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# New Morning Farm

Pennsylvania



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## About the Placement:

### Detailed Placement Description

Highly diversified organic vegetable farm, growing 25 acres of vegetables and herbs each year. We have incredible farmers markets each week, and all our production efforts are directed at these markets. We use multiple scales of production on one farm, expansive field production for sweet corn, all the way down to permanent mulched beds for our smallest herb patches. We've tractors and cultivation equipment, and hand tools and use the best tool for the job striving for efficient and effective work. Stewards will be participating in a team of apprentice managers. Our apprenticeship program for vegetable growers is well established, each person is trained in areas of responsibility and then we work as a team to get everything done. Each crop and job has a mentor to train in our systems, our decision making, and support manager through the unexpected. Typically an apprentice would have 3-5 crops and 3-5 jobs to lead throughout the season.

### Primary Production :

Herbs, Poultry, Vegetables

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## About the Internship:

### Training Hours:

50 hours/week for NLP Steward, 40 for SAGE Steward



### **Training Expectations :**

Our apprentices spend considerable time on jobs such as planting, transplanting, pest and weed control, harvesting, packing, and selling our produce at our farmers markets in Washington, D.C. However, their primary role is assisting in management of crops, equipment and marketing. Each spring we sit down as a group to divide up the tasks and crops(click to read!). Every apprentice manages from one to six of our 30+ crops, and becomes responsible for monitoring the crop's progress in the field, and the harvesting, storage, and marketing of the crop-see these guidelines for crop managers(click to read!). Each apprentice also takes on other aspects of managing the farm, such as a managing the greenhouse, running a weekly market and/or monitoring irrigation. We believe in learning by doing, but there are built-in systems and oversight to make sure that everything is running as smoothly as possible. Besides on-the-job training, we take time for discussions and seminars on topics of interest to apprentices. Our crew normally makes several visits to other nearby farms for learning purposes.

### **On-Site Training, Steward's primary activities :**

Cultivation of organic vegetables and working retail farmers market stand in Washington DC.

### **Climate and Location Description**

We are very rural in the appalachian mountains surrounded by green forests, with no access to public transportation. If the steward happens to have a drivers license, we have a vehicle available for use. If no drivers liscense we work together to go to the grocery store/errands, and activities off the farm. We go back and forth to Washington DC several times a week, so that is a great way to hop on public transportation, get groceries, etc. Our climate has summer (hot and often humid), winter(frozen, icy and snowy), spring(can be frozen or warm and flip flop back and forth), and fall (sometimes hot, sometimes cold, maybe a bit less humid than summer). We generally expect weekly rains, but each year varies, sometimes drought, sometimes too much rain.

**Compensation :**

We provide free housing on the farm, private bedroom and shared living spaces, fully equipped kitchen, living room, bathroom, laundry., Free, daily food

**Accommodations and amenities provided :**

We provide all-inclusive room and board, which includes rent and utility free housing (except for wifi internet service) in shared housing in one of five nearby houses we rent or own, or in one of three private, one-person cabins with shared cooking and bathroom facilities, plus groceries and all the fresh produce you can eat. To encourage longer-term commitment to the farm, returning apprentices enjoy a raise each year, and a month's paid (winter) vacation, along with increasing responsibilities and improved housing. Next Level Stewards may receive a higher stipend — to be determined.

**Preferred start date :**

March-April

**Preferred length of internship :**

7-12 months, season winds down in November, but we harvest and market year round

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