



## OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

### Host farm profile

#### MC NALLY FAMILY FARM

Balrickard, Co. Dublin



#### FARM DETAILS

<b>Owner/ Manager Name</b>	Jenny McNally
<b>Company Name</b>	McNally Family Farm
<b>Address</b>	Balrickard, Co. Dublin
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.mcnallyfamilyfarm.ie">www.mcnallyfamilyfarm.ie</a>

#### ABOUT THE FARM

We're McNally Family Farm, a seasonal, organic, family-run farm that lies in the Horticulture heartland of North County Dublin. Spanning 99 acres, our farm is a vibrant collection of polytunnels and open fields, where we cultivate a wide variety of vegetables, salads and some fruit.

We have been certified organic growers for over 25 years, prioritising soil health and working with the natural environment and seasons. We maintain historic hedgerows, cultivate a diverse range of over 50 crops, and focus on growing and harvesting with the seasons, all of which

naturally supports biodiversity on our land. This approach not only benefits the environment but also ensures we consistently deliver the freshest seasonal and most flavourful produce to our customers at our farm shop and local markets, and to some of the country's top restaurants.

Day-to-day activities include sowing, planting out, weeding, preparing & clearing tunnels, harvesting & packing. Most of the work in the tunnels is hand labour and while we have a lot of specialised machinery for outdoor use, hand labour is still needed for some tasks. On the farm you'll get experience in growing a wide variety of outdoor and indoor crops in the Irish climate using a range of growing methods.

#### **FARM SIZE**

Total: 99 acres

Field crops:

Protected crops:

#### **PRODUCE**

Our protected crops throughout the year include a range of salads, tomatoes, a range of chillies, peppers, aubergines, cucumbers and gherkins. Our outdoor crops include a range of brassicas (cabbages, kale, flower sprouts) greens, root veg, culinary pumpkins and potatoes.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Propagation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Soft Fruit	X
Top Fruit	X
Poultry	X
Livestock	X

#### **ROUTES TO MARKET**

Box Scheme	X
Farm Shop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Catering – Farm Cafe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Market Stall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wholesale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### **TEAM**

Current team/no. of employees:

Are there volunteers on the farm?  Yes  No

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

### ABOUT THE ROLE

#### How many hours work/week is available and what is the payment rate?

36-40 hours per week. Minimum wage.

#### What are the ideal start and finish dates?

March to October.

Will weekend work be required?  Yes  No

Will the role involve the use of machinery?  Yes  No

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?  Yes  No

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

Is accommodation on-farm an option?  Yes  No

## APPLICANT PROFILE

#### What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

- Diligent, hardworking, ability to pace themselves working alone or in a team.

## LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.