

Moonlight Farm

Quilcene, WA 98376

Alexa Helbling, Nina Sajeske, and Lucas Helbling, Owners/Operators

Founded 2013

3 employees (selves)

www.moonlight-farm.com

<https://vimeo.com/100147039>

Narrative provided by contestant:

Moonlight Farm is a collaboration of Alexa Helbling, Nina Sajeske, and Lucas Helbling. Together we have raised animals for six years, leading to the birth of Moonlight Farm in the spring of 2013.

Situated in Quilcene, WA, we are home to a lively bunch of heritage breed pigs and chickens. Our animals spend their days scratching and rooting around on rotating pastures, are fed on local grains, whey, milk, brewery grains, peanut and vegetable scraps, and are treated with herbal and homeopathic remedies when needed. We raise our pigs from farrow to finish and aim to soon do the same for our chickens. We strive to raise our animals as true to their natures as possible, in turn providing healthful fertility for our soils and producing more authentic, nutritious and delicious food for our community.

With a grant of \$20,000 we would be able to put a down payment on land. Owning land is our biggest obstacle to building our business. With our own land, it will become practical to invest the capital, time, and energy on permanent improvements. Such improvements include a barn, permanent electric fencing, and a streamlined food and water system. All this will help to further improve animal welfare as well as allow us to diversify with bees, broiler chickens, ducks, rabbits, and more. By growing our business in this way, we would create a more well-rounded rotation for our pastures and more abundant nourishment for our community.