

–Lively Farmer 2025 Season –

The Lively Farm is a woman/queer owned and operated farm in south west Leelanau County. We are a diversified vegetable and flower operation in our 6th year of operation. While we are not organic certified, we follow organic practices and are working to be a no till, regenerative farm that builds the soil and sequesters carbon, while growing nutrient dense foods. We offer CSA shares, have wholesale restaurant accounts, sell at farmers markets, sell to our local food rescue program to distribute local produce to food pantries, and work with our family's "Lively NeighborFood Market" –a venue for ours and many other local producer's produce and goods. This property shares our farm, the market, and also a campground. We also offer flower subscriptions as well as design for special events (mostly weddings).

Part time (15-20 hours/week –full days preferred)
Full Time (30-40 hours/week)
\$14.00/hr entry level // \$18.00/hr 3+yrs experience

Farmers will have weekly and daily check-ins with the farm manager and necessary farm staff. We are happy to share our methods and procedures with our fellow farmers - there is always so much to learn!

Tasks include!

- greenhouse work (set-up, filling trays, seeding, cleaning trays, arranging, inventory, watering, etc)
- field prep work (understanding the system for irrigation set up, composting, broadforking, raking, mulching, mowing, etc)
- transplanting (including application of row cover, sand bag moving, but more importantly proper depth, spacing, snugness, and handling of plants)
- general garden maintenance (weeding, mowing, trellising, hoeing, bug picking, thinning, intercropping, direct seeding, etc.)
- farm maintenance (mowing, organizing, irrigation, fencing, cover cropping, tree planting, etc.)
- harvesting (following direction of the farm manager for proper harvesting, recording weights, storing, packaging, etc.)
- CSA share, wholesale, and market packaging/distribution/organization.
- working the farmer's market (if desired/needed)
- Cutting and harvesting flowers, conditioning and storing flowers. We make bouquets several times/week and do flowers for special events. Floral design work is possible.

Much of the work may be done together. Depending on crew size and crew knowledge tasks may be assigned based on interest or ability. Opportunities to "manage" areas of the farm are available with further discussion!

Housing is available!

***owning a vehicle is preferred, as commuting is necessary.*

Small studio space with communal kitchen. Access to an indoor shower (you could also help us put together an outdoor shower!), washer and dryer, etc.

- Bikes available (lunch break rides down to the lake for swimming are fun)
- Living area is peaceful
- Two dogs live on the property
- 30min drive from Traverse City
- 10mins from Lake Michigan
- 2 minutes from Big Glen Lake

Potential fellow farmer questionnaire:

Why do you want to work on our farm?

Or - Tell me about what you know about northern Michigan/ Leelanau County?

Describe your best and worst experiences farming or gardening?

Do you want full time or part time work?

Do you have any limitations such as transportation, childcare, or health concerns that we should be aware of?

What skills, experience, motivations are you bringing with you to this job?

Describe your experience working as a farmer, and/ or your motivations for wanting to be a farmer this summer?

Describe your skills and work ethic that you believe makes you well qualified to be a farmer?

Do you have questions for us about this job?

What are you excited about?

What concerns do you have?

References (names, titles, phone numbers and your relationship to this person)

- 1.
- 2.
3. (optional!)

Attach Resume if it seems applicable to this application.