



# ASPEN MOON FARM

HYGIENE, CO

## Field Manager

*The mission of Aspen Moon Farm is to feed as many people as much high-quality delicious nutritious organic and biodynamic local food as possible; while continuing to build active soil-life through crop rotation, livestock rotation, and on-farm composting.*

Description: Got vegetable equipment experience? We need you! We have a beautiful established field ready for another full season of veg and heritage grain production. Come join us in a positive work environment. Must be interested in, and support, organic agriculture. This position requires the ability to work independently, while maintaining good communication with the owners, managers and other team members. We have a large CSA, Farm stand, and Farmers Market and a great supportive to community to feed. The position requires flexible scheduling depending on the needs of the farm. Typical work week is 5-6 days per week, 10 or more hrs per day. The typical season has already begun and runs through November.

### Requirements:

- Minimum 3 years experience in a leadership role on a Farm.
- Minimum 3 years experience operating Farm Tractors and implements.
- Experience with Farm irrigation, pumps, ponds etc.
- You must be a Farmer. This is not for the Novice....
- Ability to work seasonally....

### Primary responsibilities:

- Manage a crew of 3-6 team members at times, with the help of another crew leader
- Manage a 60 acre farm with 20 acres in mixed vegetable, flowers and grains.
- Manage the equipment, trucks, tractors at that Location.
- Manage the Irrigation, ditch, ponds and pumps at that Location.

### Compensation:

The position pays \$18-\$20/hr, plus 1 week paid vacation plus a CSA share

A little about us: Owners Jason and Erin started Aspen Moon Farm as a small family farm in 2009 with 3 young children in tow. The Farm has grown little by little into what is now quite a prominent part of the local community. It is now the team of all Aspen Moon staff (aka Family) that makes the Farm rock-n-roll. Every person along with their dedication and attention to detail is an essential part of the day to day success of the Farm. Aspen Moon is the steward for a total of 99 acres, of which about 25 is cultivated in crops. We currently have a 900+ member CSA, a lively seasonal outdoor roadside Farmstand, and plan to attend a weekly Saturday Farmers Market in Boulder (we used to do 3 markets/week pre-covid). This is a lot and takes a significant amount of organizing and flexibility, and requires a significant amount of administrative work by owners Jason and Erin. The Farm is a combination of owned and leased land; 36 acres are located in Hygiene where the intern houses are and 63 are about 20 minutes away in Niwot (connected to a Waldorf School). The students come to participate in the Farm some in the Fall and we are continuing to develop this relationship with the

school. All of our crops are started from seeds we plant. We grow some of our own seeds and then plant those seeds for the full cycle of life! We grow and sell certified organic starter plants to gardeners in the Spring, continuing the season with great diversity of veggie crops including berries, and finishing up the Fall heavy with storage crops including our own heirloom cornmeal, popcorn, and heritage wheat. We love to farm and are passionate about being part of growing the local food community. We are dedicated to the Biodynamic method.

We have been small business owners for over 17 years (previously we did landscaping and building). We farm because we love it, but also because we have the need and desire to have a profitable business. This is important and provides sustainability. Our goal is for interns to observe the entire operation of a small farm from, the more obvious- plant and crop care, to the less obvious: marketing, record-keeping, management, trouble-shooting, adapting to a seasonal schedule, and the occasional harvesting into the cold darkening hours before a big storm. Interns may not be directly involved in all aspects of the farm work, but will be present to see everything. Every year we have some great returning staff and we have learned that it is the WHOLE family of staff along with a positive working environment that makes the Farm awesome.

Please send a resume, at least 3 work references (preferably the direct supervisor/owner of your last 3 jobs), and respond to the following questions:

1. Describe your farm work experience and list your set of skills.
2. What will you contribute to our farm?
3. When things get hard, what do you do to take care of yourself?
4. What is Biodynamic agriculture to you?
5. Tell us something about yourself that you would like to share.
6. Full legal name, contact information.

Thank you for your interest in Aspen Moon Farm!

Jason Griffith and Erin Dreistadt

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