

Nash's Organic Produce

Livestock Husbandry Assistant Job Description

Job Title: Livestock Husbandry Assistant
Department: Livestock
Reports to: Andrea LaPlante, Pastured Hog Manager
Nash Huber, Farm Owner
Timeline: 40+ hrs. / week, Year Round
Last Updated: June 2017

General Purpose: The Livestock Husbandry Assistant is responsible for assisting the Pastured Hog Manager with daily hog and laying hen chores, maintaining electric polywire fence line, keeping feeding stations stocked and grinding grain. They also assist with weaning, castration, rotating livestock and perform other tasks as delegated.

Essential Function/Responsibilities:

1. Shares accountability for providing livestock with free-choice food and water.
2. Keeps feeding stations stocked, maintains supply of ground feed and grinds feed
3. Building, removing and maintaining 3-strand electric polywire fencing.
4. Assists with maintaining herd/flock health and observing livestock behavior.
5. Assists with weaning, castration, deworming and providing medical care to livestock.
6. Assists with loading livestock and transporting to USDA slaughterhouse, as well as facilitating on-farm custom processing.
7. Participates in planning and execution of livestock housing and feeding station improvements, as requested.
8. After completing training, works independently some days each week so that Hog Manager can work part-time in greenhouses.
9. Safely uses tools and helps maintain department equipment and organization, as needed.
10. Performs other tasks and duties as assigned. Including but not limited to: collecting eggs, cleaning chicken coops and assisting all coworkers as needed.

Qualifications:

- Requires schedule flexibility, including mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.
- 1 year livestock experience.
- Ability to receive direction, ask for help/clarity and accept constructive feedback on work and technique.
- Fast, adaptable learner.
- Ability to prioritize, take initiative and handle multiple tasks while being held accountable for work within the livestock department.
- Ability to work independently and in a team setting.

- Detailed oriented, organized and thorough.
- Ability to effectively communicate and interact with customers and other staff members in a positive manner.

Physical Requirements:

Ability to repetitively lift and move up to 60 lbs. on uneven and sometimes muddy surfaces. Ability to stand, walk, bend, crouch, climb and reach during majority of shift. Ability to safely use and operate tools and equipment such as forklifts, tractors, roto-mill and other equipment.

Interested applicants should submit

-Livestock Husbandry Assistant Application

-Cover Letter

-Resume

to Andrea LaPlante, Pastured Hog Manager at alaplante.f12@warren-wilson.edu

For more information and application, visit www.nashsorganicproduce.com