Aspen Moon Farm - Farm Manager

A little about us: Owners Jason and Erin have 3 children and Aspen Moon Farm is our home. We personally own 2 ½ acres, about 1 ½ of this is farmed and includes our greenhouse and hoop houses. The Farm owns another adjacent 9 acres and we lease another 24 neighboring acres, which includes the farm intern house located across the street from the home farm. The farm recently leased another 60 acres at a remote location (connected to a Waldorf school) about 20 minutes away. The students come to participate in the farm some in the fall and we are continuing to develop this relationship with the school. Aspen Moon is the steward for a total of 99 acres, of which about 25 is cultivated in crops. This is a lot and takes a fair amount of organizing and flexibility. We have a great team of returning staff that are part of the AMF family. We used to go to 3 farmers markets per week, but in the change during COVID we were able to transition to a 1150 member CSA (up from 250 last year) and we started an online store and upgraded our roadside Farm Stand. We do a little wholesale also. All of our crops are started from seeds we plant. We grow some of our own seeds and then plant those seeds for the full circle! We grow and sell certified organic starter plants to gardeners in the spring, continuing through the season with a great diversity of veggie crops including berries, and finishing up the fall heavy with storage crops including our own heirloom cornmeal, popcorn, and heritage wheat. We love to farm and are passionate about being part of growing the local food community. We are dedicated to the Biodynamic method. We have been small business owners for over 20 years (previously we did landscaping and building). We farm because we love it, but also because we have the need and desire to have a profitable business. This is important and provides sustainability. Our goal is for interns to observe the entire operation of a small farm from, the more obvious, plant care to, the less obvious, marketing, record-keeping, management, trouble-shooting, and the occasional harvesting broccoli in the dark because there was a lot more than you expected under that row cover. Interns may not be directly involved in all aspects of the farm work, but will be present to see everything. Every year we have some great returning staff and we have learned that it is the WHOLE family of staff along with a positive working environment that makes the Farm awesome.

Description: You must be interested in, and support, organic agriculture. This position requires the ability to work independently, while maintaining good communication with the owners. The position requires flexible scheduling depending on the needs of the farm. This position is not directly related to the main operations, which is organic vegetable production, but indirectly supports the whole farm organism. Because of the nature of the work and the flexibility required, this position comes with on farm housing - living on the farm is a requirement. Details to be discussed.

Primary responsibilities:
* manager small herds of livestock: cows, sheep, chickens
* manage trucks, tractors, and equipment
* manage 2 farm properties
* manage irrigation ditches, ponds, and pumps
* support operations

* no tobacco use
* no heavy drinkers
Compensation:
We have 1 opening for a full-time farm manager with on-farm housing, hourly rate is DOE; raises are based on work performance. Utilities and wifi are included.

To apply:
Please send a resume, at least 3 work references, and respond to the following questions:
1. Have you worked on a farm? (if your answer is no, please describe any applicable work experience and explain why you think you would be a good farmer)
2. Describe your farm work experience and list your set of skills.
3. What will you contribute to our farm?
4. When things get hard, what do you do to take care of yourself?
5. What is Biodynamic agriculture to you?
6. Tell us something about yourself that you would like to share.
7. Full legal name, contact information, and birthday

Thank you for your interest in Aspen Moon Farm!
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