

# Small Ones Farm

## Assistant Farm Manager – 2012

### General Description

Small Ones Farm is 63-acre family-owned farm in South Amherst, MA. We have a 5-acre orchard (apples, peaches, Asian pears, plums), 750 row feet of raspberries (open-air and high tunnel), and .5 acre of melons, pumpkins and garlic. We also press our own apple cider, make our own apple cider vinegar, and we sell pies made with our fruit. We use natural growing methods (holistic and certified through the Certified Naturally Grown program). Our primary sales outlets are our 83-member fruit CSA and our on-farm farm stand. Livestock includes a flock of laying hens, brooding chicks, a 750 lb. pet Yorkshire pig, and a barn cat. Our pig is expecting piglets in February, so we may have 8-10 additional young pigs on the farm this summer. We also run a summer farm camp for young children and host school groups in the fall. We offer community service projects for high school students and college-credit internships in collaboration with UMass, Amherst. Check out our website for more information about our farm- [www.smallonesfarm.com](http://www.smallonesfarm.com). We seek an Assistant Farm Manager to help manage and operate all aspects of production, production control and distribution.

### Specific duties:

- ✓ Orchard maintenance, including thinning, epicormic pruning, tracking insects/disease, mowing.
- ✓ Maintain melon/pumpkin/garlic and berry crops (watering, weeding)
- ✓ Livestock maintenance including care of brooding chicks, laying hens, pig and piglets.
- ✓ Infrastructure repair and maintenance, including construction of high tunnel in spring.
- ✓ Tractor operation.
- ✓ Harvest of all crops.
- ✓ Participate in summer farm camp and school group visits.
- ✓ Assist in planning, preparation and distributions for CSA.
- ✓ Assist in management of farm stand/farm shop operations.
- ✓ Clean up/winterize orchard and farm.
- ✓ Participate in strategic planning and management of farm operations.
- ✓ Supervise college interns and community service groups.

**Dates:** April 1 through December 15, 2012.

**Days/hours:** Monday through Friday, with some Saturdays in the fall during CSA distributions. Hours vary from 40-50/week.

**Application deadline:** February 15, 2012.

**Minimum qualifications:** At least one (preferably 2-3) years of farming experience, preferably organic farming. Values consistent with organic, environmentally sustainable operation, dedicated to high-quality products, and committed customer service. Enthusiasm, initiative, solid interpersonal skills, ability to work independently, ability to supervise and motivate others, and good humor are required. Also required is ability to lift 50 lbs. and valid driver's license. We are a non-smoking farm.

**Wage/Salary/Benefits:** \$1500/mo stipend, farm produce.

**Application requirements:** Please send resume, letter of interest, and names/contact information for 3 references to [smallonesfarm@att.net](mailto:smallonesfarm@att.net). If you have any questions about this position, please contact us via email or at (413) 253-6788. We will contact qualified applicants to schedule a farm visit and interview.