

John A.P. Dove

Education

Towson University, Towson, Maryland • Fall 2007 - Summer 2009

Bachelors of Science: Environmental Science and Studies

Howard Community College, Columbia, Maryland • Spring 2003 - Winter 2006

Associate of Arts: General Studies, Business/Technology Emphasis

Skills

- People oriented
- Communication and people skills
- Managerial and supervisor experience
- Multi-tasker
- Excellent at building rapport
- Attention to detail
- Public speaking ability
- Enjoys learning new skills
- Ability to operate heavy equipment
- Proficient in Microsoft Powerpoint, Excel, and Word

Employment

Owner/Operator • Love Dove Farms, Woodbine, MD

January 2011– Present

- Business planning, marketing and accounting.
- Build relationships between customers and Love Dove Farms.
- Plant and maintain crop production.
- Pest management and weed cultivation.
- Harvest and sell naturally grown produce.

New Farmer Trainee • Calvert's Gift Farm, Sparks, MD

April 2010 – November 2010

- Learn about organic farming techniques, including high tunnel production, crop rotation, and nutrient and pest management.
- Assist in cultivating, seed starting, transplanting, planting and harvesting organic produce.
- Attend 8 educational weekly seminars.
- Learn how to run a CSA and sell organic food at local farmers markets.
- Learn business methods to remain sustainable and profitable.

Layout Foreman • Environmental Quality Resources, Arbutus, MD

September 2009 – May 2010

- Read and interpret plan sets for environmental construction.
- Communicate with equipment operators to construct plan set.
- Manage and supervise crew members.
- Communicate with inspectors and engineers regarding project.
- Increase productivity and efficiency.
- Keep record of timesheets and daily logs.

Farm Manager • Family Owned 200 Acre Farm, Woodbine, MD

July 2007 - Present

- Operate heavy machinery including a skid loader, multiple tractors, discbine, rotary mower, hay tetter, hay rake, square bailer, round bailer, and disc.
- Nutrient Management an
- Assist in the harvest of hay.
- Assist with hay production, sales, storage, loading and delivery to customers.
- Establish new customer base through marketing techniques.
- Maintain safe and clean working environment.

References available upon request

Biography

As a fourth generation farmer on my family farm in Howard County, I have expanded our operation into a profitable and sustainable farm enterprise. Love Dove Farms was established in 2010 after I completed an internship with another certified organic farm, and came to the realization that this is what I was destined to do. Starting with just one acre of vegetables, we have expanded over the past 5 years to 10 acres, nearly doubling every year. We have constantly invested back into our farm and the infrastructure, building 5 high tunnels, installing irrigation, building a walk in cooler, and installing over 2700 feet of Deer fence. We sell at 2 farmers markets in the county, and 1 in Silver Spring. We also operate a 50 member CSA, and work with restaurants in the county. We continue to expand to and grow our operation, focusing on profit and sustainability for our farm.

I am involved with the future of Agriculture in a multitude of ways, including:

Associate Supervisor on the Howard County Soil Conservation Board
Vice President of the Howard County Farmers Market Board
LEAD Class Fellow IX
Owner/Farmer of Love Dove Farms
Classroom education about agriculture
Mentor of Beginning Farmer Trainee Program through Future Harvest