

Multi-species integrated sustainable farm expanding their organic gardens seeks paid interns for the 2017 growing season and possible long-term employment, joint venture or partnership opportunities.

Housing provided. Married couples welcomed.

Be Whole Again Farm is a non-certified organic 40 acre farm (plus 15 leased acres) located in Excelsior Springs, MO, 30 minutes NE of Kansas City. The farm has previously centered around animal production, producing 100% grass-fed raw milk, grass-fed beef, pastured pork, & eggs from free-range hens. We have been building fertility in our gardens for 6 years and have a high-tunnel and are almost done constructing a new greenhouse for starting plants. We grew heirloom tomatoes in the tunnel for 2 years, but we have not had the man-power to consistently maintain and grow in the other beds. We are hoping to find the right party to manage the gardens for a produce CSA for the whole 2017 growing season, assist in establishing a perennial medicinal herb garden, and potentially staying on as a permanent joint-venture partner with our expanding farm to assist in rolling out a garden-based youth mentorship and educational program.

Owners, Scott and Rachel Moser, ran a home theater and automation business in Utah for 12 years before re-locating their family to Excelsior Springs, MO in early 2011 to start the farm from scratch. The Mosers had always intended the farm to be the home of their holistic health and life-coaching business, integrated with a youth mentorship and community education facility. The gardens were always meant to be the center-piece of the farm, but the dairy side of the business demanded the most resources. After spending nearly 6 years building infrastructure and creating a strong client-base for their food products, the property is nearly ready to launch Whole Academy in the newly constructed dairy barn, classroom, and commercial kitchen facilities. And the garden soil is bursting with fertility and microbiology!

We strive to grow with minimal tillage, deep mulch, permaculture, organic practices.

Whole Academy will educate local teens in the “Be Whole Again” life coaching model which will integrate the cooperative completion of gardening chores into the learning. Through effective completion of chores, teens will also earn points toward discounts on other classes (art, music, english, math, sports, etc), fun activities, and clothes donated to our “Community Closet”.

To expand into Whole Academy, it is now time to bring in more man-power to help run the daily operations of the farm and our twice weekly deliveries to customers in Kansas City, and have enthusiastic mentors to work with the youth of Whole Academy.

We need to hire 2-3 individuals--1 (or a couple) who are more interested in the dairy side of the business, and one who will be responsible to manage the garden. All will also assist with marketing, sales, and delivery of products. There will many opportunities to potentially take on their own additional ventures (bread-making, mushrooms, medicinal herbs, etc.) as we launch into the exciting new phase of Whole Academy. The garden position will begin as a paid internship for the 2017 growing season and the dairy positions are for a minimum of 6 months. Those individuals who are a good fit for long-term employment and ongoing joint venture relationships will be invited to stay.

We are looking for long-term business relationships with people that can eventually take over full management of all agricultural aspects of the farm, so we can focus on expanding our life coaching business to multiple niches. In essence, you will have the chance to run the farm as your own, without having to go through the expensive, stressful, deep learning curve of starting your own farm from scratch. But we have a very clear vision that guides the overall “why” and some of the “how” we do things here.

Individuals should be passionate about sustainable/organic agriculture, healthy eating, holistic lifestyles, and making a difference in the world.

Must have excellent work ethic and physical stamina, be a fast learner, self-starter, problem-solver, attentive to detail, work well in a team and on their own, strong leadership and management skills, able to closely track and analyze input costs and profits, and able to take and give correction.

We are especially interested in those with a degree or certificate from the College of Agriculture and Life Science, especially Agribusiness, Animal Science, Applied Plant Science, Public Health Education, or a degree in Business Management.

We have a trailer on the property with 3 bedrooms, a bathroom, and “family room” and meals can be prepared in the commercial kitchen in the barn.

In addition to learning farm and business skills, you will also be taken through our life coaching program, which will integrate throughout the Whole Academy model as we bring in youth for you to work with side-by side. You will also have the opportunity to teach additional classes in areas of personal expertise (cooking, health, music, art, athletics, math, english, foreign language, etc.).

In addition to being responsible to assist with all aspects of garden planning, growing, and harvesting, you may occasionally be asked to help with other aspects of the farm, including:

- *Milking 10-12 cows each morning. (Calves nurse their dams all day, and are separated at night, so we only milk once per day.)

- *Feeding pigs, chickens, cows, guard dogs, etc.

- * Refreshing animal bedding

- *Moving electric fence each day for rotational grazing

- *Growing barley grass fodder as animal feed.

- *Washing milk jars in dishwasher

- *Bottling milk

- *Making yogurt, butter, cheese.

- *Pulling meat orders for the delivery

- *Delivery of products to weekly drop points, sales, customer service

- *Maintenance and construction of facilities

- *Tractor work/mowing

- *Mechanical work

- *General projects and clean-up on the farm home and property.

- *Marketing, website maintenance, email campaigns.

- *Filming and editing videos of farm and Whole Academy activities

- *Community Outreach

This is an exciting opportunity for personal development, hands-on agricultural experience, and to be part of a growing small business. We hope to create a tight-knit, supportive community for those who wish to join us on this creative journey.

40 hours per week. Only basic chores are done on Sundays, and we will rotate who has to help Sunday mornings or Saturday mornings each week so you have at least 1 day off with no work at all.

Please email your resume and a letter explaining your interest and past experience to rachel@BeWholeAgain.com. Following a review of your resume and letter, we will provide details

about pay and housing/food benefits. We will also provide you with links to some videos about our coaching model and overall philosophy, and a tour of the farm and facilities.

Qualified candidates will be interviewed via Google Hangout/Skype. Because candidates will be living on our property, and involved in DAILY, close interaction with our whole family, including our 6 children ages 3-17, it is vital that all parties feel it is a good fit. Candidates who are chosen will be given a 1 week trial period working on the farm to allow both parties to determine if it is a solid fit. If it is a good fit, the expectation is that the garden intern will stay for the whole 2017 growing season.

Start date ASAP for those who wish to learn the animal production side. Ideally no later than January 15, 2017 for the garden intern, and you will help with general farm chores until the garden season picks up to full swing.

www.BeWholeAgainFarm.com

816-379-6455

15659 Highway Y

Excelsior Springs, MO 64024