



Our community is known as the Greenhouse Capital of North America, with a higher concentration of crops under glass than anywhere else on the continent.

There are many important roles needed to bring nutritious vegetables from farm to fork, and Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers employ nearly 20,000 people across Ontario, many of whom live right here in our community.

Greenhouse farms require a wide range of expertise, to grow, package, sell and ship produce all across Ontario and beyond.

GROWING TEAM
The growing team plants, monitors, and harvests the tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers throughout the season. They also coordinate with the sales and marketing teams to ensure that enough fresh produce is available to meet the demand of stores and restaurants while eliminating as much food waste as possible.

CROP PROTECTION TECHNICIANS
Crop protection technicians carefully monitor the plants to ensure that any issues are detected early and can be mitigated before affecting the crop further.

PRODUCTION MANAGERS
Production managers ensure that everyone on the farm is working together and that deadlines will be met. They ensure that the vegetables are ready when needed and they arrive to consumers as fresh as possible.

PACK LINE
Once the vegetables are harvested, they move to pack lines where they are packaged and prepared for shipping.

LOGISTICS TEAM
The logistics team ensures that all the veggies make it to their destination quickly and efficiently.

A lot of work goes into getting fresh produce where it needs to be so that customers always have access to fresh Ontario produce year-round. There are so many hands and skills needed to make this a reality daily, every day of the year.

Our community is proud of the work that our farmers and their teams do to make Canada's food system strong, sustainable, and resilient.



THE ADVENTURES OF Lady Bug

GREENHOUSE CAPITAL OF NORTH AMERICA

TRUCKING

GREENHOUSE EQUIPMENT & GROWING SUPPLY

CONSTRUCTION

Our community is known as the Greenhouse Capital of North America, employing many of our community friends and neighbors directly.

However, many local businesses are also needed to ensure that our growers can get fresh produce to families near and far.

Trucking companies, greenhouse equipment and growing supply companies, construction and beyond are needed to help feed families fresh, local produce.



Pathways Spotlight

Grower Department

- Plan and oversee the planting, cultivation and harvesting of the crop.
- Communicate with sales and marketing to ensure plants are planted on-time to meet market demand.
 - Analyze crop yield and make improvements to keep plants healthy and productive.
 - Inspect all production areas daily and keep records on plant health and production.
 - Manage the climate of the greenhouse to ensure plants are kept at the right temperature, humidity and light levels.
 - Make sure the plants get water and nutrients exactly when they need it by using computer-controlled systems.
- Skills:** Information technology, time management, planning, problem solving, attention to detail, leadership. Spanish language skills an asset.
- Qualifications:** Diploma/degree in chemistry/biology/horticulture/agriculture an asset.

The Essential Village Salad

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 lb (455 g) mixed ripe Ontario greenhouse tomatoes (*heirlooms can add a punch of colour!*)
 - 4 Ontario greenhouse mini cucumbers (*or 2/3 Ontario greenhouse English cucumber*)
 - 1 Ontario greenhouse pepper (*be as colourful as you want!*)
 - 1/3 cup (80 mL) thinly sliced red onion
 - 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped flat-leaf parsley
 - 3 tbsp (45 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 tbsp (30 mL) red wine vinegar
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- Cut tomatoes into wedges. Cut cherry and grape tomatoes in half. Slice cucumbers on bias. (*If using English cucumber, halve lengthwise first.*) Cut pepper into bite-size pieces. Place vegetables in large mixing bowl with onion and parsley. Drizzle with oil and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Transfer to serving dish.