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MAINE ORGANIC FARMERS AND GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Farm Apprentice Program
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(207) 568-4142

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FARMER APPLICATION

Farm Name:	MOFGA Member?
Contact Person:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	Best time to call:
	County:
E-Mail:	Website:
Number of apprentices sought:	

The host farmer online searchable database helps prospective apprentices find farms that match their interests. The next two selections are an integral part to the database.

Farm Type: (Select as many that apply)

- Vegetables/Fruit
- Dairy
- Other Livestock
- Value-added/Processing
- Diverse, integrated crop/livestock
- Nursery Stock
- Educational
- Homesteading

Marketing Strategy: (Select only your primary strategy)

- Community Supported Agriculture
- Other direct-to-customer (Farm Stand, Farmers' Market, Restaurant)
- Wholesale
- Education
- Other

During what time period?

Describe the physical setting of your farm and the nature of the community in which you live (e.g., acreage, woods/fields, buildings, near town/remote area, recreation available, etc.):

Describe your farm operation (e.g., livestock, crops, bees, herbs, forestry work, greenhouse, orchards, building projects, haying, maple sugaring, meat processing, level of mechanization, products made, marketing, dairy, stock dogs, etc.):

Are all your crops organically grown? If not, to what degree are organic methods used on your farm?

Describe the work to be performed and the skills to be learned by an apprentice (*e.g.*, care of livestock, planting, cultivation, harvesting, selling at market, use of equipment, carpentry, food preservation, woods-work, etc.). Please break the season (or months) into 4 major tasks to be performed during each.

What do you expect of an apprentice? (*e.g.*, hours to be worked in a day, days to be worked in a week, heavy physical labor, time off, etc.):

Explain how you intend to provide instruction and training to an apprentice (*e.g.*, work along with the apprentice, demonstration, apprentice working alone, training “classes,” reading to be done, extent of supervision by yourself or others, etc.):

Are you a full-time farmer? If not, describe what other occupation(s) you have:

Can you pay a stipend or a wage in addition to providing room and board?
If so, what are you offering and under what conditions? (*i.e.*, experience level, duration of commitment, graduated scale)

Do you require a prospective apprentice to visit your farm before a final arrangement is made?

Do you require a trial period?

Explain the room and board arrangements (*e.g.*, would the apprentice live with the family, live apart but eat with the family, are there young children, what household duties would the apprentice share, are a vegetarian household, would you provide vegetarian meals, are there rules about smoking/drinking/drugs, are there any other important considerations?):

Describe yourself, your family, background, farming experience, philosophy, goals & interests:

Are you interested in participating as a mentor and/or host farmer in MOFGA’s Journeyperson program for advanced training in organic farming?

References

Former apprentice reference

email

phone

Former apprentice reference

email

phone

Personal reference

email

phone

Please return your completed application with the \$25 fee (\$35 for non-MOFGA members) to: MOFGA Apprenticeship Program, P.O. Box 17, Unity, ME 04988 or email (preferred method) to education@mofga.org. Thanks!

MOFGA Apprenticeship Program
Farm Synopsis Form

Please write a synopsis of your farm in 50 words or so. This synopsis will be posted on MOFGA's website, and is an important way that you will "advertise" your farm to prospective apprentices.

Consider including information about the following when writing your synopsis:

1. Location of your farm,
2. Number of acres under cultivation,
3. Scale - farmstead or market grower,
4. Methods of marketing - farm stand, CSA, farmers' market,
5. Livestock - yes or no,
6. Livestock - major kinds,
7. Major crops of particular interest - small fruits, herbs, orchard, grain,
8. Power used - tractor, draft, hand tools,
9. Alternative power on premises - solar, wind.

Please try to be as concise as possible. *Name, address and phone are for office use only.* Only the actual synopsis with a reference number will be posted on the web.

Farm Name:

Synopsis:

Please make sure that your synopsis is included when you send your application and check. Your application will not be processed without it. Thank you!
