

Position: Livestock Farmer / Chicken Enthusiast

Location: Letterbox Farm, Hudson, NY

About Us:

Letterbox is a community-driven commercial farm producing high-quality, ethically-raised poultry, pork, eggs, herbs, and value-added products. We serve a broad spectrum of stakeholders through our full-diet CSA, farmers markets, wholesale accounts and food sovereignty programs. We take pride in prioritizing the well-being of our animals, the health of our land, and the delight of our customers. We also love to bring folks together by hosting free, just-for-fun events.

The Opportunity:

We are seeking one full-time team member to assist in caring for our laying hens, broilers and hogs. This position requires no previous experience with animals and is great for someone looking to skill build. Our farm is accessible and training-centric so applicants can expect to learn most everything they need to know about running a humane, economically viable livestock enterprise by the end of the season. Our livestock enterprise is farm-funded, low-investment and replicable, which also makes this a great opportunity for a more experienced farmer interested in starting their own business in the future.

Responsibilities:

- **Daily chores:** feeding & watering, servicing brooders, moving chicken tractors and collecting, washing and packing eggs
- **Infrastructure maintenance:** moving fencing, repairing water lines, cleaning brooders, etc.
- **Livestock loading and transport:** loading and transporting chickens (1x / week) and pigs (~5x / season) to the processor, picking up chicks from the post office
- **Inventory management and sales prep:** safely organizing, storing, and transporting meat and eggs, stocking the farm store, packing for markets and CSA, making deliveries

Requirements:

- A valid driver's license and a clean driving record (required by our insurance carrier) as this position involves a good deal of driving, including hauling livestock long distances with a trailer (no prior experience required, we will train) and doing errands with a full size truck and van

- Availability to work Tuesday-Saturday or Monday-Friday
- Willingness to make a seasonable commitment (May-October)
- Ability for regular heavy lifting, up to 50 pounds
- Comfort working outside in all safe weather conditions
- A respect for animals, team members and customers
- Desire and aptitude for working independently - while this position provides ample opportunities for social engagement, it requires a great deal of working alone and without supervision

Hours:

35 - 40 hours per week with flexible start and end times most days

Benefits:

- \$18-\$20 per hour, DOE
- 5 paid vacation/sick days per season
- A full-diet CSA share including vegetables, eggs, meat, fish, flowers & herbs
- Flex time
- Ample on-the-job training: get paid to learn!

Duration:

Seasonal, May to October with the opportunity for year-round work if desired

How to Apply:

If you're passionate about chickens and excited about the opportunity to learn how to run a viable livestock enterprise, we'd love to hear from you! Please submit a letter of interest to info@letterboxfarm.com to apply.