

Farm Hand Needed

Deep Hollow Farm, Chester CT

We are looking for a friendly and energetic farm hand with a passion for sustainability and organic farming for the 2017 season, beginning immediately.

Deep Hollow Farm has been selling non-certified organic produce at the Chester Sunday Market and beyond since 2014. We practice mostly no till growing, cover cropping and crop rotation. Currently we have about one acre of fenced growing area in two nearby plots with overhead irrigation. In the 2016 season we cultivated approximately 3,000 linear feet of raised beds. We are adding a second acre of growing area this season and have begun the organic certification process. Infrastructure projects going forward this year include installation of deer fencing, barn raising, irrigation/well systems, and high tunnel/greenhouse construction. The farm hand will assist in work associated with these projects in addition to regular field/growing responsibilities.

About the Job

Work includes planting, weeding, harvesting, washing and packing produce, farmers' markets, deliveries, and any other tasks that may arise. Applicants should be prepared for hard physical labor including infrastructure projects. Farm hand must be willing to do a range of challenging tasks in all weather conditions. Farm hand will work under the supervision of the farm manager and owner. The ideal farmhand is flexible, productive, open minded, responsible, and should have a good sense of humor to see them through the challenges of farm work. Previous farming or gardening experience is preferred. Farm hand will drive farm truck as required; should like dogs; and must be personable with owners, colleagues, neighbors, customers and the public.

Deep Hollow Farm is an equal opportunity employer. Women, people of color, and LGBTQ individuals are encouraged to apply.

Schedule

- ASAP: minimum June through the end of August; further hours available through October if applicant's schedule permits
- Minimum 25 hours/week through the end of August; weekly schedule generally Wednesday - Sunday

Compensation

Starting at \$10.10/hour

Qualifications:

- Ability to complete repetitive tasks for a long period of time in all kinds of weather
- Flexibility (able to shift gears and adapt to variable tasks); takes pride in efficiency and productivity
- Fast learner – Ability to quickly pick up new techniques
- Punctual and prepared (water bottle, proper attire and footwear, sun-block, insect repellent)
- Works well alone and with groups; communicates well; positive attitude
- Can lift 30lbs repeatedly, using proper body mechanics
- reliable transportation and a driver's license; farming or gardening experience preferred

If interested, please send CV and references to Rebecca Roberts at deephollowfarm@gmail.com and Andrew Drabkin at andrewdrabkin@gmail.com.