

## **Full-time on-site farmhand needed at family farm with housing available on property**

### **Job Purpose**

Amaranth Acres is looking to immediately hire a full-time farmhand to work and live on the farm. The individual will work with vegetable crops, care of goats and chickens, and maintenance activities around the farm, such as fence and tree management. The ideal candidate has cared for, or is interested in caring for, animals and engaging with all aspects of a small diversified farm.

### **About Amaranth Acres**

Amaranth Acres is a regenerative farm located in Dickerson, MD, free of pesticide and synthetic fertilizer. We primarily sell to retail customers and to food banks in bulk. We have had a CSA in the past and, with your help, are hoping to revive the CSA this summer. As a diversified farm, the tasks are varied, and there is plenty of opportunity to gain experience and learn about how to run a farm. We are always growing and adapting what we do, and while the priority is meeting the existing demands, creativity is welcomed. For example, we are currently in the early stages of establishing a silvopasture for our goats, and we periodically cook and sell pickles as value-added products.

### **Hours**

This is a full-time position, but as with any farm, hours will vary with the seasons. Spring and summer (March - September) have longer hours, but fall and winter require fewer hours.

### **Salary**

\$30,000+ depending on experience + free housing

### **Housing and Location**

There is a house with all the amenities (full kitchen, laundry) available for you on-site. The farm itself is about a 5-minute drive from the Barnesville MARC station, a 2-minute drive to Sugarloaf Mountain, and 20 minutes to either Frederick, Poolesville, or Germantown. Couples and families are welcome, though only one full-time salaried position is available.

### **Primary Duties**

- Daily feeding and care of farm animals
- Cleaning the goat sheds daily and chicken coops 1-2x / month.
- Rotating the electric fence for the goats and chickens (rotational grazing)
- Using small tools for maintenance, repair, painting, and upkeep of the farm infrastructure, like fences, trellises, and other farm structures. Work will include mowing, trimming, and grading.
- Using a tractor for farm work

- Seeding, transplanting, weeding, and all aspects of work related to vegetable growing and tree planting
- Harvesting, packing, and sales of vegetables and other farm products
- Working hours: vary depending on the season, animal care is daily

## **Qualifications/Requirements**

### Need-to-haves

- Good work ethic, punctuality, and attention to detail
- Clear communication, comfort with giving and receiving feedback, and no hesitation with clarifying details of work.
- Patience and care with animals, tools, and equipment
- Ability to lift 50lbs of weight and work in all weather conditions
- Willing to work extended hours when required to catch up with work. Our schedules match the weather and the seasons, so sometimes we have to put in extra time according to the forecast.
- Daily availability for animal care (outside of holidays requested in advance). Taking care of animals regardless of the weather and commitment to their welfare is essential.
- Ability to deal with the unpredictability of farm work and switch tasks on short notice
- An optimistic attitude and a genuine interest in working on and tackling the daily chores of a farm
- Be able to drive farm-owned automobiles on public roads for farm-related activities - e.g., driving to drop off produce to customers, picking up feed from the feed store.
- A valid driver's license and the ability to work in the US.
- **Successful completion of a trial period of 3 weeks.**

### Nice-to-haves

- Farm experience and livestock care
- Experience with using and maintaining power tools
- Ability to use a tractor

**Note:** don't worry if you don't meet all of the requirements! Anything you don't know, including operating heavy machinery, we will teach you. However, a good attitude, the ability to learn quickly, and tolerance of outdoor manual labor are a must.

### **How to Apply**

- Please email [info@amaranthacres.com](mailto:info@amaranthacres.com) and include your resume if you have one.
- If you'd like to learn more about the position or visit the farm before applying, feel free to send an email to [info@amaranthacres.com](mailto:info@amaranthacres.com), and we can set up a call.