



Organic Dairy & Livestock Seasonal Farm Laborer

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Position Dates: June-October

About Our Organization

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment is on a mission to transform our relationship with farming and food for a healthier planet. We are a nonprofit education and research center situated on 626 acres of farmland, forest, and coast in Freeport, Maine. Our campus consists of an organic dairy program, livestock barns, diversified fruit and vegetable production, an oceanfront campground, historic buildings and miles of wooded hiking trails. As a working farm located within a unique mix of ecosystems, we offer a remarkable and inspiring place for visitors of all ages.

A pioneer in sustainable agriculture since the 1980s and operating for decades as Wolfe's Neck Farm, Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment (WNC) is a Maine-based nonprofit education and research center. Close to the greater Portland metro area and set on 626 acres of incredible beauty, our programs make full use of this unique mix of ecological systems and focus on connecting people of all ages to sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

Role & Responsibilities

We are seeking an individual to support our diversified farming operations and organic dairy program. The centerpiece of our farm operation is a 50-cow organic dairy and the associated pasture and hay land under management. In addition, we have a set of diversified livestock enterprises producing eggs and pork, as well as pasture raised chicken and lamb. This is a full time, seasonal position to provide labor and management support for all farm operations, and will report to the Dairy and Livestock Manager. The right candidate will be a team player with experience in livestock management, farm equipment operation, farm fencing, and water systems.

Responsibilities include:

- Support of all organic dairy, livestock, and farm operations and associated responsibilities including but not limited to feed and water chores, fence moving and set up, coop moving and management, egg collecting and washing, etc.
- Support all dairy operations by doing regular milking shifts and all associated chores / responsibilities.
- Poultry operations (both laying hen and pastured broilers); pork production and management
- Hay enterprise support, including but not limited to cutting, raking, baling, wrapping, and stacking bales at storage sites.
- Maintain all operational protocols for all livestock systems on the farm.
- Support the processing, inventory, organization and distribution of all farm products for sale via various on farm outlets (CSA, Farm Store, etc.)
- Work closely with WNC staff in other departments to help foster collaboration and cooperation across the organization.
- Must be able to work a variable work schedule, which includes work on weekends, occasional long hours, and in emergency situations

Qualifications

- 3+ years of experience in organic/pasture-based livestock operations
- Commercial dairy experience preferred but not required
- Experience with a variety of diversified livestock systems
- Experience working with farm equipment and machines including but not limited to hay equipment, skid steer operation, and general tractor work
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of a team and develop effective working relationships with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Strong interpersonal skills and public communication abilities; energetic, dynamic and engaging personality
- Strong organizational abilities, time management skills and ability to effectively plan, prioritize, and manage multiple projects.
- Ability to deal with high levels of autonomy, and ability to be flexible to the changing needs of a vibrant and growing nonprofit, farm-based organization

Compensation

The Organic Dairy and Livestock Seasonal Farm Laborer position is a full time, seasonal position that starts in June and ends in October at the end of the grazing season. Starting wage is \$16-18/hour, depending on experience.

To Apply

Please email a cover letter and resume to jobs@wolfesneck.org with **Seasonal Farm Laborer** as the subject line. In the interest of reducing waste, please do not mail a hard copy of your materials. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply ASAP. This position will be posted until it is filled but application materials received by June 1st will be given preference. No Phone calls please. Position posted 5/14/20.

Wolfe's Neck Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity in the workplace.