

VICTORIA

300 ha in total with 190 ha irrigated and 25 ha fruit. Double cropping operation consisting of tomatoes 25ha/ 3,500 tonne per year. Canola, wheat, barley, shaftal clover – 165 ha rotation of all crops. Currently exploring potentially adding mustard, beans and hemp to rotation as well.

A lot of tractor work on linkage toolbars, cultivators etc., so this is a good placement for trainees with an interest in machinery. They would need to be skilled with a tractor. Trainees need to be enthusiastic and keen to be involved. A wide variety of different jobs on the farm including soil preparation, planting, weeding, plant maintenance and harvesting.

Depending on time of year, paddock preparation, sowing, cultivation, spraying, irrigating and harvesting of tomatoe crops all done with GPS tractor and implement steer raised beds. Winter rotation including stubble mulching, cultivation, sowing, spraying, irrigating and harvesting of wheat, barley, canola and shaftal clover for seed productions. Farm also produces a range of pasta sauces, pasta and vegan jerky from their own produce. Trainees may also be involved in freight, distribution and sales of said products to contract manufacturers and distributors.

Tractors - John Deere 6920 160 hp, John Deere 6620 125 hp, John Deere 2020 75 hp, 10 m plough, 8 m scarifier, 12 m harrows, 10 m planter, 25 m boomspray. Harvesters – Case 2388, Johnson 1997 tomatoe harvester, UC Blackwelder 82 tomatoe harvester, International ACCO 1810A truck, Ford F100 ute, Nissan Navara ute, Honda Quad motorbike, Sub surface computer controlled drip irrigation 65ha.

