



Market Garden Assistant Job Description

The Market Gardener Assistant, under the direction of the Team Lead, is responsible for any and all needs of the Apricot Lane Farms Garden while striving to maintain the principles of Biodynamic and Organic Farming.

Job Duties:

- Assist with greenhouse management, weed management, soil preparation, pest management & disease monitoring, compost tea application and irrigation.
 - Plant and care for several different varieties of vegetables and berries.
 - Digging and mulching of beds
 - Watering
 - Hand-weeding, hoeing, staking and deadheading
- Assist with all aspects of garden harvesting..
- Assist with preparation for sales of produce.
- Assists with detailed record-keeping of garden processes for future reference, as well as for the Demeter and Organic Certification process. Record keeping will include, but not be limited to, fertilizer application, crop rotation, seed purchases and more.
- Assist with establishing a yearly rotation schedule.
- Accomplishes department and organization mission by completing related tasks as needed.
- Expected to use care and consideration with the Apricot Lane Farms equipment, vehicles, and tools, including performing routine sharpening and maintenance, returning all items to their proper homes and keeping a tidy workspace, greenhouse, shed and garden area.
- Support the farm's needs outside of all core responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the moving and organizing of equipment, tools, and other related items, as well as addressing reasonable requests by Farm Management.
- Maintain a strong work ethic and attention to detail.

Requirements:

- Ability to work as a team member maintaining positive work relations of staff
- Ability to interact with all levels of guests, management and staff
- Ability to work in a team environment as well as independently with minimal oversight
- Highly organized and with sharp attention to detail.
- Must be willing and able to walk up hilly and steep terrain on a daily basis
- Must be able to bend, stoop and kneel for long periods of time
- Be able/willing to work outside in a variety of extreme weather conditions - rain, cold, heat and wind.
- Ability to lift and carry a minimum of 50 pounds with and/or without assistance

Education, Experience, and Licensing Requirements:

- High School Diploma
- Two years experience of vegetable farming experience on a 2+ acre farm

Pay Rate:

\$15 - \$19/hour dependent upon experience