

Greenhouse Grower

Run the crop inside a glass building: light, water, feed and pests, twelve months a year.

TYPICAL PAY

\$45,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$35k to \$70k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

up to 3 years

after high school

DEMAND

Good

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

Vegetable and flower greenhouses, nurseries, packing lines, garden c...

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
Biology and chemistry help. A summer job at a greenhouse or garden centre helps more.
- 2 Greenhouse worker** 1 to 3 years
Planting, pruning, pollination, harvesting and packing. You learn what a healthy crop looks and smells like.
- 3 Horticulture diploma (optional)** 2 years
Two years at a college such as Niagara, Olds, Kwantlen or Dalhousie covers plant science, greenhouse climate and pest management.
- 4 Grower or section lead** 3 to 6 years in
You take responsibility for a block of the greenhouse: irrigation, feed recipe, pest scouting and yield.
- 5 Head grower** 8 years or more
Climate strategy for the whole site, crop planning with the sales team and managing the growing staff.

Pros and cons

- + You can start with no schooling and no debt
- + Year-round work, not seasonal
- + Real science applied daily, with quick feedback
- Starting pay is close to minimum wage
- Hot, humid and repetitive on the floor
- Weekend and holiday checks, because plants do not pause

Good to know

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Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers states that Ontario is North America's largest producer of greenhouse produce. Tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers are the three main crops, concentrated aro...

Bees do the pollinating

Greenhouse tomato growers buy boxes of bumblebees and release them inside. The bees shake pollen loose in a way hand pollination cannot match, and you can tell a visited flower by the small bruise th...

Optional boosts

Pesticide applicator certificate. Integrated pest management. Climate computer training. Hydroponics and irrigation.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Greenhouse Manager in Canada, wages (updated Nov 2025)
Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers
Niagara College
Ontario: pesticide training and certification

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/greenhouse-grower>



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