

HORTICULTURE SUSTAINABILITY SPECIALIST

Organization: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Agriculture Development Branch – Hort Tech Unit

City: Ridgetown or Vineland

Category: Agriculture/Horticulture

Job Term: 1 Permanent

Salary: \$1,481.99 - \$1,891.59 Per Week

Job ID: 173978 [Apply Online](#)

What can I expect to do in this role?

In this exciting role, you will be coordinating projects designed to assess the applicability of new or existing practices, products, technology, research, programs and policies, innovative and new and emerging horticulture technologies, which will ensure a competitive, sustainable and environmentally responsible agri-food sector. The role provides technical expertise to assist the horticulture sector in managing crop nutrient inputs, outputs and by-products while limiting environmental impacts. Projects may include nutrient loss mitigation (phosphorous, nitrogen), sustainable waste management (wastewater, vegetable processing by-products), organic amendments and sustainable horticulture management.

As a Provincial Specialist, you will:

- Identify concerns, issues, trends and new and emerging developments related to sustainability in the horticulture sector
- Provide an effective liaison between the research community and industry to determine the applicability of new, emerging and innovative technologies
- Develop seminars and courses, electronic and print information packages as well as design demonstrations of new, emerging and innovative techniques and products
- Facilitate delivery of program information services, education and training across commodities and disciplines
- Represent Provincial or Ministry interests on multidisciplinary working groups
- Provide expertise to senior management regarding the development, coordination, and implementation of strategies, policies, and programs related to agriculture sustainability (environmental, social and economic) in the horticulture sector across Ontario

- Maintain regular contact with clients and partners and develop coalitions and networks
- Conduct field sampling and related reporting activities during emergency response

Remember: The deadline to apply is Monday, January 31, 2022 11:59 pm EST. Late applications will not be accepted.

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