



Organic Dairy & Livestock Assistant Manager

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About the Position

Wolfe's Neck Center is seeking an **Organic Dairy and Livestock Assistant Manager** to support our organic dairy and livestock operations. The centerpiece of our farm is a 50-cow organic dairy and the associated pasture and hay land under management. In addition, we have a set of diversified livestock enterprises producing eggs and pork, as well as pasture raised chicken and lamb. This is a full time, year-round position to provide labor and management support for all livestock enterprises and will report to the Dairy and Livestock Manager. The right candidate will be a team player with experience in dairy and livestock management, farm equipment operation, farm fencing, and water systems.

About Our Organization

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment is on a mission to transform our relationship with farming and food for a healthier planet. We are a nonprofit education, research and visitor center situated on 626 acres of farmland, forest, and coast in Freeport, Maine. Our campus consists of an organic dairy program, livestock barns, diversified fruit and vegetable production, an oceanfront campground, historic buildings and miles of wooded hiking trails. As a working farm located within a unique mix of ecosystems, we offer a remarkable and inspiring place for visitors of all ages. Close to the greater Portland metro area and set amidst a landscape of incredible beauty, our programs make full use of this unique mix of ecological systems and focus on connecting people of all ages to sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

Role & Responsibilities

- Support of all organic dairy, livestock, and farm operations and associated responsibilities including but not limited to feed and water chores, fence moving and set up, coop moving and management, egg collecting and washing, etc.
- Support all dairy operations by doing regular milking shifts and all associated chores / responsibilities including grazing planning, pasture monitoring, and calf rearing.
- Poultry operations (both laying hen and pastured broilers); pork production and management
- Hay enterprise support, including but not limited to cutting, raking, baling, wrapping, and stacking bales at storage sites.
- Maintain all operational protocols for all livestock systems on the farm.
- Support the processing, inventory, organization and distribution of all farm products for sale via various on farm outlets (CSA, Farm Store, etc.)
- Work closely with WNC staff in other departments to help foster collaboration and cooperation across the organization.
- Must be able to work a variable work schedule, which includes work on weekends, occasional long hours, and in emergency situations

Qualifications

- 3+ years of experience in organic and/or pasture-based livestock operations. This could include graduation (Journey status) from the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship program.
- Commercial dairy experience preferred but not required
- Artificial Insemination certification and experience preferred but not required

- Experience with a variety of diversified livestock systems
- Experience working with farm equipment and machines including but not limited to hay equipment, skid steer operation, and general tractor work
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of a team and develop effective working relationships with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Strong interpersonal skills and public communication abilities; energetic, dynamic and engaging personality
- Strong organizational abilities, time management skills and ability to effectively plan, prioritize, and manage multiple projects.
- Ability to deal with high levels of autonomy, and ability to be flexible to the changing needs of a vibrant and growing nonprofit, farm-based organization
- All new hires are required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination (including booster) for employment. Wolfe's Neck Center follows Maine CDC guidelines for COVID-19 protocols and expects all employees to be willing to adhere to those safety measures.

Compensation

The Organic Dairy and Livestock Assistant Manager position is a full time, year-round position. Starting wage is \$18-22/hour, depending on experience. Benefits include 100% employer-paid health insurance, paid vacation and holidays and more.

To Apply

Please email a cover letter and resume to jobs@wolfesneck.org with **Assistant Dairy and Livestock Manager** as the subject line. In the interest of reducing waste, please do not mail a hard copy of your materials. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply ASAP. This position will be posted until it is filled but application materials received by April 22nd will be given preference. No Phone calls please. Position posted 3/31/22

Wolfe's Neck Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity in the workplace.