

Urban Oaks Organic Farm, located on the corner of Oak and LaSalle Streets in the inner city of New Britain, is a pioneer in urban agriculture, growing what is now widely understood to be "the food of the future"—food grown locally, where people live. We are open year-round, producing many kinds of heirloom vegetables during the growing season, as well as prize-winning spinach, arugula, collards, and other greens, herbs, and some fruit during the winter in our seven greenhouses and in the growing season on three and a half acres. We deliver to high-end restaurants in Connecticut; we have two Community Supported Agriculture seasons; and every weekend, year-round, we run a farmer's market farm store for people who come from all over the state, as well as from the neighborhood.

An essential part of our mission is that we accept SNAP, WIC, and Farmer's Market Nutritional Program Coupons, and we are fortunate to have been able to raise enough money to double those purchases through this summer of 2015.

Urban Oaks is looking for a temporary and perhaps a permanent Farm Manager to assist the organization through the 2015 growing season, and to help us with a plan for our greenhouses and for 2016's growing season.

The responsibilities for this position are:

- \*Help to decide what to plant and where, how to allocate field hands for work on the farm, to inspect the fields daily, decide what to pick, and other duties on a daily basis.
- \*Possess the knowledge and experience to assess the growth and health of all plants along with knowledge of organic remediation when problems arise.
- \*Supervise staff as well as volunteers. Work with the team on the farm, sharing the labor duties required to prepare the soil, plant, weed, maintain, and pick crops, care for the land, and other tasks as they arise.
- \*Work closely with a board of directors to keep them informed and to seek their advice and direction.
- \*Assure that the picking and weeding is being done properly. We work with many volunteers, so some teaching and careful supervision will be required.
- \*Aid in the planting for the 2016 planting and growing seasons.

\*Help to decide what should go into each week's CSAs.

\*Be sure that wholesale calls have been made and that invoices are issued to wholesale customers.

\*Help to decide how to use space most efficiently in the seven greenhouses.

\*Create and maintain budgets and set priorities for spending and paying farm bills.

\*Possess diplomatic supervisory and collaborative, democratic leadership skills.

We are looking for an experienced Farm Manager who will get us organized, is systematic, productive, a problem-solver who is collaborative, and who can use his/her skills to work with us to get connected to the land and to each other.

Hourly rate: \$15.00/hour

Hours per week: 40

Please send your resume and cover letter to:

Dr. Liz Aaronsohn, [aaronsohn@ccsu.edu](mailto:aaronsohn@ccsu.edu) or 860-229-0705 **BEFORE** 8 pm