3. Excessive absences will not be permitted. This is regular, everyday work for which employees are expected to be present, able and willing to perform every scheduled workday. This is not sporadic or "day work." Excessive or repeated tardiness is not acceptable. Any absence from work must be reported by 7AM. Three days' absence will constitute abandonment of employment and worker will be terminated.
4. Workers shall maintain any living quarters provided to them clean and in good repair, given reasonable wear and tear. Workers shall cooperate in maintaining common kitchen and living areas. No pets of any kind are permitted.
5. All posters required by federal and state law will be posted at each camp. They are not to be removed, defaced, or altered in any way. Workers who wish copies may ask their supervisor.
6. All housing must be locked each morning before leaving for work. Lights and unnecessary heat should be turned off; doors and windows closed in event of rain and when heat is turned on.
7. Workers living in employer's housing assigned to bunk beds may not separate bunk beds, as floor space in sleeping rooms is needed by all occupants.
8. Workers living in employer's housing may not cook in sleeping rooms or any other non-kitchen areas. Employer furnishes cooking facilities and equipment.
9. Workers may not drop paper, cans, bottles and other trash in fields, work areas, or on housing premises. Trash and waste receptacles must be used.
10. Workers may not take unauthorized breaks from work.

11. Workers may not leave the field or other assigned work area without permission of employer or person in charge.
12. Workers may not enter employer's premises without authorization.
13. Workers may not begin work prior to scheduled starting time or continue working after stopping time.
14. Workers living in employer's housing may not entertain guests in housing premises after 10:30 p.m. except on Saturday night on which night guest hours end at 12:00 midnight. No persons, other than workers assigned by employer to a room, may sleep in any room.
15. Workers may not deliberately restrict production, damage plants or bruise fruit.
16. Any worker who physically threatens another worker, the employer or any supervisor with any tool or weapon will be subject to immediate discharge.
17. Any worker who is found carrying, using or possessing any dangerous or deadly weapon will be subject to immediate discharge.
18. Workers will be discharged for fighting on the employer's premises, including housing premises, at any time.
19. Workers will be discharged if they steal from fellow workers or the employer.
20. Workers will not falsify identification, personnel, medical, production or other work-related records.
21. Workers may not willfully abuse or destroy any machinery, truck or other vehicle, equipment, tools, or other property belonging to the employer or to other employees.
22. Workers may not use or operate trucks or other vehicles, machines, tools or other equipment and property to which the worker has not been specifically assigned by his supervisor. Workers may not use or operate trucks or other vehicles, tools or other equipment or property for their personal use unless expressly authorized by the employer.
23. Workers must not misuse or remove from the farm premises without authorization any employer-owned property.
24. Workers must obey all safety rules and common safety practices and must report any injuries or accidents promptly to their supervisor or the employer's office.
25. Workers must follow supervisor's instructions. Insubordination is cause for dismissal.
26. Except as otherwise noted above, employees who violate work rules will be disciplined according to the following schedule:

First offense: oral warning and correction

Second offense: written warning and unpaid leave for balance of pay

Third offense: immediate discharge with written fact statement. Employee will be asked to sign written fact statement.

## NORMAS DE TRABAJO

Aunque no es la intención de que esta sea una lista completa, estas normas de trabajo tienen la intención de servirles de guía a los trabajadores en cuanto a la conducta que se espera de ellos.

Se les notifica que cualquier violación de los requisitos legítimos relacionados al trabajo que tenga el patrón, incluyendo estas normas de trabajo, serán consideradas como motivo para despedir al trabajador inmediatamente, sanciones, tales como suspensión de oportunidades de trabajo por el resto del día o hasta tres días a la vez, pueden llevarse a cabo en el caso de violaciones menos graves.

Se espera que los trabajadores cumplan con todas las normas relacionadas a disciplina, asistencia al trabajo, calidad de trabajo y esfuerzo, y el cuidado y mantenimiento de toda la propiedad que el patrón le provea.

1. Cualquier trabajador que haga mal trabajo podrá ser suspendido sin pago por el resto del día de trabajo o por hasta tres días según la decisión de su supervisor, dependiendo del grado de la infracción, antecedentes de trabajo del trabajador y otros factores pertinentes. Despido del trabajador podría resultar de cualquier ofensa posterior.
2. No se permite ningún uso o posesión de cerveza, licor, o drogas ilegales durante el tiempo de trabajo o durante cualquier día de trabajo antes de que se haya terminado el trabajo (tal como durante las horas de comida); los trabajadores no deben reportarse al trabajo mientras estén bajo la influencia de cerveza, licor o drogas ilegales. Los empleados pueden ser despedidos por uso excesivo de alcohol, embriaguez y/o conducta indisciplinada en la vivienda después de las horas de trabajo. Drogas ilegales no se pueden usar, vender, fabricar o guardar en ninguna propiedad del patrón, incluyendo las viviendas.
3. No se permitirán ausencias excesivas. Este es trabajo regular, de todos los días, en el cual se espera que todos los empleados estén presentes, capaces y dispuestos a trabajar todos los días de trabajo. Este no es trabajo esporádico ni "a jornal." Tardanzas excesivas o repetidas no serán permitidas. Cualquier ausencia del trabajo debe ser reportada antes de las 7 A.M. Tres días de ausencia significa abandono del empleo y el trabajador será terminado(perderá el empleo).
4. Los trabajadores deben mantener limpias y en buen estado las áreas de vivienda que se les provean, teniendo en cuenta lo que sea desgaste razonable. Los trabajadores deben cooperar con los otros trabajadores asignados a sus áreas de vivienda en el mantenimiento de las áreas de cocina y vivienda. No se permiten animales(mascotas) de ninguna clase.
5. Todos los carteles requeridos por las leyes federales y estatales estarán fijados en cada vivienda. No se pueden quitar, desfigurar o modificar de ninguna manera. Los trabajadores que quieran copias se las pueden pedir al capataz(supervisor).
6. Todas las viviendas deben ser cerradas con llave cada mañana antes de ir al trabajo. Las luces y calefacción que no sean necesarias deben ser apagadas; las puertas y ventanas cerradas en caso de lluvia, y para preservar la calefacción.
7. Los trabajadores que vivan en viviendas con literas no las pueden desmontar ya que el espacio del piso es necesario para todos los ocupantes.
8. Los trabajadores que viven en las viviendas del patrón no pueden cocinar en los dormitorios o en cualquiera otra área que no sea la cocina. El patrón proveerá los aparatos y artículos para cocinar.
9. Los trabajadores no deben tirar papeles, latas, botellas ni otra basura en los campos, el área de trabajo, ni en el área de vivienda. Se deben usar los recipientes para basura y desperdicios.

10. Los trabajadores no deben tomar descansos no autorizados durante horas de trabajo.
11. Los trabajadores no deben salir del campo u otra área de trabajo asignada sin permiso del patrón o de la persona encargada.
12. Los trabajadores no deben entrar a la propiedad del patrón sin autorización.
13. Los trabajadores no deben comenzar a trabajar antes de la hora asignada, ni continuar trabajando después de la hora de terminar.
14. Los trabajadores que viven en las viviendas del patrón no deben tener visita después de las 10:30 p.m. excepto los sábados por la noche cuando las horas de visita terminan a medianoche. Nadie, fuera de los trabajadores asignados a un dormitorio por el patrón, debe dormir en los dormitorios.
15. Los trabajadores no deben limitar la producción a propósito, dañar la fruta excesivamente o intencionalmente.
16. Cualquier trabajador que amenace físicamente a otro trabajador, al patrón o al supervisor con cualquier herramienta o arma será despedido inmediatamente.
17. Cualquier trabajador que se descubra que lleve, use o tenga en su posesión cualquier arma peligrosa será despedido inmediatamente.
18. Los trabajadores podrán ser despedidos por cualquier pelea que tengan en la propiedad del patrón, incluyendo el área de vivienda, a cualquier hora.
19. Cualquier trabajador que le robe a otro trabajador o al patrón será despedido.
20. Los trabajadores no deben falsificar documentos de identificación, personal, médicos, de producción, ni otros documentos relacionados al trabajo.
21. Los trabajadores no deben intencionalmente abusar o destruir cualquier maquinaria, camión u otro vehículo, equipo, herramientas u otra propiedad del patrón o de otros empleados.
22. Los trabajadores no deben operar o usar camiones ni otros vehículos, máquinas, herramientas o otro equipo si no se les ha sido asignado específicamente por su supervisor. Los trabajadores no deben usar u operar camiones ni otros vehículos, herramientas u otro equipo o propiedad para su uso personal a menos que hayan sido expresamente autorizados por el patrón.
23. Los trabajadores no deben maltratar ni remover del área de la finca, sin autorización de su supervisor, ninguna propiedad del patrón.
24. Los trabajadores deben obedecer todas las normas de seguridad y las practicas de seguridad comunes y deben reportar cualquier herida o accidente inmediatamente a su supervisor o a la oficina del patrón.
25. Los trabajadores deben obedecer las instrucciones del supervisor. Insubordinación es causa para el despido.
26. Los trabajadores que violen las normas de trabajo serán disciplinados de la siguiente manera:
  - Primera ofensa: aviso oral y corrección
  - Segunda ofensa: aviso por escrito y resto del día sin paga
  - Tercera ofensa: despido inmediato con detalle de los hechos por escrito.  
Se le pedirá al trabajador que firme los hechos por escrito.

**VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION**

**SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS SPECIFIED ON JOB ORDER**

- 1. ORDER NUMBER: 87718
- 2. NAME OF EMPLOYER: Lowfields Farm, LLC
- 3. LOCATION OF EMPLOYER AND DIRECTIONS:  
(See ES 338)
- 4. PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT:  
FROM 2/1/2008 TO 12/1/2008
- 5. WORK SCHEDULE:  
MINIMUM HOURS PER DAY 7  
DAYS PER WEEK 6
- 6. PAY:  
HOURLY WAGE: \$9.02  
PIECE RATE: \$n/a

7. WORK TASKS TO BE PERFORMED:  
Help with irrigation, clean and maintain equipment, help load grain and seed, assist with mowing, cutting and baling hay, work in fields, clean around barns. In addition to work in hay and grain, workers may be required to perform variable tasks such as the following: irrigation, ditching, hoeing, shoveling, loading, unloading, hauling, ground preparation, weeding, moving livestock, operation of tractors, mowers, rakes and other haying equipment under supervision and similar tasks related to general farming.

8. TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:  
FROM LABOR CAMP TO WORK SITE AND RETURN  
Yes

9. HOUSING CAN ACCOMMODATE 2 PERSONS  
2 INDIVIDUAL  
0 FAMILY

10. MEALS:  
PROVIDED: NO  
IF YES: COST PER DAY \_\_\_\_\_  
(See item 13 in Job Order)  
WORKERS MAY DO THEIR OWN COOKING:  
YES

TYPE	AMOUNT
SOCIAL SECURITY	XXXXXX
INCOME TAX	XXXXXX
TRANSPORTATION	NONE
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	NONE
CREWLEADER CHARGES	NONE

12. NOTES TO WORKERS:  
A copy of the full job order is available for inspection in this office.

The employer has guaranteed your first week's wages unless he/she notifies this job service of a later starting date by 1/18/08.

In order for you to be eligible for this guarantee, you must contact the job service at:  
Virginia Employment Commission  
2211 Hydraulic Rd./P.O. Box 7466

**VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION AGENCIA**

**SUMARIO DE LAS CONDICIONES DE EMPLEO QUE SON ESPECIFICADAS EN LA ORDEN DE TRABAJO**

- 1. NUMERO DE LA ORDER: 87718
- 2. NOMBRE DEL EMPLEADOR: Lowfields Farm, LLC
- 3. LUGAR Y DIRECCION DEL EMPLEADOR:  
(See ES 338)
- 4. PERIODO DE EMPLEO:  
DEL 2/1/2008 al 12/1/2008
- 5. HORARIO DE TRABAJO:  
MINIMAS HORAS POR DIA 7 NUMERO DE DIAS POR SEMANA 6
- 6. PAGO:  
SUELDO POR HORA \$9.02  
PAGA POR UNIDAD: \$PieceRate2

7. LABORES A DESEMPEÑAR EN EL TRABAJO:  
Ayude con la irrigación, limpie y mantenga el equipo, ayude al grano y al germen de la carga, a la ayuda con la siega, al corte y al heno que embala, trabajo en los campos, limpios alrededor de graneros. Además de trabajar en el heno y grano, se requerirá a los trabajadores a realizar tareas variables tales como las siguientes: irrigar, hacer zanjas, quata queas, palear, cargar, descargar, acarrear, preparación del campo, sacar hierbas, mover ganado, operar tractores, segadoras, rastrillo y otro equipo del heno bajo supervisión y otras tareas similares relacionadas con agricultura en general.

8. TRANSPORTACION PROVISTA: DESDE EL ENCAMPAMIENTO TIASTA LOS LUGAR M DE TRABAJO Y VUELTA: SI

9. VIVENDA DISPONIBLE PARA 2 PERSONAS:  
2 INDIVIDUOS  
0 FAMILIAS

10. COMIDAS:  
PROVISTAS: NO  
SI SON PROVISTAS, EL COSTO POR DIA SERA \_\_\_\_\_ (Vea Num.13 en la Orden de Trabajo)  
LOS TRABAJADORES TIENEN QUE COCINAR SUS COMIDAS:  
SI

CLASE	CANTIDAD
SEGURO SOCIAL	XXXXXX
IMPUESTOS SOBRE INGRESOS	XXXXXX
TRANSPORTACION	NO
HERRAMIENTAS Y MAQUINARIA	NO
SUMA COBRADA POR EL CONTRATISTA DE TRABAJADORES AGRICOLAS	NO

12. NOTAS PARA EL TRABAJADOR:  
La copia de la orden completa esta disponible en la oficina para su inspeccion:

El empleador ba garantizado el pago por su primera semana de empleo a menos que este notifique al Servicio de Empleos que la fecha de comenzar a trabajar sera atrasada, y que tal notificacion sen a nas tardar

Charlottesville, VA 22906

During the period of 1/21/08 - 1/25/08  
Any Job Service office will assist you in doing this.

el 1/18/08.

Para que Ud pueda tener derecho a esta garantía de pago, tendrá que ponerse en contacto con la Oficina del Servicio de Empleos en el:

Virginia Employment Commission  
2211 Hydraulic Rd./P.O. Box 7466  
Charlottesville, VA 22906

Durante el periodo el 1/21/08 al 1/25/08

Cualquier Oficina del Servicio de Empleos le asistirá en hacerlo.

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE** Date: January 31, 2006

PRODUCER	BARBARA D. CRISPENS 913 E. MARKET STREET CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22902 804-293-5775 804-293-5767 (FAX)	THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY POLICIES BELOW.		
		COMPANY A	VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU	X
INSURED	LOWFIELDS FARM LLC 1912 SUNSET DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27608	COMPANY B		
		COMPANY C		

COVERAGES - This is to certify that the policies of insurance listed below have been issued to the insured named above for the policy period indicated. Notwithstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the insurance afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions and conditions of such policies. Limits shown may have been reduced by paid claims.

CO LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF. DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIR. DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
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	<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>				EACH OCCURRENCE	\$
	Commercial GL				MED. EXP. (ANY ONE PERSON)	\$
	Occurrence (X) Other				FIRE LEGAL LIABILITY	\$
	Owners & Contractors Protective				PERSONAL & ADV. INJURY	\$
	Products/Completed Ops				GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$
					PRODUCTS-COMP OPS AGG	\$

	<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b>				BODILY INJURY (PER PERSON)	\$
	Any Auto				BODILY INJURY (PER ACCIDENT)	\$
	All Owned Autos				PROPERTY DAMAGE	\$
	Scheduled Auto				COMPREHENSIVE	\$
	Hired Autos				COLLISION	\$
	Non-Owned Autos					

	<b>BUSINESSOWNERS</b>				EACH OCCURRENCE (INCLUDING PERSONAL & ADVERTISING INJURY)	
	Businessowners Liability				MED. EXP.(ANY ONE PERSON)	
	Fire Legal Liability				GENERAL AGGREGATE	
	Policy Restrictions				PRODUCTS-COMP OPS AGG	
					FIRE LEGAL LIABILITY	

	<b>EXCESS LIABILITY</b>				EACH OCCURRENCE	\$
	Umbrella Form				AGGREGATE	\$
	Other					

A	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION &amp; EMPLOYERS LIABILITY</b>	WC 6102261	1/18/2006	1/18/2007	STATUTORY LIMITS ( )	\$
	The Proprietor/Partners/ Executive Officers Are:				EACH ACCIDENT	\$ 100,000
	( ) Included (X) Excluded				DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT	\$ 500,000
					DISEASE-EACH EMPLOYEE	\$ 100,000

<b>OTHER:</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER:</b> MAS LABOR H2A, LLC ATTENTION: TIM WHITE FAX: 263-4700	<b>CANCELLATION:</b> Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date hereof, the issuing company will endeavor to mail 30 days written notice to the certificate holder named to the left, but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representatives.  Authorized representative: <u>Barbara D. Crispens</u>

**VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION**  
Community Services for Fluvanna County, Virginia

Fluvanna County Health Department  
P.O. Box 136 Rt. 15  
Palmyra, VA. 22963  
(434) 591-1960

This office helps parents, children, and pregnant women with health and hygiene problems. The office also provides information and medical referrals to venereal diseases and tuberculosis. The department also makes home inspections of migrant housing to insure compliance with the law.

El departamento de salud de Fluvanna County suministra ayuda a los padres, niños, y a las mujeres en estado con problemas de salud. Los médicos también ayudan a las personas con enfermedades venéreas, y a los que padecen de tuberculosis. El departamento también inspecciona a las residencias habitadas por trabajadores migratorios para asegurar que dichas residencias sean mantenidas de acuerdo con la ley.

University of Virginia Hospital  
Lane Road  
Charlottesville, VA. 22903  
(434) 924-2231 or 911

1<sup>st</sup> Med  
125 River Bend Drive  
Charlottesville, VA. 22911  
(434) 984-4200

The doctors provide emergency and non-emergency medical services

Los médicos proveen varios servicios rutinarios y de emergencia.

Fluvanna County Department of Social Services  
Carysbrook Complex Rt. 15  
Fork Union, VA. 23055  
(434) 842-8221

Information is provided about other helping agencies for non-residents. Information is also available about regulations of the food stamp programs.

Por información acerca de otras agencias que tienen ayuda y asistencia por las personas que no viven aquí. También, estos oficiales tienen información y regulaciones acerca de estampas de comida.

Fluvanna County Public Schools  
P.O. Box 419  
Palmyra, VA. 22963  
(434) 589-8208

The school system is responsible for educational programs for migrant school age children.

La junta escolar tiene la responsabilidad de educar a los niños de edad escolar de padres migratorios.

Salvation Army  
207 Ridge Street  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
(804) 295-4058

This agency helps transient persons and families.

El Salvation Army ayuda a las familias, y a las personas en transito y sin hogar.

Virginia Farmworkers Legal Assistance Project  
A Program of Piedmont Legal Services  
617 West Main Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Charlottesville, VA 22903  
(800) 390-9983

Virginia Justice Center for Farm & Immigrant Workers  
617 West Main Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Charlottesville, VA 22903  
(800) 763-7323

Both Agencies may provide legal assistance to workers.

Las dos agencias mencionadas proveen ayuda a los trabajadores con problemas legales.