

Oakdale Ranch

Intern – Poultry Raising Position Description

Oakdale Ranch is a 6 ½ acre diversified small farming operation in the Knights Ferry area of Stanislaus county. We are offering an internship opportunity for college students who are interested in learning about farm planning, farm management and establishing a small organic poultry operation. The internship is available during the school term, while student is enrolled in agricultural studies. The intern will report directly to the owners of the farm.

The Oakdale Ranch internship program is a hands-on, work experience focused on operating a small farm. The intern will have the opportunity to learn organic and sustainable poultry planning, management and operations. Selection of poultry type will depend on student interests and time availability. The intern will be involved with poultry care including feeding and ensuring health on an ongoing basis. Student will be involved in farm maintenance and general farm equipment maintenance and repair associated with poultry raising. There will also be opportunities for the Intern to help develop and implement farm record keeping and other farm practices for poultry operations. There will be an opportunity for intern to learn how to utilize a drone for poultry raising optimization applications.

Intern Duties and Responsibilities

- Utilize farm equipment for care and feeding of poultry
- Perform maintenance and refueling of farm equipment
- Perform farm maintenance tasks, such as poultry housing repairs, fence repairs, tree trimming and weed abatement.
- Responsible for irrigation tasks for pasture areas where poultry feed
- Help ensure animal health and well-being.

Learn Equipment Maintenance

- Work with owners on farm equipment repairs
- Assist owners on farm equipment maintenance
- Maintain irrigation equipment
- Keep maintenance records

Learn Husbandry Farming and Management

- General overview of poultry raising practices
- Assist with poultry selection for optimal farm utilization
- Assist with feeding and care of poultry animals
- Be willing and able to learn new skills and help with various poultry farming practices
- Keep records of poultry operations including feed utilization
- Learn poultry organic business practices

Learn Drone Utilization for Farming Optimization

- General overview of drone utilization for farming and poultry raising practices
- Be willing and able to learn new skills and help develop drone utilization techniques

Minimum Qualifications

- College student earning a degree in agriculture or related field
- Prior experience with basic farming practices and equipment operation desired but not required. The important thing is willingness to learn.
- Valid Driver's license with clean record
- Legal right to work in United States
- Be able to lift up to 30 lbs when required
- Be able to stand and walk 75% of the day
- Speak and understand Spanish is preferred but not required