

Now hiring for the 2019 season
Find a farm job and study agriculture

Farm Crew Training Program

<https://sierraharvest.org/farmers/farm-crew/>



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Job Summary

Apply now to work on a sustainable farm in Nevada County, CA, and join a cohort of emerging farmers for bi-monthly, advanced Ag Skills classes taught in the field by experts and successful farmers. 1 year of real farming experience required for job placement.

No experience yet? No problem – intern on a farm as a student at Sierra College. Email kalita@sierraharvest.org for more information.

Qualified Farm Crew job applicants are passed on to local farms for hiring for the 2019 season with hourly wage and work schedules determined by individual farms. A tuition fee of \$900 for the program includes placement into a paid farm job, participation in the 15-class Ag production skills class, mentorship throughout the season and regular meetings to assess the season and set learning goals for the year.

To learn more and apply, visit our website: <https://sierraharvest.org/farmers/farm-crew/>

Responsibilities and Duties

Job responsibilities, work schedule, and wages will be determined by individual farms. Full and part time jobs are available. Job responsibilities vary by farm and may include all production aspects of commercial farms producing vegetables, fruit, flowers, eggs, milk and meat. Early mornings and inclement weather to be expected

Farm to Learn: Ag Skills Education

To complete the program, Farm Crew students must attend Ag Skills class every other week from May to November. These classes are taught on a variety of farms by local, farming professionals. Host-farm work schedules allow for class attendance. Learn more about the course here: <https://sierraharvest.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2018-Farm-Crew-Ag-Skills-Course-Calendar.pdf>

With support from Sierra Harvest staff and feedback from host-farms, Farm Crew students set On-Farm Learning Objectives and track progress throughout the season. There are many learning opportunities on a farm and we want to ensure that students are able to focus on distinct areas of their choice.

Qualifications and Skills – Experience & Education: Ideal candidates for Farm Crew are:

- 1) Serious about a career in sustainable farming and ranching,
- 2) Have spent at least 1 full season farming (interested applicants with less experience can apply for a farm-internship through Sierra College. Contact kalita@sierraharvest.org for more info.)
- 3) Prepared to commit to and work hard for a commercial farming operation the entire 2019 season,
- 4) Ready and willing to build community with other Farm Crew members,
- 5) Committed to independent learning.

Benefits

- Assistance finding farm employment on a sustainable farm.
- 15, 3-hour classes focusing on various aspects of sustainable farming methods taught by experienced local farmer owners.
- Guidance and support to set and track on-farm learning objectives.
- Exposure to a diversity of local farms and the opportunity to learn directly from the farmers themselves.
- Have fun and network at Ag related social & community events.

Farm Crew Production Skills Course - Class Topics, 2019

Plant Propagation, Transplants and Green House Management
Field, Soil and Bed Preparation – Getting the Ground Ready for Planting
Best Practices in Row Crop Irrigation
How to Take a Soil Test and Interpret the Results
Identifying Pests, Beneficial Insects and Management Options
Ecological Weed Management, Cultivation and Direct Seeding
Diversified Farming: Livestock Integrated with Field Crops
All about Sales
Small Farm Machine Operation and Maintenance
Cover Crops and Soil Biology
Seed Production and Seed Saving
Crop Planning, Successions and Plant Rotations
Crop Season Extension Ideas