

## **Becoming a Member Farm of CRAFT Kingston**

If you are a farmer in the Kingston region who currently hosts interns or is planning to have interns then we welcome you to contact us to inquire about becoming a CRAFT Kingston member.

These are the qualifications and commitments that CRAFT farm members must meet. You must:

- Offer an internship program. The details of a farm internship vary from one farm to another, but all internships are based on an exchange that involves intern's labour and commitment and the farmer's instruction, supervision, education, time and commitment.
- Operate your farm according to organic standards. Organic certification is not required, but your practices must meet or exceed organic standards.
- Host a CRAFT day (educational field trip for all CRAFT Kingston interns) and/or participate in CRAFT day farmer panel discussion.
- Send your intern(s) to monthly CRAFT days and support them in getting to the farm.
- Attend a minimum of 3 CRAFT days per year.
- Participate in the CRAFT farmers planning and evaluation meetings located in the Kingston area. There will be two annual meetings: one late February/early March and one in late November.
- Grow food and sell or barter a portion of it to local markets.
- Volunteer 1 in every 3 years on the CRAFT working group, which will take care of CRAFT administrative tasks.
- Contribute a \$100 membership fee to cover advertising and administrative cost (Note: fee is waived for 2009).
- Provide Baseline Data about your farm for CRAFT interns (basic farm history, acreage, brief description of production, cultivation, marketing methods, staffing, etc.)

If you have any questions or would like to become a member then contact Ian Stutt by phone (613.767.6037) or by email at [ianstutt@newfarmproject.ca](mailto:ianstutt@newfarmproject.ca).

Timeline:

- January 11 – CRAFT Kingston potluck meeting and presentations
- January 19 – Farm descriptions and Baseline Data due for website
- February 28 – Intern application deadline
- March 5 – CRAFT farm planning meeting (choose CRAFT days, etc.)