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Hop Head Farms, LLC is Michigan's premier hop production and processing firm. We have numerous farms located in southwest Michigan. Over 50 acres are currently in production with over 60 acres in preparation for planting in the forthcoming season. The firm is committed to acquiring and developing more acreage to keep up with brewer demand across the globe. The assistant hopyard manager is a recent graduate of Michigan State, and we are seeking interns from MSU interested in getting involved in a blossoming industry for the region.

Students can expect to be fully immersed in the hops production process from first shoot emergence to harvest as well as building new trellises and planting new acreage. The student’s primary responsibility will be working closely under the hopyard manager in the field. Ample instruction and training will be provided to ensure a safe and productive environment. If desired, opportunities will be available to gain experience operating heavy equipment and machinery key for successful production. It is our goal that the student will be well informed on key aspects of hops growing by the conclusion of the internship. These include canopy, fertility, water, and pest management as well as site assessment and development for new acreage. The intern will also have exposure to a state of the art harvest center sourced from Germany and located in Hickory Corners, MI to gain familiarity with post-harvest production processes.

Compensation is $11/hour. Housing will be provided on one of our farms located in Baroda, MI. Students will be responsible for securing transporation. A typical work week is 40 to 50 hours. Expected start date is June 1, 2015. Expected end date is August 15, 2015. These dates are flexible. Opportunities for full-time employment may be available based on job performance and demonstrated commitment.

If interested in a position for the 2015 growing season, please email a resume and brief cover letter to mgura@cerespardners.com. Students are welcome to reach out by phone or email with any questions.