

MOCKINGBIRD HILL FARM

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**General information-** Our farm is under construction as far as hoop house construction is concerned. The farm land has been in my family since revolutionary days and is composed of planted pines and hardwoods, two large creeks and pasture land. The homestead is comprised of one large farmhouse, a brick home, several old chicken houses and various small buildings. The current plan is to get hoop houses up and running, then to add a chicken house suitable to provide roosting for chickens, to develop fruit orchard possibly near the current pecan orchard and to incorporate blueberry orchards and mushroom forest. Planning the grounds around a permaculture design is the intent. Markets for veggies include our local farmers market which sells to CSAs and to Harmony Crossing at Lake Oconee, Eatonton, GA. An agritourism plan is in mind for the farm to incorporate the history of the farm.

**Work Experience requirements-** Hardworking, interested individuals with a good work ethic and a “can do” attitude is what I am looking for. A knowledge of horticulture and sustainable practices is desired. If not experienced, then an ability to find out, by networking or research and plan for the future would be desirable.

**Educational opportunities-** To learn all of the aspects of organic farming in middle Georgia, from planning to implementation, record keeping, crop production, crop planning. The owner is a beginner and has taken classes, willing to make mistakes as long as learning is accomplished by both parties!

**Expectations-** Intern is expected to work a minimum of 6 hour days in order to plan and implement especially through the growing season. Some Saturdays are required. Again, a positive attitude and a willingness to plan, research, ask questions and enjoy surroundings in a respectful manner is key.

**Remuneration-** Depends on the interns abilities and eagerness to grow

**Meals-** One meal per day or more if work day is long

**Housing-** There is one guest room available. It is a three season room, currently the electricity is not connected but the plan is to turn on some time in mid summer.