

Bardenhagen Berries/Homestead Hill CSA

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Job Opening: Harvest Crew Member

Background:

Bardenhagen Berries is a 180-acre centennial family farm, located in the heart of Leelanau County. It is well known in the community for producing high quality fruit, particularly strawberries and fresh market sweet cherries. With approximately ten acres of bearing strawberries, thirty acres of cherries (sweet and Balaton), and two+ acres of vegetables and cut-flowers (marketed through our Homestead Hill CSA since 2015), the farm represents an opportunity to learn about both diverse production methods and marketing strategies. Depending on the season, around half of what we grow is marketed and consumed locally through direct sales at farmers markets, our roadside farmstand, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), and local wholesale accounts. Other markets include commercial wholesale (fresh market and processing). A 3600 square foot hoophouse is managed primarily to produce tomatoes and cucumbers during summer and an array of salad greens in spring and fall. The farm utilizes integrated pest management for fruit, and organic growing practices for vegetables and cut flowers. The farm is verified by the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) and is compliant with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). In 2018 a 128-panel solar array was installed to offset 100% electricity of the used on the farm. A team of family, local labor, interns, and migrant seasonal workers are key to the success of the farm.

Description:

The more you pick, the more money you earn! A great job for hardworking, motivated people who can perform physical labor, during varying weather conditions. Strawberry season usually runs for around three weeks from third week of June to first week of July. Work is days usually 7-12 am, and 1-4 pm, 7 days a week. Sundays work is only in morning. Sweet Cherry season usually runs for around three weeks usually starting during the first week of July, ending in early August. Cherry harvest work schedule is usually 7-12 am, and 1-5 pm, Monday-Friday, with Saturdays only 7-12 am. Cherry harvest requires the ability to work on 6-18 ft ladders.

If you are interested in applying to work as a Harvest Crew Member on our farm, please send an email letter to pam.bardenhagen@gmail.com with your interest, background and availability. Suggested application window: January thru March. Or, call 231-271-3026 and leave a voice mail with contact information.