

JenEhr Internship

JenEhr Family Farm is a certified organic vegetable and fruit farm (with pastured poultry) located on 110 acres in Sun Prairie, WI (17 miles northeast of the Madison Capitol Square). We market through our 400 member CSA (Community Support Agriculture), four farmers markets and several direct wholesale outlets

Of the farms 110 acres our approximately 20+ acres are in vegetables on an annual basis, 4 acres in strawberries, 30 acres in fallow/poultry pasture rotation and 4 acres in Hoophouse/covered production.

We are very mechanized, though harvesting is still done by hand. We use hand tools and small and large tractors. Our methods are based on the latest advances in agricultural ecology. We are constantly evaluating our methods and adapting our systems to meet market demand and the concerns of our customers and the organic/sustainable agriculture community.

Components of Job: Interns work with the farm crew 20 hours per week (M-F, 8-5) plus two farmers markets per month (Saturday mornings). The work that we do is often hard. Farming is not for everyone. Interns should enjoy physical work and being outside all day. Daily physical work on certified organic produce (fruit and vegetable), includes: seeding, greenhouse, harvesting, planting, weeding, packshed in-field and hoophouse work

- Must be able to lift 50 pounds and work in varying weather conditions, from ideal to terrible
- Be able to work well with others – crew of 8 to 10 people
- Seasonal position, from April to December 2011
- The ability to enjoy being outside doing physical work
- A good back and generally good health
- Three month commitment, starting anytime after April 1st in the spring

Desired Skills:

- The ability to take responsibility and be accountable
- The ability to think clearly and act decisively
- A positive attitude and personality
- Ability to make and keep commitments
- Seasonal position, from April to December 2011

Educational Opportunity

- This is a learning-by --doing internship. There are no classes, no lectures, no notes, tests or prep. JenEhr is a working farm and an opportunity for the right person to learn more by doing than any classroom lecture.
- What you will learn (a partial list): greenhouse operation, variety selection, soil preparation and care, planting techniques, fertilizer application methods, green manure planting and management, weed control: (preventative, mechanical, manual) pest management: (preventative, curative) harvest skills and methods, marketing skills for retail and wholesale sales equipment needs, care and use.
- Intern duties do not include any tractor driving

Compensation: \$400 per month plus food budget.

If interested (and qualified) for this position, please send your resume (.doc or .pdf) via email (jenehr@aol.com). We'll get back to you within a couple days to set up an interview date and time at the farm. Any additional questions, please send them via email.