

## **Dairy / Mixed farm**

- There are 4 million cows in the Netherlands
- Our companies have 60 to 520 cows and young stock
- The companies either use a milk robot, a herringbone- or carousel milking parlor
- Cheese farms sometimes have their own store at the company
- Some companies have a combination of dairy and vegetables/arable
- A lot of farms grow grass and corn to feed their animals
- A driver- or tractor license will give you the opportunity to use the machines as well
- You will mostly live with the family or on the company grounds, it is the best way to learn the Dutch culture.
- Be open and social and you will have the experience of your life!

## **Livestock**

There are several types of livestock companies:

- Meat pigs and fattening up pigs. Most companies have 3500 meat pigs on average
- Milking and rearing goat companies, average of 3500 goats and 1200 lambs.
- Poultry, laying hens, free range hens
- Sheep farms, mostly in combination with other animals
- At these farms you can learn about every aspect of the business, from taking care of the animals to the financial aspect.

## **Potted plants / cut flowers**

- Companies with 1 to 22 hectares land/greenhouses
- The company where you will do a training can be rather large with many employees, but it can also be a small family business
- Annuals and perennials, different varieties of potted plants like Cyclamen, Begonia, Philodendron, Curcuma etc.
- Alstroemeria, freesia, chrysanthemum, peonies and sunflowers are examples of cut flowers our host companies grow.
- Learn about growing techniques, technical equipment, marketing and the business aspect of the company
- Sometimes there is a combination of potted plants and cut flowers.
- Some companies deliver directly to the customer or supplier, some take their products to the flower auction
- Most trainees of flower companies live in a student house, a host family or on the company grounds

## **Tree Nurseries**

- The Netherlands counts around 4.000 tree nurseries that cover about 12.500 ha.
- 65% of the all the nursery products gets exported to 65 different countries.
- The cultivars that our host companies grow are for example: climbers, cytissus, berberis and viburnum.
- Most tree nurseries also grow perennials like hydreangea and lavendula
- Learn about growing techniques, soil and fertilization. Technical equipment and the business aspect are also an important part of a training at a tree nursery.
- Most tree nurseries can be found around Boskoop
- When you do a training at a tree nursery, you will most likely live in a student house or on the company grounds

## **Greenhouse vegetables**

- Training in tomatoes, eggplant, cucumber and different kinds of peppers
- Learn about growing techniques/ pest control /harvesting and growing exchange
- Technical management: climate control/ water management etc.
- Marketing and business aspects of a vegetable company

## **Field Vegetables/ Arable**

- On a normal day Dutch growers harvest together 12.600.000 vegetables and 3.600.000 onions
- Our host companies grow for example onions, asparagus, potatoes, leek, chicory, beans, cabbage and so on
- They usually use technical equipment and machines for harvesting, planting and preparing the land
- A tractor license and some experience comes in handy
- When you do a training at a field vegetable- or arable company you will mostly live with the family or on the company grounds

## **What you can expect:**

- SUSP will find you a suitable placement & housing
- Contact service 24/7 (evening and weekends: only in case of emergency)
- SUSP arranges your work permit, residence permit etc.
- You will receive pocket money (95 euros per week), housing and meals
- Health insurance
- Information package at arrival
- Introductory meeting
- Midpoint meeting
- Monthly newsletter, Facebook and other contact moments
- You will participate in the company for about 40 hours per week
- You will have at least 1.5 day off per week to explore The Netherlands
- You will have an extra paid 1.5 free days every month

## **Requirements**

- Have a reasonable language level in English or German.
- Be motivated to build your professional career in this field
- Be interested in the Dutch culture
- Be between 18 and 26 years old
- Have experience in the field of choice so you know what you sign up for.
- Be able to ride a bicycle
- Be in good health
- Be single
- Be free from a criminal record and in possession of good references
- Available for a training period of at least 90 days
- Be a (pre) last year student during the training. Your training should be obligated and related to what you study.