SUMMER JOBS & CAREERS IN FARMING

Have you ever thought about a summer job or even a career in farming? The Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training in southwestern Ontario (CRAFT SW Ontario) is a network of ecological farms that offer hands-on internships for future farmers. There are a number of farms currently accepting applications for interns for the 2019 farming season. If you are not located in southwestern Ontario but still interested in a farming internship, these are available in other areas of Ontario as well through Stewards of Irreplaceable Lands and Ontario Farm Internships.

Would you like to take your interest in farming to the next level? The **Everdale Environmental Learning Centre** in Hillsburgh Ontario (near Orangeville) runs a comprehensive, on farm skills training program where you can earn a Sustainable Farming Certificate. The Sustainable Farming Certificate (SFC) is an intensive, curriculum based program designed to help participants looking to acquire comprehensive food growing skills and explore the world of sustainable local farming. SFC students live and and learn at the organic farm as part of a 32 week program that begins in early April and ends in November. Everdale also offers a Farm Planner course which is a detailed 7 session course offered in Guelph, Ontario.

If you are looking for a more comprehensive education in farming, the **University of Guelph** offers a variety of agricultural courses that allow you to obtain a certificate or work towards undergraduate, graduate or diploma programs in agriculture at three separate campuses. Fleming College in Lindsay, Ontario offers a Sustainable Agriculture Co-op program.

If you are an existing farmer looking to enhance your knowledge, the **Agri-food Management Institute (AMI)** offers an Advanced Farm Management Course designed for Ontario farm business owners who want to elevate their management skills. This program begins in the fall and runs until February. The Transition Smart program offered by AMI provides information on how you can begin food processing on your farm and focuses on skills like marketing, pricing and distribution. A one day Beginning Farmer Workshop is also offered. If you are interested in learning more or have questions, please contact me at the Anishinabek Nation.

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Craft SW Ontario http://craftsouthwestontario.ca/

Ontario Farm Internships http://ontariofarminternships.ca/

Stewards of Irreplaceable Lands https://www.soilapprenticeships.com/about-soil/

University of Guelph Beginning Farmer Workshop https://bdc.ridgetownc.com/takecourse/