

# YOUNG AGRARIANS ALBERTA APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



Are you an aspiring farmer looking to gain skills and knowledge that match the ecological values you hold? Are you feeling the farming bug, but not quite ready to take the plunge and launch your own business? Young Agrarians, Organic Alberta and our network of exceptional mentor farmers are now offering advanced, hands-on apprenticeships in regenerative agriculture. Participants with a serious interest, curiosity and commitment to full-time farming are invited to apply.

Our apprenticeships are a full immersion program that puts you into the heart of running a farm business, day in and day out. Our carefully selected family of farm mentors have diverse expertise and skill sets – their farm philosophy is guided by a holistic framework that recognizes the connectedness of the land and people. Although farm activities will be different on each farm, the core activities will involve care of soil, pasture and livestock, farm direct marketing, and using sustainable practices for cereal and grain production.

As part of the program, you will also visit other farms that are hosting apprenticeships. This gives you the opportunity to learn from other ecological farmers and make connections with other apprentices in the program.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Locations / Duration:** We have apprenticeship positions near Lac La Biche, Goodfare, Carstairs, Castor, Lethbridge, Grimshaw, and Red Deer, Alberta. Most apprenticeships last 8-12 months, however some farms offer 4-6 month programs. Start dates and end dates will be determined by the host farm and apprentice.

**Hours / Compensation:** Work hours will vary with the season; however, apprentices are prepared to work 6-days a week. Room, board, and stipend packages vary from farm to farm. Housing is safe, secure and internet is available on each farm. Enjoy access to farm fresh food and some shared meals.

**Important Dates:** Applications are now being accepted. Applications are due by **January 20th, 2018**. Confirmation of successful applicants will be in February. Apprentice start dates vary by farm, however are generally April or May 2018.



### Application Process:

STEP 1: Complete the online application (<https://goo.gl/forms/WjvY9ehVWZHdd78B2>)

STEP 2: Next you will be contacted by a program coordinator and asked to provide a resume with 3 references and a personal essay (max 1500 words) describing: "My vision for ecological agriculture"

STEP 3: Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview with the host farm and program coordinators.

Please visit <http://youngagrarians.org/young-agrarian-alberta-apprenticeship-program/> for more information about the program and application process or contact [apprenticeship@youngagrarians.org](mailto:apprenticeship@youngagrarians.org)