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# Organic Market Gardener

Part-Time Position

Yellow Belly Farm is a 3-acre certified organic market garden in the heart of East Cork, supplying fresh vegetables, herbs and salads to the people of Midleton and surrounding areas. Established in 2022 and fully certified organic since January 2025, we are expanding into vegetable box subscriptions, opening a farm shop, and launching a glamping retreat on site in summer 2025.

We are looking for an experienced and self-motivated Organic Market Gardener to join us from mid-February 2025 on a year-round, part-time basis.

## The Role

This is a hands-on growing role for someone who can take ownership of the market garden operation. You'll be responsible for the day-to-day planning, cultivation, and harvesting of organic vegetables, herbs, and salads across outdoor beds and polytunnel.

We're looking for someone who can work independently, make informed decisions about crop timing and priorities, and keep the farm running smoothly without needing constant direction. You'll have the tools, systems, and support you need but we want someone who brings their own knowledge and initiative to the role.

## Responsibilities

- Planning, sowing, maintaining, and harvesting crops (outdoors and under cover)
- Managing crop rotations and bed preparation
- Maintaining accurate records of plantings, inputs, and harvests
- Preparing and packing vegetable box orders
- Stocking and managing the farm shop (self-service)
- Delivery runs to local restaurants or cafes
- General site maintenance and upkeep of growing areas
- Weeding, irrigation, pest and disease monitoring

## What We're Looking For

### Essential:

- 2-3+ years of hands-on experience in a market garden or commercial horticulture setting
- Strong knowledge of organic growing principles and techniques
- Ability to work independently and prioritise tasks effectively
- Comfortable making day-to-day decisions about crop management
- Reliable, organised, and takes pride in their work
- Personable and confident dealing with customers
- Full driving licence and own transport (essential - we are not served by public transport)

### Desirable:

- Formal training in horticulture or organic agriculture
- Familiarity with polytunnel growing
- Experience with vegetable box schemes or direct sales
- Experience with farm record-keeping systems

## **Hours & Schedule**

Part-time, approximately 20-25 hours per week. Hours are flexible across the week, though some days are fixed (Friday is harvest day). Expect busier periods through the main growing season and quieter months over winter. This is a year-round position.

## **Pay**

Hourly rate dependent on experience.

## **Location**

Yellow Belly Farm, Midleton, Co. Cork. Own transport is essential.

## **Start Date**

Mid-February 2026

## **Why Work With Us**

This is an opportunity to work in a fun, self-driven role in a beautiful outdoor setting where no two days are the same. You'll have genuine autonomy over the growing operation, with the flexibility to manage your own time around the work that needs doing. You'll be part of a small team building something meaningful: producing real food for our local community, improving soil health, and creating habitat for wildlife on a farm that's actively contributing to biodiversity in East Cork. You'll gain exposure to the full journey from seed to customer - growing, packing, retail, and local delivery. You'll finish most days with dirt under your fingernails, and occasionally some fresh organic vegetables to take home.

## **How to Apply**

Please send your CV and a short cover letter to [info@yellowbellyfarm.com](mailto:info@yellowbellyfarm.com) outlining your relevant experience and why you're interested in this role. We will be checking references for shortlisted candidates.