



OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

Host farm profile

CASTLERUDDERY ORGANIC FARM

Donard, Co. Wicklow



FARM DETAILS

Owner/ manager name	Dominic D. Quinn and Hilda Crampton
Company name	Castleruddery Organic Farm
Address	Castleruddery, Donard, Co. Wicklow
Web:	www.instagram.com/casorgfarm/

ABOUT THE FARM

We are located in west Wicklow, approximately 1 hour's drive from Dublin city. The 10 ha farm is divided into habitat areas, forestry, old pasture, a small orchard and the vegetable plots.

The cropping area consists of 1500 m² of polytunnels, 50 x 20m permanent no dig beds and the rest of the vegetable area is currently in overwintering green manure crops. The land first entered conversion in 1989.

We are in the process of converting more of our growing areas to the no dig system which we started trialing in 2020 and are now 'hooked'. We are very impressed with how well the crops grow and have seen huge improvement in quality and yields over the past 3 years. We plan to increase the area devoted to no dig.

We sell our produce through our farm shop and to restaurants both locally and in Dublin. We also wholesale vegetables to other organic growers. We love to grow many types of vegetables and are not afraid to try unusual varieties and try new crops each year.

There is an excellent selection of hand and tractor tools on the farm and plenty of shed storage facilities. There is a fine pack house with cold room and vegetable washing area. The farm is currently worked by owners Dominic and Hilda and Olly (graduate of an tIonad Glas, the Organic college) who has worked part time with us for a few years.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

Field Vegetables: 1 acre

Protected Cropping: 8 poly tunnels

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation
- Soft Fruit
- Top Fruit
- Poultry
- Livestock
- Other: Wide range of mixed vegetables plus some unusual crops.

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme
- Farm Shop
- Catering
- Market Stall
- Wholesale
- Other - see below:

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Do applicants need to have a full driving license? Yes No

Will the role involve the use of machinery? Yes No

How many hours work a week are involved and what is the payment you are offering?

30 hours work per week. Minimum wage.

Will weekend work be required?

Occasionally. Yes No

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?

Yes, occasionally in the farm shop. Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

Possibly. We may have a room in the house available for rent. Yes No

Can be discussed with intern.

Are there volunteers on the holding?

Yes No

What are the ideal start and finish dates?

March/April – October.

APPLICANT PROFILE

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Enthusiastic and bright, willing to learn and listen, outgoing and friendly.

We are particularly keen to find an enthusiastic intern with special interest in minimum till or no dig methods of cultivation.

LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.