



# ASPEN MOON FARM



HYGIENE, CO

*USDA Certified Organic*

## **Post-harvest Crew Leader position for 2021**

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Location: 8020 Hygiene Rd, Longmont, CO 80503 (near Boulder, Colorado)

**Job description:** Crew leader for a crew of 2-6. Duties include some or all of the following: washing veggies, bunching veggies and/or flowers, hydrocooling, quality control, weighing, sorting, record keeping, washing and sanitizing equipment, preparing for CSA and markets, CSA pack line, following FSMA protocols, harvest, and possibly some field work. Also works semi-independently to assist Packhouse Manager with solo packhouse work, organization, processing food and/or flowers for markets and CSA, packing wholesale orders, and inventory management. Work will be primarily in our semi-indoor packhouse, plus occasional field work when regular packhouse duties are completed.

The post-harvest crew leader position is a key role at AMF due to our heavy focus on market farming. While many people associate farming primarily with planting, weeding, and harvesting, during some parts of the year we spend half of our time on post-harvest handling and processing. We have a reputation in our community for selling high-quality, clean, consistent, good-looking vegetables, a standard which you will play an important role in maintaining. We grow a few hundred different varieties of diverse open-pollinated vegetables, flowers, and grains, many of them heirloom/heritage varieties. If you are a fast-paced, detail-oriented person who appreciates and can take pride in diverse Organic vegetables and/or flowers, this could be the job for you.

Pay \$15-17/hr based upon experience. Work schedule will be 5 days/week M-F 8-12 hrs/day plus up to 2 Saturday farmers markets/month in peak season.

**Work Experience/Skills Desired:** Must have at least 1 year experience with produce and/or flowers (such as at a farm or grocery store), leadership role strongly preferred. Similar packhouse or inventory management experience may be considered. Must have high awareness of what's happening nearby, high attention to detail, proficiency at basic veggie math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, percentages), good memory, good leadership skills, ability to give good constructive on-the-job feedback to crew, positive attitude, ability to pace oneself and the crew, excellent daily communication with managers/owners, ability to work independently with various levels of supervision, ability to work at a fast pace in between being interrupted by other needs, and flexibility for changing harvest needs. Must be able to work long hours in all kinds of weather and be able to lift 50lb+. Must be able to commit to the full season of April- November. Must have a working cell phone for work communication. Bilingual a plus.

**A little about the Farm:** Jason and Erin (along with our 3 kiddos) started Aspen Moon Farm in 2009 with ½ acre and it has grown little by little. Now AMF is the steward for a total of 99 acres (some owned, some leased). This farm was started from scratch with a ton of hard work, creativity and a little bit of crazy! Oh yes, and with heavy support from farm loans through the Department of Agriculture and grants from NRCS. 25 acres are in full cultivated crops- diverse veggies, berries, culinary herbs, flowers, and heritage grains. 2 greenhouses, 2 Hoop houses, small herds of cows, sheep, a chicken flock, and a

bit of hay production round out the rest of the acreage with room for good buffer zones and insectaries. Part of the farm is at a remote location (connected to a Waldorf school) about 20 minutes away which allows for good crop rotation and an interesting diversity of work and land. Additionally, the children from the school come to participate in the Farm some in the Fall and we are continuing to develop this relationship. Diversity of crops and land is a great asset and takes a great amount of organizing and flexibility. We have some great returning staff that are part of the AMF *family*. We currently have a 900 member CSA, a seasonal roadside Farmstand, and plan to attend 1 weekly Farmers Markets (we did 3/week pre-Covid). All of our crops are started from seeds we plant. We grow and sell certified organic starter plants 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 are growing our own seed as much as possible and continue to increase our seed production every year. 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 17 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. We are located close to the city of Longmont and Boulder, though our farm has a nice rural setting in the St. Vrain Valley, minutes away from the Rocky Mountain foothills. We hope to again offer a weekly staff lunch (pending covid conditions) made with veggies from the Farm to nourish us all while we give so much.

**To apply:**

Please send a resume, at least 3 work references (preferably the direct supervisor/owner of your last 3 jobs), and respond to the following questions:

1. Describe your farm work experience and list your set of skills.
2. What will you contribute to our farm?
3. When things get hard, what do you do to take care of yourself?
4. What is Biodynamic agriculture to you?
5. Tell us something about yourself that you would like to share.
6. Full legal name, contact information.

Thank you for your interest in Aspen Moon Farm!  
Jason Griffith and Erin Dreistadt