

Work opportunities at Blue Moon Community Farm



Come experience a small, diversified organic farm on Madison's southern edge. We are a CSA and market farm outside of Stoughton, WI growing high-quality vegetables, pastured pork and turkeys for our local community. In 2012 our CSA has 100 members, and a weekly Saturday market consumes the balance of our 5.5 acres of vegetables. On this scale, we are very much a labor-intensive farm. Aside from tillage and some cultivation, all of our field work is done by hand, and there's lots of it. Employee work is focused on field production and harvesting, washing, and packing vegetables. Opportunities to work with our livestock are also possible for full-time employees.

What you can offer:

We are looking for employees who have a strong work ethic, are focused and observant, and work compatibly in a fast-paced environment. The work is physically challenging and often uncomfortable—we expect our employees to be in good physical health. Farm work is production work—the farm makes money by quickly and efficiently growing and harvesting our crops. We expect employees to strive for speed and efficiency while maintaining high quality. Our small but mighty crew must work well together, but employees must also have the self-motivation and drive to work alone productively as well. Punctuality, preparedness, and flexibility are a must. Our Assistant Farmer position requires a minimum of 2 years of vegetable farm work experience. While experience is helpful for our other positions, it is not necessary.

We also rely on our employees to staff our Farmers Market stand occasionally (more often if desired) at the Westside Community Market in Madison (Saturdays, April-November).

In 2012 we are hiring **1 full-time Assistant Farmer, 1 full time Field Worker, and 1-2 part-time employees.**

Season Length:

Full-time work begins in May, with part-time hours in April available. Full-time work ends at the end of October, with part-time hours potentially available in Nov-Dec.

Part-time employee start dates are flexible—as early as May 1 or as late as June 1. Part-time work ends at the end of October.

Hours: Assistant Farmer, 7:30am-4:30pm M-F (42.5 hrs/wk); Full time Field worker 8am-4:30pm (40 hrs.wk); Part-time hrs and days will vary, minimum of 20 hrs/wk

Lunch: 30 minutes

Compensation: Commensurate with experience starting at \$9/hr. Full-season employees also receive vegetables and a \$100 meat purchase credit.

What Blue Moon can offer:

Through field work, employees gain experience in all aspects of field production of over 40 different crops. Specifically, you will learn seeding, transplanting, weeding, and harvesting efficiency; Many larger one-time projects such as fencing, trellising, building; and post-harvest handling techniques on a small-scale operation.

In addition, the Assistant Farmer will be trained in supervising other staff, greenhouse management, irrigation, and harvest management. Tractor work will be integrated as the season progresses.

How to apply:

If interested, please submit a resume and 2 work-related references to:

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