

Position Announcement (11-27-06)

**Replacement Farm Manager
Old Mill Farm Mendocino, CA**

This is a temporary position (6-12 months) beginning in December 2006. Located in Jackson State Forest in rural Mendocino County, 10 miles east of the coast, Old Mill Farm is an off-grid small family farm. Diversified production includes pastured pigs, 25 sheep, a year-round market garden, and a 1-acre vineyard. We are seeking a replacement farm manager to begin as soon as possible, who will work closely with the business manager and garden manager, and have primary responsibility for the maintenance of all farm infrastructures and animal husbandry. Housing, partial board and salary provided.

Specific Duties:

- Maintenance of farm infrastructure, buildings, and equipment including: water systems, solar electric systems, basic indoor plumbing, appliance repair, basic automotive & farm equipment mechanics, etc.
- Management of all aspects of the animal components, including construction of shelter/housing, feeding and feed purchasing, pasture rotations, fencing, transport to slaughter facilities, and sales.
- Tractor operation, using farm implements, trailers, etc.
- Recruitment of seasonal interns and field crews, crew management co-ordination with garden manager.
- Organization of farmers markets activities, restaurant sales, and other marketing activities.
- Extensive planning and recordkeeping of farm activities and budgets. A thorough understanding of small farm economics is essential.

Skills Required:

- Substantial experience in agricultural production & marketing, animal husbandry and vineyard management.
- Knowledge of off-grid technologies including solar electric, water systems, and a wide variety of equipment and power tools.
- Carpentry, construction, mechanics, plumbing, etc: ability to fix just about anything in a pinch.
- Desire to live in a remote setting during a long, wet winter, and, depending on the season, often work longer than a 40 hour week.
- A clean driving record and valid ID/social security card are required.

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