



AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITY... without the financial investment!

Falcon Ridge Farm seeks people with a plan! This 40-acre organic farm in the south-central Missouri Ozarks, has infrastructure, a 50 hp tractor (with blade, bucket, and brush hog!!), tools, and a 3 BR cedar cabin. It's just waiting for your business plan to be put into action!

As a disabled Veteran, whose children have opted out of agriculture, I am unable to do the physical work demanded by farming. I'm willing to share this property FREE of rent (an equivalent of \$1,500/mo) along with use of my equipment, in exchange for work; fence-line clearing and repair, mowing and brush hogging, orchard maintenance, wood-cutting, etc.

This is the available infrastructure:

- * 20 acres of pasture, fenced and cross-fenced into 8 sections (shared with my horses)
- * 20 acres of woods (for agroforestry plans, and wood-heat fuel)
- * ½ acre garden with organic amended soils and water lines & room to expand!
- * Two small Orchards w/ apple, cherry, pear, peach, plum, grapes
- * Herb garden with raised beds, and, 3-bin compost unit
- * Small hoop house for starting plants
- * Two ponds, one stocked with small mouth bass and blue gill
- * Several small animal huts and storage sheds

The property was designed for goats, pigs, and chickens/fowl (no cattle!), and for eco-tourism; Mark Twin Ntl. Forest is the "backyard" offering hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking, etc. This also means the farm has no nearby chemical run-off, and the water is very clean. Falcon Ridge is also partially off-grid (heat, water, and some electricity). As well, I've been connected with the organic/sustainable agriculture movement in this area for 10 years, and can connect YOU with the network and support you may need!

A business plan, application, references, and background check are required, as well as a deposit of \$1,000 - with \$500 refundable upon end of occupancy, minus costs for damage or loss of property. We can develop a tailored, working contract which meets everyone's goals and needs, and, I'm willing to consider up to 5-years, perhaps even longer. Or, if you're just needing a spring-board into the Ozarks, we can look at a 6-12 month contract!

Not provided: paid employment (other than free housing), food, beds/bedding, dishes or cookware, livestock and/or feeds, plants/seeds. (Some furniture is available.)

EMAILS ONLY AT THIS TIME. Please send a short introduction, a condensed version of your business plan, and the date(s) you would be available to visit. Stay-overs at the farm during your visit will be considered for a small fee. wendl@earthink.net

And, please research Falcon Ridge Farm, Falcon, Missouri, and Wendy Lombardi, to learn a bit about the farm's past endeavors...as an educational forum!