

Organic Farm Manager Deep Hollow Farm, Chester CT

We are looking for a friendly and energetic farm manager with a passion for local organic farming. Deep Hollow Farm is an Equal Opportunity Employer established in 2012 with the mission to restore the property at 46 Deep Hollow Rd to a productive organic farm, following sustainable and sound ecological practices. We have been selling non-certified organic produce at the Chester Sunday Market and elsewhere since 2014. In 2017 we transitioned to no-till growing, cultivated one acre with one greenhouse, and began expanding to 1.4 acres for 2018 (max arable land is 3 acres).

This fall we are building a centralized barn/road-side stand, and building an additional greenhouse and high tunnel in the spring (permitting in process). Farmer will increase the area under production and complete organic certification. We would also like to increase our CSA membership; increase restaurant sales; and add an additional well. We are trialing some winter microgreens and low tunnel greens, with the possibility to expand if there is a market. Possible future markets include chickens or other animals, and nursery plants.

Farmer's duties:

- Be primary supervisor of farm operations and employees
- Lead grower
- Maintain/operate equipment
- Prepare farm plan, crop plans, seed and bulk orders and annual reports
- Prepare and execute marketing and sales plan
- Study the farm and its practices, and determine which areas to profitably expand
- Manage farm and greenhouse: collaborate with and meet regularly with owners; keep farm records and reports; create/maintain website and Facebook pages; supervise/educate other farm employees; set up and manage drip irrigation; maintain greenhouse transplants and field crops with organic practices; conduct soil and water testing as necessary; prepare future growing areas; advertise CSA and farmstand; manage social media accounts and website; manage payroll for farm employees; sell on site and at Chester Sunday Market and other venues

At least three seasons experience in diversified organic vegetable production preferred. Equipment and farm infrastructure knowledge preferred; at least one year management/supervisory experience required. Experience at farmers markets and with CSAs preferred. Experience or desire to continue no-till practices preferred. Farmer should be physically fit, able to perform repetitive physical tasks, and able to lift 50 lbs. Multi year commitment preferred.

Other considerations: Owners provide land, equipment, seed, other inputs, market/delivery vehicle, workers comp, budget for labor, farm education/conference attendance etc. Farmer must like dogs; and be personable with owners, colleagues, neighbors, customers and the public.

Compensation: Full-time annual living-wage salary based on experience; healthcare reimbursement upon discussion; federal holidays plus 20 days vacation

Start date: January 1, 2018 preferred

If interested, please send CV with two references to Andrew Drabkin at 'andrewdrabkin@gmail.com'

For questions for the current farm manager, email Rebecca at 'deephollowfarm@gmail.com'