Coleman Agriculture, Inc. is a large agricultural enterprise located in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. We are launching our Hops Internship Program for Spring and Summer of 2016. The program is designed to guide students through the growing of hops while allowing them to learn the relationship between hops and beer. This paid position will take the successful candidate through the hops production season. This includes: planting of rhizomes in the field, establishing trellis, understanding both our unique and generally accepted growing practices, and the processing and packaging of hops at harvest. We would like this program to also include a visit with brewers to help understand which characteristics are important to them. The student will also be asked to help collect data to set baselines that help us understand the effects of terroir and agronomy on the many different varieties of hops grown on our farm.

The Willamette Valley is a great place to spend a spring and/or summer. We have a moderate climate that is key to the area’s success in growing over 200 different crops. Oregon, especially the Willamette Valley, has a host of outdoor recreational areas within a few hours of our farms for students to enjoy on weekends.

Coleman Enterprises is a sixth-generation family farm encompassing farmland spread through an area ranging from 35 miles south of Portland to 10 miles southwest of Salem along the Willamette River. The farm covers over 7500 acres of irrigated land. Along with hops we also manage hazelnuts and apple orchards, vegetables for produce and seed, garlic for seed, grass seed production and processing, and nursery stock. We have a dairy that also operates a 1500ac hay farm in Central Oregon. We are excited about the prospect of sharing our years of experience in our hop enterprise with students at OSU. We encourage foreign students to apply as well. We believe that because of the variety of aspects of hop growing incorporated in this program it could be appropriate to a prospective intern working on a major in the schools of Agriculture, Fermentation Science, Environmental Sciences, Chemistry, Botany, or Business.

Deadlines to apply for spring 2016 is February 15th, for summer 2016 the deadline is April 15th. For more information or an application, you may contact:

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