Greendale Farm LLC
Intern Program

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Greendale Farm is a multi-species livestock operation including creamery and dairy. Beef, lambs, hogs, hens and broilers – everything is pasture raised and follows the principles and methods of Poly Face Farm, Joel Salatin. We are a Certified Naturally Grown farm. You can get a peek by looking at an out of date website www.greendalefarm.com

About the Program

Work experience for students on the farm will include field operations:

• MIG – cattle and sheep
  o Daily moving from paddock to paddock – you will learn to judge the pasture and build the temporary paddocks to suit the needs of animals
• Broilers and Hens – are moved weekly, sometimes bi-weekly depending on their needs and weather conditions. Daily feeding and egg collection, cleaning and packing
• Hogs – are moved monthly and you will need to take time to set up the next rotational paddock. They are located in the woodland areas of the farm
• Dairy – assist with dairy duties
  o Getting the jersey-girls up and ready for milking twice per day
  o Assist the dairy manager/owner where required, quietly and calmly
  o Clean up and readiness for the next milking. Note this is a small heard 10-16 milking cows
• Creamery
  o Collection of milk from dairy and transport to creamery
  o Assist cheese-maker with unloading milk into the VAT (pump system)
  o Assist with cheese making
    ▪ VAT work
    ▪ Brine or salt-rubbing
    ▪ Waxing
    ▪ Storage and aging
    ▪ Cutting and vac-packing
• General farm maintenance and management
  o Tractor driving, truck and stock trailer driving, pasture establishment and maintenance, fish and seaweed application, compost preparation and spreading and farm landscape maintenance for fence lines – electric.
• Farmers Markets – preparation and selling and deliveries to Metropolitan buying groups.
You will learn what it takes to make the farm a successful business operation – sales and marketing, operations, bottom-line numbers. We aim to improve the land, to be good stewards of the animals, to create the best cheese we can every time. You will learn this and more during the internship.

Farming is not for sissies - long hours of often repetitive work and it’s all physical. Come ready to learn and contribute – treat it as your own, what you put in you will take out and – it’s cheaper than paying your own mortgage, stock and feed accounts for now!

Ideally students should be keen to follow careers in sustainable farming and management, and will find this experience valuable and enlightening.

**Remuneration, board and lodging**

Each student will receive a stipend during their period of internship. Accommodation will be available at no or minimal charge and the stipend will reflect this. Food is not provided, but there is an allowance for on-farm produce – beef, lamb, pork, chicken, eggs, milk, cheese. Students must provide their own transportation for shopping and off farm recreation. The farm does not allow the use of tobacco.

Interested students are requested to submit their applications as early as possible. Students should include the following:

- Letters of recommendation from a department member or advisor,
- A letter of recommendation from a non-family member who knows you in a non-professional setting,
- Copy of latest college transcripts indicating subjects taken,
- An essay explaining your reasons for wanting to attend this internship, and your future career objectives,
- A resume or C.V. reflecting any previous job experience, with references.

**Location:** 4410 Lower Apalachee Road, Madison, GA 30650. We are due south of Athens (15-20 miles)

**Insurance:**
You will be insured to work on the farm, however there is no other safety net like medical insurance, sick leave or dental insurance…you will need to provide for this.

**Hours of Work**
Working hours are varied, but are usually 8am-5pm. Core work days are Tuesday – Saturday from early to late, with several rest periods throughout the day. There will be 1 week paid vacation during this time. Sunday and Monday are is your “weekend”. You will need to be flexible…sometimes you may need to work 7-10 days in a row for some
reason, but the time off will either be given later or financially compensated, but these are very few and far between.

**Ask Questions**
Make sure you understand your instructions. If you are in any doubt, clarify. If you are not sure how a job is done ask how to do it. You are here to learn and the quickest way to find out is by asking.

**What to bring:**
1. Computer
2. Several sets of work clothes
3. A good pair of work boots
4. Knee-high, rubber muck boots
5. A cap or hat
6. A good warm, waterproof jacket for use on the ATVs
7. Rain gear
8. Sunscreen and sunglasses
9. A ‘Leatherman’ pocket-knife in a belt pouch
10. Alarm clock
11. Flashlight
12. A “can do” attitude

**Contact us**

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Thank for your interest.