



Job Description Holistic Livestock Manager

Apricot Lane Farms is a 234-acre farm in Moorpark, CA and home of The *Biggest Little Farm*. With a team that makes the seemingly impossible possible, we regeneratively grow more than 200 varieties of fruits and vegetables, and raise sheep, cows, pigs, goats, chickens and ducks with reverence, while working in harmony (or a comfortable level of disharmony) within a dynamic ecosystem.

SUMMARY

Our farm's livestock program utilizes biodynamic and rotational grazing practices. Equally as important to caring for the livestock is caring for the land and soil on which they are raised. Our Holistic Livestock Manager is responsible for managing our animal program, which includes Livestock and Poultry; this includes overseeing all aspects of the daily care, feeding, and life support system maintenance of our diversity of animals including cows, sheep, pigs, goats, egg-laying chickens, meat chickens, egg-laying ducks, guardian dogs, and a horse. The majority of work requires the physical capability to contribute daily to the rigorous and fast-paced agriculture environment and is spent outdoors, with some admin work in our barn offices.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Feeding, watering and daily rounds at least twice daily
- Moving animals within rotational grazing plan through pastures and orchards
- Setting up electrical fences, loading livestock, cleaning pens and coops
- Castrating, breeding and dealing with all health-related issues
- Assist in the birth of all animals across the property
- Operating tractors/machinery and equipment
- Supervise Livestock and Poultry team members

QUALIFICATIONS

- Previous livestock handling experience is required
- Management experience in a small-scale farm or other hands-on environment
- A demonstrated ability to work effectively and productively, both independently and as part of a team
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience using farm equipment (tractors, utility vehicles, trucks)
- Positive, reliable, responsible and hardworking
- Attention to detail is critical and a passion for animals essential
- Analytical with decision-making skills and problem-solving skills
- Must be able to walk, stand and lift and/or move 50 lbs.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- \$70,000 - \$75,000 / annual (DOE)
- Health Benefits (Medical, Dental, Vision, Flexible Spending Account)
- 401K with employer matching
- Paid sick + vacation
- 10 paid holidays annually
- Employee discounts



HOW TO APPLY

Please submit cover letter, resume and three references by email to jobs@apricotlanefarms.com with the subject "Holistic Livestock Manager Application"

If your application is a good fit for our farm, we will contact you for an initial interview either by phone (if out of state) or in person on the farm.

