

Apprenticeship on a Diversified Farm

James Ranch Eggs & Trees New Agrarian Program

SEEKING FARM APPRENTICE for 7-month position with **James Ranch Eggs & Trees**, a beyond organic, diversified farm in Durango, Colorado. Hands-on, professional training in all aspects of a diversified farming operation focused primarily on laying hens and native spruce trees, but also including a raspberry patch and vegetable garden, animal butchering and processing, food fermentation and other homesteading skills. The JRET apprenticeship will also incorporate opportunities to learn about Holistic Management, pasture management, humane animal care and husbandry, natural veterinary care, direct marketing and farmers' market sales, bookkeeping and successful family/group dynamics. Apprentices also have learning opportunities away from the ranch, including Quivira Coalition's annual conference and restoration workshops. Apprentices quickly become an essential part of the operation; as their knowledge and skill-levels increase, they gain additional responsibilities. Upon graduating, apprentices often maintain ties with both the mentors and the NAP Director, who help identify subsequent opportunities.



Starting in 2013, Julie and John Ott are partnering with Quivira's New Agrarian Program to offer a comprehensive, 7-month professional-training apprenticeship for young people committed to a life and career in sustainable agriculture. The explicit goal of the New Agrarian Program is to train the next generation of sustainable food producers and land stewards.

We are seeking energetic, enthusiastic applicants with a strong work ethic, a *sincere* commitment to a life in sustainable agriculture, and a keen interest in chickens. Compensation includes room/partial board, a monthly stipend, and access to off-ranch educational opportunities. **Position start-date: April 2014.**

For more information and to **download the application**, visit the **New Agrarian Program** on the Quivira website, www.quiviracoalition.org, and follow the links to the James Ranch Eggs & Trees apprenticeship page.

Email Virginie@quiviracoalition.org with questions. Please read all information available online before filling out an application. Application deadline is **February 7, 2014**.



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