



Summer Internship Valpredo Farms and Country Sweet Produce



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California is the heart of specialty crop agriculture – the foods we eat are grown in California. This unique internship experience will allow a student to experience California agriculture and the dynamic interaction between a modern mid-scale seasonal organic farm and the daily needs of urban markets for these fruits and vegetables. The position will be challenging as you'll experience the fast-paced environment that occurs during the harvest season. The selected intern will travel to one of the hubs of California agriculture, Bakersfield, CA, where you'll spend 8 weeks assisting the management with all aspects related to harvest, post-harvest, sales, packaging, and delivery to the sprawling markets of southern California. The internship will begin in late May of 2018 and conclude in late July.

The selected intern will need to be disciplined, organized, hard-working, and able to work independently. This is a unique opportunity in a dynamic and fast-paced business. The internship includes transportation (both roundtrip airfare and vehicle needs while in California), housing assistance, and a generous stipend. At the conclusion of the internship, there will be opportunities for career development and professional networking.

Please send a resume with a brief cover letter describing your interest and qualifications for this internship to Prof. Bruce Branham (bbranham@illinois.edu) by Friday November 10th. Visit www.valpredofarms.com or www.countrysweetproduce.com for additional information.