



Job Description: Vegetable Field Crew

Farm Overview:

College of the Atlantic's Beech Hill Farm produces certified organic vegetables for COA and the local community, while using methods that maintain the integrity and health of the land, and work toward environmental and economic sustainability. We have six acres in production and six greenhouses. In addition to providing locally and sustainably raised produce and meat to COA, Beech Hill Farm operates a busy seasonal farm store, offers a CSA program, sells to local markets and restaurants and distributes produce through our student run food access program. We are located on Mount Desert Island, home to beautiful Acadia National Park.

Beech Hill Farm provides educational opportunities to COA students and community members through our work-study program, summer work program, independent projects, class visits, events, and workshops.

Our field crew participate in all aspects of production including seeding, transplanting, cultivating, harvest, wash/pack, sales and distribution.

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm and passion for sustainable agriculture, food justice and agriculture education.
- Willingness to work collaboratively and productively with a diverse group of people.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Ability to work in all kinds of weather.
- Ability to perform repetitive tasks for long periods of time.
- Ability to work efficiently in a fast paced environment.

Job Responsibilities:

- Assist with field production including bed preparation, transplanting, cultivation, row cover application, mulching, trellising, pruning, tarping and harvest.
- Assist with washing and packing produce for distribution. Maintain a high standard of cleanliness, aesthetic appearance and food safety protocols.
- Assist with general farm cleaning and maintenance. Tasks may range from cleaning the crew kitchen and bathroom to rebuilding greenhouses.
- Use all tools, equipment and vehicles safely and conscientiously.
- Keep all work areas clean and organized.
- Arrive on time and give ample notice of requests for time off.
- Maintain constructive communication with all members of the crew.

Compensation:

\$15/hr, plus free farm produce and 40% off in our farm store.

Housing:

Housing is available for rent in a shared COA apartment in Northeast Harbor. Rent for a single room in the shared apartment is \$475/month and includes all utilities.

Vacation and time off:

Summer crew members are permitted 5 unpaid time off. Requests for time off must be made in advance and cannot overlap with other field crew members' vacations.

Schedule:

June 10th - September 6th, Monday - Friday, 7am - 4pm.

To apply:

Email resume with two reference contacts and a short letter of interest to beechhillfarm@coa.edu.