

Organic farm brings in helping hands from all over the globe

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Stirling – The driveway leading to Hilltop Pastures on Pancake Hill is long and steep and snakes around a Fieldstone house that was built in 1864.

Although the house belongs to Willie and Didi Curry, it has been home to many travellers for the past 12 years.

Walking around back, one is greeted

by a one-acre garden spilling with everything from lettuce to beans to garlic plants. It is in this garden that many guests have spent their days.

The Currys are organic farmers. They have a small garden that requires a lot of work and attention. It is this need for extra hands that prompted the Currys to first become involved with the World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms

(WWOOF) Canada.

WWOOF organizations exist around the world and facilitate the placement of volunteer workers on organic farms. Each country has its own WWOOF organization that provides work listings for travellers. WWOOF organizations exist in Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, US and many other countries.

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■ Marcina Bismilla weeds last week at Hilltop Pastures, an organic farm located outside of Stirling.