

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## The Cresset Center for Agriculture, Ecology and the Arts is Seeking Biodynamic or Organic Farmers for the Historic Henry H. Uhrich Farm on the Northern Front Range of Colorado



The **Cresset Center for Agriculture, Ecology and the Arts**, located in Larimer County, Colorado is seeking 1 to 2 new farmers committed to biodynamic, organic, or regenerative agriculture. The **Cresset Center** is a project of:

- The Cresset Farm Development Initiative, a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization
- The family of Dana Burns, owners of the historic Henry H. Uhrich Farm

*The mission of the **Cresset Center** is to inspire the ecological and social imagination of the residents of the northern front range of Colorado and beyond by creating a sanctuary for bio-diverse agriculture, wildlife, community education, cultural exchange and the arts on the historic Henry H. Uhrich Farm.*

The Goals of the **Cresset Center** are to:

- Inspire, encourage and facilitate the protection and ecological management of farmland on the northern front range
- Host farm stays and ongoing educational programs for children, youth and adults that inspire ecological stewardship, social awareness and agricultural common sense
- Preserve the rural character and agricultural wisdom of the northern front range and its pioneering farmers
- Serve as an incubator or accelerator for small, successful organic and biodynamic farms
- Create a sanctuary for bio-diverse agriculture, wildlife, community education, cultural exchange and the arts on the historic Henry H. Uhrich Farm

**The Historic Henry H. Uhrich Farm** includes 120 acres of mixed topography on the eastern border of Larimer County, CO near the town of Kelim. The 120 acres includes approximately 60 acres of tillable land and 60 acres of mixed pasture, wetlands, bluffs with some extraordinary views of the front range and beautiful frontage along the Big Thompson River. The land has been farmed biodynamically and/or organically for the last 22 years with good soil fertility. Crops grown include rye, barley, corn, alfalfa, hemp and vegetables. Livestock operations are also a possibility on the land, and there is already a small resident population of beef cattle and sheep. Sara's Pick of the Coop, a successful pastured poultry operation, is also currently being operated on the farm. The land is associated with water rights including 50 acre-feet of CBT (Colorado Big Thompson) and 1 share of the Reorganized Farmer's Ditch. At present we are under negotiation with the NRCS and Colorado Open Lands for a conservation easement on the property. There is tremendous development in the area which adds some pressure to the farm, but also presents opportunities for a customer base for agricultural products, education, and farm experiences. See some photos of the property below.

**What we are seeking:**

- One to two new farmers who are capable and interested in running a successful organic or biodynamic farm business. Especially needed is a farmer interested in small scale field crop production, biodynamic gardening, or dairy. Other enterprises will also be considered.
- **Preferred but not required:**
  - Farmers who already have a successful farm business that could be operated from or expanded at The Cresset Center
  - Farmers with a minimum of five years' experience managing a successful organic farming business
  - Training or experience in biodynamic agriculture
  - Training or experience in permaculture
- Farmers aligned with the mission of the Cresset Center and willing and able to collaborate with other farmers on the land and with the different people and entities working to build up the Center

**What we can offer:**

- Certifiable organic farmland
- Opportunity for a long-term affordable lease
- Use of existing infrastructure and planted crops including:
  - Water Rights
  - Greenhouse
  - Various outbuildings
  - Cropland planted to winter rye
- Space for a yurt, tiny home, trailer or other types of low impact living quarters
- Possible financial support for equipment and supplies necessary to get a new farm business up and running
- Possible staff role with the Cresset Center:
  - Doing on-farm conservation, beautification and permaculture type projects;
  - supporting the organizational, educational and community building work of the **Cresset Center**
  - serving as overall caretaker of the farm
- Help promoting your business and building up a customer base
- Possible support for moving expenses
- Possible help securing seed capital for business development and expansion

**Start Date:** Winter/Spring 2021

**For questions or to apply please send a resume and cover letter to:**

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**Photos of the Farm:**













