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Placements Available March 2010

We encourage qualified applicants interested in any of the following placements to send their complete applications. We look forward to hearing from you!

LIVESTOCK PLACEMENTS

Goat Dairy and Cheesemaking (12 months, Maine) A family goat dairy with a herd of 125 goats provides a hands-on opportunity to develop skills in animal health and nutrition, kidding, milk production, cheesemaking, and equipment operation and maintenance. Farm produces award-winning chevre and feta cheeses. Housing, stipend, and cultural opportunities provided. Winters are cold!

Goat Dairy and Cheesemaking (12 months, Oregon) A herd of 60 goats on a small family farm with a cheesemaking operation. Learn everything from herd health management to milking, safety, sanitation, cheesemaking (chevre and washed-rind cheeses), laboratory analysis, pasteurization, packaging and shipping. Location is very rural and isolated, on the stunning Oregon Coast. Mild summers and winters; rainy. Housing and stipend provided.

Swine Breeding and Production (12 months, Illinois or Minnesota) For trainees with interest and previous experience in pig production. Trainees will have an opportunity to gain on-farm experience in all areas including: farrowing, weaning, nursery, grow/finish, breeding, supervision and others. Stipend and housing provided, or hourly wage provided.

AGRICULTURE PLACEMENTS

Beef Cattle and Crops (8 months, South Dakota) This 7000-acre ranch in north-central South Dakota offers the opportunity to work with a herd of 400 beef cattle, raise crops of: corn, spring wheat, oats, alfalfa, sunflowers, barley, and soybeans, and participate in a custom harvest operation of about 30,000 acres of wheat, oats, barley, flax, canola, corn, sunflowers and soybeans. Beef management includes feeding and care of cattle, calving, pasture management, marketing, and record-keeping. Crop production includes seeding, weeding, fertilizing, soil testing, etc. Machinery to be operated includes combines, John Deere tractors, balers, sprayers, air seeders, and more. Thorough training in machinery operation is provided. Housing and wage provided.

Organic Vegetable and Herb Farm (8 months, California) For those who enjoy a very rural, rustic lifestyle, this five-acre organic farm offers an opportunity to enhance your ability to think like a farmer, while learning the nuances of farming on a small and intensive scale. Twice weekly trips to farmer's markets on the northern California coast. From greenhouse, to sowing, to cultivating, to harvesting, to market and delivery, you will experience the essence of a small organic farm. Rustic living accommodations and stipend provided.

HORTICULTURAL PLACEMENTS

Ornamental Tree/Shrub Nursery (12-months, Oregon) This well-established internship program provides hands-on training in production, propagation, pest management, shipping and all activities associated with wholesale growing of ornamental trees and shrubs (bare root and container production) at one of the nations largest wholesale nurseries. Location is near Oregon's largest city, Portland. Interns are housed together on site. Hourly wage provided.

Tree Fruit Research (7 months, Washington) Train with expert scientific researchers in the world-renowned fruit-growing region of Washington state. Work in the apple, pear, and cherry orchards collecting and analyzing data on fruit crops. Research topics include: crop load management, heat stress protection, rootstock evaluation, irrigation strategies, management of physiological disorders and field testing of new agricultural technologies. Housing and wage provided. Up to five positions available.

Retail Garden Center (6-18 months, Oregon) Excellent placement for those interested in a career in garden retail. The host is a high-quality garden center with a knowledgeable staff offering gardening advice, quality plants, landscaping supplies and garden accessories. Trainees will focus on customer service, horticultural and retail business skills. Candidates must possess a high degree of professionalism, excellent English and customer service skills. Hourly wage provided.

Orchard Produce Sales and Marketing (4 placements, March-December) Located in Iowa, this family-owned orchard consists of 22 acres of apples and 3 acres of raspberries, plums, cherries, and pears. They also grow and sell vegetables at local farmer's markets. Interns will participate in preparing and selling produce at the on-site retail facility and at farmer's markets. They will also participate in value-added food processing in the on-site cider mill and bakery. Housing and some meals provided.

Golf Course Maintenance and Turf Management (6-18 months, Pacific Northwest). Train on a professional, U.S. golf course in the stunning Pacific Northwest. Learn maintenance, construction, and turf management. Includes training in turf grass science, pest management, environmental compliance, business and personnel management, water and irrigation technologies, and equipment maintenance and repair. Hourly wage provided.