

Beispielbewerbung

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- **I am looking for work**

By myself, In New Zeland

- **Duration and date of my stay**

I am looking for work for five to seven months. I can arrive in New Zealand from the 15th of September onwards, and I am staying for a total of 8 months. Ideally, I am looking for work from mid of September until the end of February, but I am very flexible.

- **Preferred type of farm**

Cropping/Potatoe farm

- **Cover letter**

I am a 25 year old male, and I have just completed my bachelor's degree in agriculture.

For the upcoming harvest season, I'm looking for a job as a harvest hand anywhere in New Zealand. I do have experience in crop harvest as I have worked on different farms during the last 5 years. All these farms were located in Germany, growing crops such as wheat, barley, canola and potatoes. Farm sizes varied from 250ha to 1200ha. I was part of a team each season with 3 to 15 people. I can work by myself as well as in a team, but I prefer to work in a large team. I am reliable and honest. If I don't know how to operate a machine, I will ask for instructions and I'm always happy to learn.

Now, I am keen to learn more about farming in New Zealand, your farming systems, and the structure of the primary industry as well as experiencing the New Zealand lifestyle. I am happy to do any tasks given to me. I have worked day as well as night shifts. I am hoping to be part of the farming community and expect to be able to travel in between if the weather and working schedule allow.

- **My machinery-, mechanical- and English skills.**

I am familiar with driving tractors of the following brands: Fendt, MF and John Deere, including several types of machinery for grass harvest and silage, manure spreading, baling and the chaser bin. I am familiar with working with the cultivator, disc harrow, and I have made first experiences with the drill and the GPS system such as RTK as well as some driving of a header (Case 7130 and Claas Lexion 780). Most of my time working on farms, I spend driving the chaser bin as well as doing soil work (Ploughing, grubber).

I have made little experience in piggery but have done a few months in the dairy industry. I was helping to milk cows in a 10 side-by-side milking shed. I enjoy the work with livestock, and it would be great to be involved in some animal-related tasks. However, the focus of my future work would be cropping, preferably.

When it comes to working in the workshop and fixing machinery, I can help in a lot of areas but often lack the years of experience to do it myself. I can weld and metal grind but have trouble when it comes to fixing particular parts within the machine.

I learned English in school, starting in year 5 for 7 years. I have then travelled to England for three months. That is now two years ago. At the moment, I would have trouble to understand someone over the phone, it is easier if I talk face to face, but I am keen to improve my language skills quickly.

- **My expectations, work attitude and additional information**

I am always happy to learn and keen to drive old machinery, not necessarily the biggest and newest tractors. I am an open-minded person who has done a bit of travelling and knows about the differences in mentality of each nationality. I enjoy getting to know the local people and their sense of humour. I expect to be given some responsibility and to work on my own and in a team, depending on the task. Important to me are a nice team, the chance of getting away for day trips on days without work and preferably shared accommodation. I hold a driver licence for car and tractor. My work visa has been granted,

and as soon as I know where I'll be working, I will book my flights. I am keen to get to know farming in your country and would like to be able to ask questions about the differences to our farming system and the challenges you face.

In my spare time, I play soccer and enjoy bike rides with my friends. While in winter, I love skiing.

- I am a smoker

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- References

Manfred Müller, employer during the 2021 harvest. Phone: +49xxxx,

Trudy Mayer, the owner of a neighbouring farm, has known me for 10 years. Phone: +49
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- How did you hear about "International Harvest Hands"?

I saw a post on Instagram, my friend Lisa tagged me in it.