

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 which have apprenticeships, internships, summer jobs, and volunteer opportunities focusing on sustainable production and/or farm and garden education. For links to opportunities beyond the Southcoast see www.brixbounty.com

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Brix Bounty Farm -www.brixbounty.com 858 Tucker Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747, ph: 508-992-1868

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 March/April and run through October. Minimum ~10 hour per week commitment. Experience and learn about sustainable crop production through a season-long apprenticeship. Our apprenticeship program includes access to farm fresh produce, an extensive training program, and agricultural mentorship. Urban agriculture apprenticeships opportunities may also available. *Note: our paid positions are filled for 2011; but we do have a few part-time positions available.

Brix Bounty Mini-Apprenticeships: Brix Bounty offers mini-apprenticeships for a shorter period of time (6-8 weeks minimum). Mini-apprenticeships are about building skills and knowledge for the participants related to the season. Fresh produce, participation in an extensive training program, and agricultural mentorship are exchanged for labor. Mini-apprenticeships start on a rolling basis throughout the growing season.

Research Opportunities/Internships: Join in existing farm research focusing on food systems, 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 and eastern Massachusetts: Know Your Vegetables, Roots Down - New Bedford, and more.

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

If you are interested in internship or apprenticeship positions at Brix Bounty Farm please contact the farm with an email and short letter of interest.

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

A community farm now in its 6th season of production. In 2010 Sharing the Harvest hosted more than 1500 community volunteers. They have donated more than 70,000 lbs. of fresh produce in their first 5 seasons. All of the food which is grown on the farm is donated to the Southeastern Massachusetts Hunger Commission.

Volunteer and Educational Coordinator Position: Job opening - part-time volunteer and education coordinator. Duties include working with public volunteers and school groups on the farm. Position will be posted in March.

Apprenticeships/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.

Individual and Group **Volunteer Opportunities** are available and can be arranged by contacting Sharing the Harvest, 508-993-3361 or sharingtheharvest@ymcasouthcoast.org

Volunteer Hours for 2011: Mon., Tue., Wed., & Sat 9AM-12PM and Wed 2PM-5PM.

Kettle Pond Farm CSA <http://www.kettlepondfarm.com/>
181 Bay View Ave, Berkley, MA, 02779, ph: 508-822-6919

Organic Farm operating a CSA. The farm also provides educational programs during the summer months.

Apprenticeship Positions available (with housing) for 2011 season. For more info please contact the farm.

Southeast Environmental Education Alliance (SEEAL) <http://www.seeal.org/>
is launching a **Southcoast Conservation Corps (SCC)** in 2011. Crew Leader positions will be available overseeing corps members working along partnering organizations. Information about available SCC positions will be posted to the SEEAL website throughout March and April. The Trustees of Reservations (www.ttor.org) also run a youth corps with an ag. component based at the Town Farm in Westport (Drift Rd.).

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

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

They have an extensive **Online Farm Guide** listing local farms. They also coordinate with Farm Fresh RI to manage a **Land, Jobs, and Stuff Bulletin Board** -<http://groups.google.com/group/landjobsstuff/topics?pli=1>

Note: This is by no means a comprehensive list; just a few of the terrific opportunities focusing on educational and apprenticeship opportunities. Our website (www.brixbounty.com) has a much longer list of links for finding agricultural positions in the Northeast. Updated Mar 2011.