## Job Opening: Landscape and Livestock Apprentice

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Type: Full time, seasonal, non-exempt, hourly

Location: Philo Ridge Farm, Charlotte, Vermont

Our Culture

Philo Ridge Farm is a 400-acre historic farm that brings together the rich cultural past of the region to develop the local agricultural economy and respect the ecosystem. We strive to be a beautiful, functional farm at the forefront of research, innovation, and conversation around our food. The property is used for a mixture of activities and operations including: mixed vegetable production, flowers, orchards, sheep, chickens, cattle, horses, hay, and pigs. We believe in treating our farm team, animals, and the soil with respect and care. All of our employees embody the spirit of sharing, growing together and education.

Position Overview

With guidance from staff, the apprentice will be responsible for assisting with the general upkeep of the farm and assisting with the livestock management. The candidate will carry out a number of landscape tasks such as mowing, weed whipping, mulching, weeding, watering newly planted trees, trail maintenance and property clean-up. The apprentice will also assist with livestock management on the farm which includes a growing herd of Belted galloways which are moved daily, three successions of broilers through the season, a mobile layer house, rotationally grazed pigs, and moving the farms sheep and guard dog. We are looking for someone who has some experience driving tractors or someone who is willing to learn as we produce both round and dry square bales. We are looking for a person who will be a highly motivated self-starter and is passionate about sustainable small livestock farming.

Primary Responsibilities

* Assist in the landscape maintenance of the farm
* Livestock feeding and assisting with the daily grazing rotations
* Assist with raking, tedding, baling and stacking hay
* As time permits, assist with vegetable production and helping with special events and farm dinners
* Assist farm team members in gardening and irrigation, building projects and general maintenance and upkeep

Candidate/ Position Qualifications

* Willingness to work outdoors in adverse weather conditions
* Ability to lift heavy objects and remain physically active throughout the day
* Working toward an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in agriculture, forestry, wildlife or park management or similar field is a plus
* Experience with tractor operation and landscape tools
* Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Clean driving record and valid driver license

* Minimum 2 references

Compensation

Compensation will be $11-14 per hour, depending on experience.

Application Process

Candidates should send a cover letter illustrating experience, resume, available start date and reference contact information to jobs@philoridgefarm.com. Qualified candidates will be contacted directly. No phone calls please.