

VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM TO:

DATE 1/22/2008

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

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Clearance Order No. 89950

Extension is requested for the 1 cop(ies) of the order which is/are attached,

dated 1/22/2008 for 6, Farmworker, Field Crop 404-687-010
(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)

Charles E. Barnes, President/Owner

Charles E. Barnes

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ATTACHMENT 1 for Barnes Farming, LLC – Charles E. Barnes

(Used for further detail of ETA 790; Item numbers below correlate to item numbers on ETA 790)

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Item 3 – Location & Description of Housing

Housing is a frame house located at 15151 B Spiers Road, Stony Creek, VA approximately 2 miles from the farm operation at 19205 Bolster's Road, Stony Creek, VA 23882.

Item 10 – Job Specifications

Workers will perform various duties related to production of tobacco to include the preparation of greenhouses for growing of tobacco seeds which includes replacing plastic flooring, cleaning & seeding of plant trays, applying fertilizer and pesticides, maintaining proper greenhouse environmental conditions to include monitoring of house temperatures to promote plant growth. Workers will cultivate fields, prepare rows for planting, plant tobacco, apply fertilizer and spray pesticides as necessary. Workers will remove tops and suckers by hand. Once plants reach maturity, leaves will be pulled from plants and then transported to the barn site. At the barn site, leaves will be placed in tobacco barns.

Once tobacco has been properly cured, it will be removed from barns, and baled into containers that hold up to 800lbs of cured tobacco. These bales are then lifted by electric hoist & placed on truck for transport to a warehouse.

General Conditions Applicable to All Crops: Work begins at an assigned time shortly after daylight. Work is performed under wet, humid conditions during light rain, cold temperatures, and excessive heat. Workers will work and perform repetitive tasks on their feet in bent and stooped positions for long periods of time pulling mature leaves from the tobacco plants that are from two (2) to ten (10) inches from the ground. Workers will use muscles to lift, push, pull, or carry heavy objects such as flats, tobacco trailers, and racks going in & out of tobacco barns. All of the tasks in this job description constitute one (1) job; the employer may assign workers to different tasks on any day or to multiple tasks during the same day in the sole judgment of the employer. Workers may be required to perform work on the farm that is incidental to producing the crops such as performing hand weeding or hoeing, greenhouse cleaning and repairing buildings, maintaining grounds, operate tractor/farm equipment, incidental crop setup when needed and movement of irrigation systems and equipment, gardening, etc. Other duties that run concurrently with those described for tobacco include the harvest of hay/straw which requires workers to bend, stoop, and lift bales to load or stack to a truck or trailer. However, this is a minor part of the total percentage of hours worked. In addition, cover crops of soy beans, rye, or wheat are sewn after tobacco harvest to prepare the soil for next year's production of tobacco. This is a very demanding and competitive business in which quality specifications must be rigorously adhered to. Sloppy work cannot and will not be tolerated.

Employer will provide tools and equipment at no cost for workers to perform the above tasks. Workers will be charged for any willful damage to or loss of such tools and equipment.

Full Crop Commitment: This is regular work seven hours per day, Monday – Friday, and five hours on Saturday for the full remainder of the period of employment. The worker agrees to work for assigned employer whenever work is available during the full remaining period of employment even though work may be slack at times. The worker understands that if he quits or is terminated for cause prior to the end of the period of the employment, he will not receive the ¾ guarantees discussed below and will not receive certain transportation reimbursements discussed below.

Item 11 – Wage Rates, Special Pay Information and Deductions

The current Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) of \$9.02 per hour or the AEWR in effect at the time work is performed, the prevailing hourly rate, or the legal Federal or State Minimum Wage Rate, whichever is highest, is guaranteed to all workers. In the event the US Department of Labor (DOL) promulgates a new AEWR during the recruitment or work contract period that is lower than the current AEWR at the time of application, the employer will pay the newly established AEWR.

The employer guarantees to offer employment for a minimum of three-quarters (3/4) of the workdays of the total specified period during which the work contract and all extensions thereof are in effect beginning with the first work day after worker's arrival at the place of employment and ending on the expiration date specified in the work contract or extensions thereof. In Act of God terminations, the three-quarters (3/4) guarantee period ends on the date of termination. The worker is not required to work more than eight (8) hours per day except when otherwise stated in the job order or on the worker's Sabbath or federal holiday to meet the guarantee period. The employer guarantees the worker the amount the worker would have earned had the worker in fact worked for the guaranteed number of days.

Worker will be paid weekly.

The employer will provide worker who is referred through the Interstate Clearance System forty (40) hours of work for the week beginning with the anticipated date of need unless the employer has amended the date of need by notifying the local office no later than ten (10) days before the date of need. If the employer fails to notify the order holding office, then the employer shall pay an eligible worker who is referred through the Clearance System \$9.02 per hour for the first week starting with the originally anticipated date of need. The employer will require the worker to perform alternative work if the guarantee cited in this section is involved. The alternative work and pay will be \$9.02 per hour for other work related to farm maintenance activities required in operating an agricultural operation. If the worker who is referred fails to notify the order holding office of continued interest in the job at least five (5) days before the date of need, worker will be disqualified from the above mentioned assurance.

The employer will make the following deductions: FICA (X) Federal Taxes (X) State Taxes as applicable.

Eight (8) hours per day is normal. The worker may be requested but not required to work more hours per day and/or on the Sabbath depending upon conditions in the greenhouses and fields. The employer will designate time for lunch and breaks. Worker may be requested to work Saturday and Sunday during peak times and special needs but not required. This requirement pertains to both alien and US workers as per instructions in the H-2A Program Information Booklet.

Item 12 – Transportation

The employer will reimburse worker upon completion of 50% of the work contract for transportation and daily subsistence (not less than \$9.52 per day) from the place from which the worker, without intervening employment will come to work for the employer. In addition, those workers paying such transportation and subsistence expenses and who are terminated by the employer as a result of an Act of God (an Act of God shall mean any frost, hail, stones, flood or natural calamity of such character as to make further fulfillment of this contract impossible), and the RA certifies, or as a result of mutual agreement by worker and employer shall be reimbursed the same. All payment aforesaid shall be due on a day not later than the first day subsequent to the completion of the minimum employment period. In the case of termination as a result of an Act of God, the employer will also provide or pay the cost of return transportation and subsistence enroute from the place of employment to the place of recruitment, except when the worker is not returning to the place of recruitment and has subsequent employment with an employer who will bear transportation expenses.

If the worker completes his contract, the employer will provide or pay the cost of return transportation and subsistence enroute from the place of recruitment except when the worker is not returning to the place of recruitment, and has subsequent employment with an employer who will bear transportation expenses.

If the worker voluntarily abandons his employment or is terminated for cause prior to completion of his contract, the employer will not be responsible for providing or paying the cost of return transportation and subsistence enroute from the place of employment to the place of recruitment. All transportation provided by the employer will be by common carrier or other transportation facilities that conform to applicable regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The employer will provide worker transportation from the living quarters to the work site and back each day at no cost to the worker.

Other Conditions of Employment

Termination: – The employer may terminate the worker with notification to the employment service local office if the worker (a) refuses without justified cause to perform work for which the worker was recruited and hired or (b) commits serious acts of misconduct.

In the event of termination resulting from an Act of God, the employer will provide or pay reasonable costs of return transportation and subsistence to the place of recruitment and reimburse worker for reasonable costs of transportation and subsistence incurred by the worker to the place of employment.

Training: - The only work standards required of any alien or US worker will be that after a three (3) day training period each worker possess the physical capabilities to work in greenhouse produced crops.

Injuries: - Worker will be covered by Workers Compensation Insurance or equivalent employer provided insurance for injuries arising out of and in the course of employment. Employer's proof of insurance coverage will be provided to the Regional Administrator before certification is granted.

Tools, Supplies, & Equipment: Employer will provide without charge all tools, supplies, and equipment to the worker.

Employer Obligation if Employment is Extended: No extension of employment beyond the period of employment specified in the job order shall relieve the employer from paying the wages already earned, or if specified in the job order as a term of employment, providing transportation or paying return transportation expenses to the worker.

Employer Notification of Changes in Employment Terms and Conditions: - Employer will expeditiously notify the Order Holding Local Office or State Agency by telephone immediately upon learning that a crop is maturing earlier or later, or weather conditions, over recruitment or other factors have changed the terms and conditions of employment.

Outreach Workers: Outreach workers shall have reasonable access to the worker in the conduct of outreach activities. The employer agrees to comply by all assurances of 20 CFR 653.107, 20 CFR 653.501, and 20 CFR 655.103.

Work Agreement: - The employer will provide a copy of the contract of Job Clearance Order to the worker no later than on the day the work commences.

Wage Statements: - Employer will furnish the worker on or before each pay period written statements showing the hours actually worked by the worker, the worker's hourly rate of pay, the hours of employment offered including those above the guarantee and total earnings for the pay period. Add deductions will be itemized.

Other: - Worker must have necessary documents to complete INS Form I-9 upon hiring but not prior to the interview. Workers will have up to three (3) days from date of hire to provide I-9 documents.

The employer's anticipated work force equals 6 workers.

**ATTACHMENT 2
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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Dinwiddie County Health Department

Dinwiddie Government Center

14006 Boydton Plank Road

Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Telephone: (804) 469-3771

Department of Social Services

Dinwiddie Government Center

14012 Boydton Plank Road

Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Telephone: (804) 469-4524

Fire Department

Stony Creek Volunteer Fire Dept

PO Box 41

Stony Creek, VA 23882

Telephone: 911

Sheriff

Sussex County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Only

20212 Thornton Square

Sussex, VA 23884

Telephone: Emergency only: 911 or (434) 246-5361

Virginia State Police

25650 Simpson Road

Petersburg, VA

(804) 733-8219

Southside Regional Medical Center

801 S. Adams Street

Petersburg, VA

Telephone: (804) 862-2500

Provides inpatient & outpatient emergency care, emergency room service, surgery, and intensive care unit

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Virginia Justice Center for Farm & Immigrant Workers

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1000 Preston Avenue, Suite A

Charlottesville, VA 22903

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International: 1-800-892-1751

Virginia Employment Commission Petersburg Local Office	Virginia Comision de Empleo La Oficina de Petersburg
Summary of Employment Conditions Specified on the Job Order	Sumario de las Condiciones de Empleo Que Son Especificadas en el Orden de Trabajo
1. Order Number:	1. Numero de el Orden:
2. Name of Employer: Barnes Farming	2. Nombre del Empleador: Barnes Farming
3. Location of Employer & Directions: (See ETA 338)	3. Lugar y Direccion del Empleador: (Mira el papel ETA 338)
4. Period of Employment: From 03/17/08 to 12/01/08	4. Periodo de Empleo: Del 03/17/08 to 12/01/08
5. Work Schedule: Minimum of 7 hrs per Day, 5 days per week & 5 on Saturday	5. Horario de trabajado: Horas por dia 7 De dias por semana 5 y 5 horas Sabado
6. Work to be performed: Tobacco Hourly Wage: \$9.02	6. El trabajo: Tobaco Sueldo por Hora: \$9.02
7. Transportation provided: From labor camp to work site & return: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Transportacion provista: del encampamento al la huerta y vuelta: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Si <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Housing & Accommodations: 6 6 Individual 0 Family	8. Vivenda Disponible para: 6 6 Individuos 0 familias
9. Meals Provided: No Workers may do their own cooking: Yes	9. Comidas provistas: No Los trabajadores tienen que cocinar sus Comidas: Si
10. Deductions: Type & Amount: Social Security: XXXX Income Taxes: XXXX Transportation None Tools & Equipment: None Crewleader Charges: None	10. Deduccions: Clase & Cantidad Seguro Social XXXX Impuestos sobre ingresos: XXXX Transportacion: Nada Herramientas/maquinaria: Nada Cobrada por el contratista: Nada

APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY

I, Charles E. Barnes of Barnes Farming, 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 workers.

As a condition to placing my order into clearance, I, Charles E. Barnes certify that 35 days prior to occupancy, my housing will meet standards of the US Department of Labor.

I also authorize representatives of the Virginia Employment Service, the Virginia 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 March 17, 2008.

Charles E. Barnes
Charles E. Barnes, Owner/President

1-14-08
Date

Elaine H. Tye
Agent

1-14-08
Date

Carol Young 1-16-08