



Holistic Poultry Specialist – Job Description

Apricot Lane Farms is a 234-acre farm in Moorpark, California, and home of *The Biggest Little Farm*. With a team that makes the seemingly impossible possible, the farm regeneratively grows more than 200 varieties of fruits and vegetables, and raises sheep, cows, pigs, chickens, and ducks with care and respect while working in harmony (or a comfortable level of disharmony) within a dynamic ecosystem. We are looking for a professional and experienced Holistic Poultry Specialist who is passionate about regenerative agriculture and care of animals. The Holistic Poultry Specialist reports to the Holistic Livestock Manager.

Summary

The Holistic Poultry Specialist utilizes biodynamic practices in combination with pasture/livestock rotational practices for over 1,000 birds in several different mobile coops varying in age throughout the year from 1-day old chicks to 18-month-old adult chickens. The Poultry Program consists of four components: Layer (Eggs), Roasters (Meat), Turkeys and Ducks. All are run in coordination with each other throughout the year to accommodate for scheduling and space requirements.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the well-being/health of the chickens/turkeys/ducks and ensure that their basic needs are met
- Assist with mobile coop moves during morning animal chores and other times as needed
- Putting up and taking down mobile fencing, as needed
- Assist with the general maintenance and deep cleaning of all poultry coops
- Assist with making sure coop doors are shut at the end of the day
- Conduct evening (at dusk) chicken checks on a rotational basis to ensure coops are closed for safety
- Assist with egg collection
- Assist with the production of approx. 150-400 eggs daily which includes: hand washing, weighing, sorting, prepping, and boxing eggs for sale
- Assist with selling eggs to staff on a weekly basis
- Assist with the preparation of egg boxes for market: stamping, etc.
- Assist with chicken processing

Qualifications & Skills:

- Excellent communication skills
- Detail-oriented and well-organized
- Passion for livestock/animals and the land/animals/ecosystem (especially soil!)
- 6+ months farm experience with livestock/poultry
- 6+ months farm experience with Organic Animal Husbandry (Preferred)
- Experience with tractor (Preferred)
- Comfortable with Google Workspace



- Must live within 30 minutes of Apricot Lane Farms
- Valid driver's license with clean driving records (Required for insurance purposes)

Schedule:

- Monday – Friday 6:30 am – 3 pm
- Weekend and evening hours may be necessary on an as needed basis

Compensation & Benefits:

- \$20 - \$23 / hr., DOE
- Excellent Health Benefits (Medical, Dental, Flexible Spending Account)
- 401K with employer matching
- Paid Sick Time and Vacation
- 10 Paid Holidays
- Employee Discount

How to Apply:

To be considered, please email jobs@apricotlanefarms.com the following items with the subject:
Holistic Poultry Specialist

- Resume
- Cover letter describing why you would be a good fit

No drop-ins or phone calls please.