



UT Market Garden Internship Duties:

1) Planning of market garden

Interns will actively participate in creating the garden plan, including choosing crops and varieties, spacing, successional planting and crop rotation.

2) Maintenance of market gardens

Maintenance of the vegetable gardens will include installing irrigation, weeding, planting (transplanting seedlings, sowing seeds directly), pest management (using biological, cultural and/or chemical methods), preparing seed beds (measuring, tilling, spreading compost), trellising, composting, fertilizing, using tiller/tools, and other tasks, as needed.

3) Greenhouse

Most crops will be started from seed in the greenhouse. After they have been established, proper management of watering, fertilizing and pest control will be required until the plants are ready to be transplanted in the garden.

4) Farm Market

Planning before the first farm market will include deciding on marketing tools/plan, designing the logo, setting up/planning events, product pricing, learning sale etiquette and procedure and other duties as they arise. When the market season begins, interns will be expected to work on some aspect of every weekly market, setting up/breaking down the booth, helping customers with purchases, operating the cash register, representing the OSCP program, and participating in events/activities related to market.

5) Research Projects

The OSCP Program conducts many research projects at the Organic Farm. Produce from these projects will also be utilized in the UT Market. You may be asked to help with these projects, if the current daily tasks for market garden have been completed. These projects will most likely have the same/similar duties to those listed above in "Maintenance" and may additionally include data collection.

6) Production Log

You will be expected to record your day-to-day activities in a 'Production Log.' This log will help you and us properly manage garden tasks, keep track of your hours, with future planning (What performed well? What do we need to grow more of next year? What sold? What didn't sell? Etc.), with the farm Organic certification, keep track of your Plant Sciences internship requirements (if applicable), and understand ways to improve operations/program.

7) SproUTing Growers Workshops

Interns will be expected to attend all SproUTing Growers Workshops. This workshop series is designed to teach not only aspects of production, but business management and marketing. These will not only aid the work you are currently doing but will be beneficial in outreach and connecting with the UT community and community at large.