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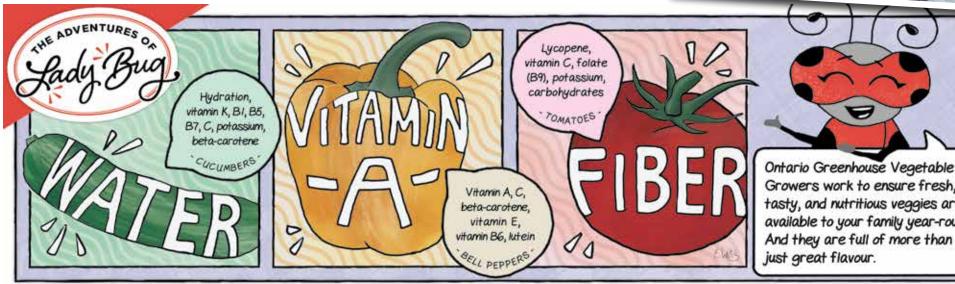
## CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is an ever-changing industry, where efficiencies and productivity are key for success. As technology advances, so does the growing process that our growers use to grow delicious Ontario vegetables, incorporating computer systems to automate fertilizer delivery, or energy curtains that open on a pre-set cycle to let in sunlight and heat. This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to GH tech, and as these new products and devices are implemented in the greenhouse, new jobs understanding and upkeeping these technologies become

crucial for success. This can explain the trend towards STEM jobs in the GH industry, as the needs of growers shift from manual labour and physicality, towards knowledge of these more complex systems. The need for engineering, computer science, and IT experts will increase.

The commercialization of automation is also front and center in the greenhouse industry, with many big players investigating how these newly developed technologies could be implemented into their operations.









Ever wonder what goes on within a greenhouse? Ontario grows a wide variety of fruits and vegetables! Many of which are found in one of the highest concentration of greenhouse farms in North America, Essex county. For the bio protection • of our plants, and for the safety of our workers, tours are currently prohibited. But what if we could tell you how to tour a greenhouse from the comforts of your own home.

Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers presents our Virtual Reality 360 experience! Fly over our greenhouses, cruise down rows of tomato plants, and watch how Ontario's fresh flavourful greenhouse produce makes it from our farms to your plate! We invite you to try out the experience by scanning

the QR code on this page. Scanning is easy! Just open the camera app on your phone and a link should pop up. Click on the link, and get your phone ready, as it is now your eyes and ears inside one of Ontario's greenhouse farms. Point your phone in different directions and make sure to look around! You can also use your desktop computer by visiting: www.ogvg. com/ogvg-vr-360. High-tech greenhouses are at the forefront of innovation and we hope you will enjoy this experience and take our virtual tour.



