

# ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY – STUDENT/GRADUATE JOB VACANCY



**Name of Employer:** John Austin Ltd

**Full-time/Part time:** Seasonal Fixed Term (A full time contact may be offered at the end of the season for the right candidate.)

**Start date:** Mid to late September/ Early October Until Mid to late April. (Roughly 8 months)

**Background:** John Austin Ltd is a family owned and operated business in the heart of the Waikato, in the North Island of New Zealand. The Company was started by John Austin in 1980 when he was just 21 years old and was officially registered in 1981. Since then, the business has become the only test site in the southern Hemisphere for John Deere Forage Harvesters, and Kemper Headers. John's eldest son is now buying into the business, and one of the Contracting Managers, and his youngest daughter is also full time in the company, looking after overseas employment, health and safety and marketing. We have won contractor of the year several times and are one of the largest scale contractors in the country. We specialise in growing maize, and typically grow and harvest around 4000 Plus Hectares of Maize every year. During our Seasons, we employ around 25-30 overseas staff to join our full time New Zealand Crew of around 40 staff. We do all our own contracting work from Planting and Spraying to Chopping and Combining. We also have our own earth work division. We have 2 Combines, and 4/5 Forage Harvesters, and usually 1 or 2 Test Foragers. Our fleet of Tractors is sitting at around 39 and we have a fleet of 15 Trucks.

**The Role:** Agricultural Machinery Operator (Tractors or trucks depending on licence type/ position availability)

**Permanent/temporary:** Temporary Full Time - Ideally Mid to late September – the beginning of our Grass Silage, Until Mid to late April the conclusion of our Maize Harvest.

**Location:** Te Awamutu, Waikato, North Island, New Zealand

**Personal requirements:** Must be at least 18 years of age. Be eligible for a working visa or working holiday visa in NZ. Hold a full, clean, drivers licence. Be responsible, have good work ethic and happy to work long hours during busy periods.

**Other requirements:** Have enough money saved to purchase a vehicle in NZ upon arrival. Most can find a good car for \$1000 - \$2000 NZD.

**Salary/Package:** \$26.00NZD Per Hour. Prior to Arrival into NZ John Austin Ltd will organise your accommodation unusually withing 5-15 minutes' drive from our yard. This accommodation will be yours to pay for and your responsibility once you arrive. We ensure the place is up to NZ standards of living, is safe and appropriate for you. Typically, the housing arrangement is a boarding type or flatting with other staff. We aim to place staff in homes who will assist you with cooking meals and doing laundry especially over busy times. Upon Arrival into NZ, we will collect you from the Airport, help you organise your TAX Code, NZ Bank Account and setting up a NZ mobile phone number. We will assist you with transport for a week or so until you have purchased your personal car.

**How to apply:** Email your CV and at least x2 References to [info@johnaustintltd.co.nz](mailto:info@johnaustintltd.co.nz) (at least one reference must be a present or previous employer)

**Contact Name and details:** [info@johnaustintltd.co.nz](mailto:info@johnaustintltd.co.nz) is a generic email and the appropriate person will respond.

**Telephone no:** 07 872 0000

**Closing date for applications:** Applications open from early to mid may and close around mid to late June, 2025. To confirm a job, visas must be approved and flights booked.

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