



## OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

Host farm profile

### **PAUL BROPHY PRODUCE**

Naas, Co. Kildare



### **FARM DETAILS**

Owner/ manager name	Paul Brophy
Company name	Brophy Produce LTD
Address	Woodside, Newlands, Naas
Web:	<a href="http://www.paulbrophyproduce.ie">www.paulbrophyproduce.ie</a>

### **ABOUT THE FARM**

The organic business on our farm was set up to fulfill a demand and the constant requests from the supermarkets that we supply with conventional broccoli. It is different from most organic farms in that the only vegetable produced is broccoli. Other crops grown in rotation are oats grass and, in some years, a protein crop. Paul Brophy Produce is an offshoot of Brophy Produce LTD and is a separate business.

There is a propagation unit dedicated to the production of organic plants required on site. The approach is different than a lot of organic farms in that it is very specialized, and cutting-edge technology is used to keep costs to a minimum. The approach is very businesslike with detailed

analysis of costings kept at all stages of production. Modern machinery is used, and we have the most modern broccoli packing facility in the country. We are seed to customer - the nursery produces almost 600,000 organic broccoli transplants for our own use.

There is a great opportunity for someone to upskill in organic production in a highly commercial environment. Regular meetings are held with all staff members, and we believe on-farm collaboration to be essential, with many of the organic principles being adopted in our conventional operation.

#### **APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION**

**Field Vegetables:** 600acres

**Protected Cropping:** sq m

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Propagation

Soft Fruit

Top Fruit

Poultry

Livestock

Other

#### **ROUTES TO MARKET**

Box Scheme

Farm Shop

Catering

Market Stall

Wholesale

Other

### **INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

**Do applicants need to have a full driving license?**

Yes  No

Preferable but not essential.

**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?**

35 to 45 hours per week €14.00 per hour.

**Will weekend work be required?**

Yes  No

**Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?**

Yes  No

**Is accommodation on-farm an option?**

Yes  No

The accommodation is not on farm. It is arranged in houses locally with an external landlord. There are minibuses that run daily from the various houses to get the staff to work. The cost last year was €105.00 per week, this includes all bills.

**Are there volunteers on the holding?**

Yes  No

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

May to October.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

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

I am looking for a person that is keen to learn. Well organized, able to manage a small staff for the operations. A quick learner with a positive attitude. Someone who will share knowledge with other staff members and be proactive in solving day to day problems

## LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.