2016 Agronomy Intern
Momence, IL

Van Duren Farms is seeking a motivated summer intern to assist with production and research agronomy duties at their farm in Momence, IL. Van Duren Farms is one of the country’s leading manufacturers and suppliers of natural, conventional and organic, whole-food fruit, vegetable, and herb based specialty ingredients. This position is focused in the farming division, where the intern will assist with day to day agronomic activities and research supporting production of vegetables and herbs for processing.

This is a full time, paid internship. Base hours for the position are Monday to Friday, 6:30am – 4:30pm and Saturdays 6:30am – 12:00pm as needed.

Daily duties include:

- Research plot planting and maintenance including fertility, pesticide, and variety trials.
- Plant tissue and soil sampling in production fields.
- Scouting production fields.
- Completion of a research project catered to the intern’s area of interest.
- Assist with field production activities as needed.

In addition, the intern may be able to:

- Gain exposure to other areas of the farming division.
- Participate in industry field days and the daily farming meeting.
- Visit Van Duren Farms processing facilities in the area.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate would have a background in farming, agronomy, or horticulture, but is not required.

- Seeking Freshmen, Sophomores or Juniors with GPA of 2.75+
- Candidates must be able to work outside for extended periods of time.
- Experience in research or current pesticide applicators license a plus.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience working in a large, progressive specialty crop farm and gain knowledge of agronomic practices and products.

Please send resume to:

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