

Paradox Farm is looking for 2 interns for the 2016 growing season. We are a Certified Naturally Grown farm of 125 acres located just Southwest of Lexington, Virginia. We grow for two farmers markets (I am the Market Manager of one of them), a CSA, and restaurant sales. Our two 30 x 96 High Tunnels provide for season extension and year round production. **Our number one crop is future farmers!**

My two interns from two years ago (Cat & Chad) are now the farm managers, headed into their third year on the farm. They are looking for an intern to help grow for market, restaurant sales and the CSA and I am looking for an intern (= total 2 interns) to help me with "homestead" development/maintenance, care of the laying flock, orchard & perennial care, ginger and turmeric cultivation, Fig and Elderberry production, help making compost, (which I do in a big way), and some market gardening. There may be the opportunity for "my" intern to help Chad & Cat and "their" intern, specifically with harvesting for market. There may also be added duties in Sept when Cat & Chad are getting married (on the farm) and then going away for up to 2 weeks.

I am looking for someone who is smart (and has common sense!), industrious, honest (and will admit to and tell me of mistakes made rather than waiting until they are found), has a sense of humor and can handle mine, physically fit for farm living (strong back/good health/vitality), has experience living with others and maintaining a clean shared space... is considerate of housemates, has basic math skills and a driver's license, willing to kill pests (insects, rodents, and others) or at least to let others (me) kill them, NOT a tobacco user, likes to work to music (has compatible taste in music), has no pets (but likes dogs and cats...and chickens), is computer literate (more than me!), and is prepared to stay the whole season. While experience isn't necessary, I'd prefer someone who can teach me things as well as learn from me. I am looking for someone who shares the dream of being a farmer rather than seeing this as just a job. I am looking for someone who could potentially manage the farm should something happen to Cat & Chad, or the time comes when they leave my farm for a farm of their own. I also hope that my intern would be able to help keep things going on the farm if I need to go check on/look after my Mom (in her nineties, living in Florida). I'm looking for the "right" intern to work with me, but I will refer them to Chad if they are more interested in the other position.

I am offering:

Housing in the farm house with Cat & Chad and the other intern.

Food from the farm (veggies, fruit, and eggs).

Stipend of \$150/wk (\$125/wk for the first 2 weeks than \$150)

40 hour work week; not precisely but thereabouts, could be more or could be less...hey, it's farming!

Time to enjoy or escape the farm, visit friends, and experience the natural beauty surrounding the farm.

My brain and anything you can get out of it (not that I'll intentionally withhold anything). **This is why you want to be here!!** The Food, Housing, Stipend, and Natural Beauty (including an awesome swimming pond) are just the perks!

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