

Field Manager. 2019

Primary location: Hygiene Farm

Job description: Manage all aspects of the field including the field crew leaders. Daily knowledge of whole farm needs (ie what beds are where, what needs covered, weeded, harvested, irrigated, sprayed, etc) and communicating that to all staff and managers daily and as needed. Cultivating, Manage Field seeding plan (seed crops, choose proper plates, record, make adjustments, make notes, make suggestions for next year), Integrated Pest Management (make observations, some scouting, make recommendations for spray schedule for fields and hoophouse crops, recommendations for beneficials), Fertility (make recommendations for BD application schedule, schedule and implement hoophouse fertility, manage spray crew, gather and inspire staff for sprays), Manage compost operation & application, Manage cover cropping plan, Harvesting (coordinate with harvest team on CSA & market needs and availability, manage small crew as needed), Record Keeping: planting plan, fertility, IPM sprays, Bd sprays, compost apps, Some greenhouse work early season. 5 days/week M-F & 2 Sa/month= 55-60 hrs/week. \$14-\$16/hr

Skills Desired: Minimum 3 yrs experience in a leadership role on a vegetable (or similar) farm. Good MVR, good communication skills, excellent math skills, and knowledge of organic farming practices required. Must be able to commit to the full farm season. Bilingual a plus.

A little about us:

Jason and Erin (along with our 3 kiddos) started Aspen Moon Farm in 2009 with ½ acre and it has grown little by little. Now AMF is the steward for a total of 99 acres (some owned, some leased). This farm was started from scratch with a ton of hard work, creativity and a little bit of crazy! Oh yes, and with heavy support from farm loans through the Department of Agriculture and grants from NRCS. 25 acres are in full cultivated crops- diverse veggies, berries, culinary herbs, flowers, and heritage grains. 2 greenhouses, 2 Hoop houses, small herds of cows, sheep, a chicken flock, and a bit of hay production round out the rest of the acreage with room for good buffer zones and insectaries. Part of the farm is at a remote location (connected to a Waldorf school) about 20 minutes away which allows for good crop rotation and an interesting diversity of work and land. Additionally, the children from the school come to participate in the farm some in the fall and we are continuing to develop this relationship. Diversity of crops and land is a great asset and takes a great amount of organizing and flexibility. We have an excellent team of returning staff that are part of the AMF family. We currently have a 200 member CSA, a seasonal roadside Farmstand, and attend 3 weekly Farmers Markets. We do a little wholesale and have a few events also. All of our crops are started from seeds we plant. We grow and sell certified organic starter plants in the spring, continuing through the season with a great diversity of veggie crops including berries, and finishing up the fall heavy with storage crops including our own heirloom cornmeal and popcorn. We love to farm and are passionate about being part of growing the local food community. We are dedicated to the Biodynamic method. We have been small business owners for over 17 years (previously we did landscaping and building). We farm because we love it, but also because we have the need and desire to have a profitable business. This is important and provides sustainability. We are located close to the city of Longmont and Boulder, though our farm has a nice rural setting in the St. Vrain Valley, minutes away from the Rocky Mountain foothills. We provide a catered lunch for staff once a week through most of the season made with abundant farm produce. This helps to nourish us all while we are giving so much to the Farm!

To apply:

Please send a resume, at least 3 work references, and respond to the following questions:

1. Describe your farm work experience and list your set of skills.
2. What will you contribute to our farm?
3. When things get hard, what do you do to take care of yourself?
4. What is Biodynamic agriculture to you?
5. Tell us something about yourself that you would like to share.
6. Full legal name, contact information, and birthday