9 Bean Rows - Farm
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General Description: 9 Bean Rows is a diverse food business located in Suttons Bay, Michigan. A farm, bakery and restaurant help accomplish the company’s mission of increasing the availability of locally grown and handcrafted artisan foods year round. The farm produces a wide variety of seasonal vegetable crops for distribution to CSA members, farmers’ markets, farm-to-school, and the restaurant. The farm is in the process of becoming certified organic and has always used sustainable practices, emphasizing no-till management of the soil and season extension techniques.

Position: Farmhand

Brief Position Description: Farmhands are our farm’s technicians, diligently tending the fields and executing tasks with precision and care. A small team of Farmhands are guided by the Field Manager to execute daily tasks and achieve weekly goals related to vegetable production. Farmhands assist in preparing seedbeds, planting and seeding, managing weeds, making minor irrigation and hooephose repairs, and harvesting. Work may at times be physically strenuous and/or performed in undesirable weather; a worker with good physical health and a steady, positive attitude will perform well in this work environment.

This position is appropriate for individuals interested in food production, regular exercise in the outdoors and the aesthetic of clean fields and beautiful produce. While we will work with farmhands to achieve personal learning goals related to sustainable farming and provide a positive work environment, we must stress that this is foremost a job, that farming is production work, and that the farm earns money only by what is actually produced and sold.

Desired Qualifications:
- Previous farming or gardening experience
- Good physical health; able to lift 50 lbs and work a 10-hour day
- Attention to detail
- Pride in the quality of one’s work
- Ability to clearly communicate

Compensation: Commensurate with experience, beginning at $9-10/hr. Bread and vegetables for personal use.

When: Farmhands are most needed during the traditional growing season, from April to November. However, this is flexible; for example, we understand students will need to return to fall classes in late August. A full-time commitment of several months is desired. The standard work week will be consistent, with four 10-hours days.

To apply: Email a cover letter describing your interest in farming (both in general and specifically with 9 Bean Rows) along with a résumé to farm@9beanrows.com. Upon receiving the email, we will contact you for a preliminary telephone interview, at which time you are encouraged to ask further questions about the position. Applications are welcome at any time. Thank you.

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