

New Farmers, Gardeners, and Food Activists Wanted



The revival of local organic agriculture is alive and well on the Southcoast. Here are a few of the great organizations that have apprenticeships, internships, summer jobs, and volunteer opportunities focusing on sustainable production and/or farm and garden education. For a list with links to [opportunities beyond](http://opportunitiesbeyond.com) the Southcoast please visit <http://brixbounty.blogspot.com/>.

General questions can be directed to Derek Christianson at Brix Bounty Farm

Brix Bounty Farm - 858 Tucker Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747
ph: 508-992-1868 <http://brixbounty.blogspot.com/>

Founded in 2008, Brix Bounty Farm focuses on the promotion and production of nutrient dense foods. Central to this mission are efforts to improve food security through community projects that increase knowledge and awareness of sustainable production techniques on farms and in backyard and community gardens. Brix Bounty works with local non-profits and community groups to bridge the connection between soil, diet, and health.

Brix Bounty Apprenticeships: Production apprenticeships begin in April/May and run until Sept/Oct. (no housing available) Minimum 10 hour per week commitment. Apprenticeships are unpaid, include access to farm fresh produce, extensive training program, and agricultural mentorship.

Research Opportunities: Join in existing farm research focusing on soil health and nutritional quality or develop your own research project in cooperation with Brix Bounty Farm.

Community Education Internship: Assist in the production of the farm's educational programming on the Southcoast: Know Your Vegetables, Roots Down - New Bedford, and Roots Down - Fall River.

Free monthly Workshops in local areas focusing on small-scale production. Contact the farm for more info.

Dartmouth YMCA/Sharing the Harvest Project - 276 Gulf Road, Dartmouth, MA 02748
ph: 508-993-3361 x13 - www.ymcasouthcoast.org

Community Farm now in its 4th season of production. In 2008, Sharing the Harvest produced more than 15,000 lbs. for hunger relief efforts on the Southcoast. All of the food that is grown on the farm is donated to the Southeastern Massachusetts Hunger Commission. They have a number of different opportunities available for 2009:

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Sharing the Harvest Opportunities (cont.)

Internships: Including a focus on either production or community education (minimum 8 week commitment, 3+ hours per week). Available Spring Semester, Summer, and/or Fall Semester. Internships are unpaid at this time.

Summer Camp Farm Counselor (posting attached as pdf) paid education position from early June until Aug 21.

and general individual and group Volunteer Opportunities are always available and can be arranged by contacting Donna Edberg via phone or email - sharingtheharvest@ymcasouthcoast.org

Volunteer drop in hours for 2009 begin in early April and continue through October: Wednesdays and Saturdays: 9AM - 11AM, Thursdays: 3PM-5PM and after July 1st Mondays 7AM-9AM.

Kettle Pond CSA - 181 Bay View Ave, Berkley, MA, 02779
ph: 508-882-6919 - <http://www.kettlepondfarm.com/>

Organic Farm co-managed by Kelly O'Neill and UMass Dartmouth alum Steve Murray. The farm provides educational programs during the summer months. In addition to running a CSA (community supported agriculture program) they have participated in the UMass Dartmouth Farmers' Market the past 2 seasons.

Apprenticeship Positions available (with housing) for 2009 season. Positions include stipend for NOFA Summer Conference Attendance. For more information please contact the farm.

Southcoast Community Garden Coalition – Information available online early April 2009
<http://www.umassd.edu/sustainability/>

A Regional network of members working to further develop community garden resources on the Southcoast.

Seeking Interns for project management and to help develop resource materials for the coalition.
Contact: Kathleen Christianson, UMass Dartmouth Office of Campus and Community Sustainability
ph: 508-910-6484, kchristianson@umassd.edu for more information.

Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) - One State Bog Road, P.O. Box 569, East Wareham, MA 02538, ph: 508-295-2212 x50 <http://www.umassd.edu/semap/>

Local organization promoting local agriculture with their popular Buy Fresh, Buy Local campaign.

They have an extensive Online Farm Guide listing local farms and where to purchase their products.

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