



Positions Available: Assistant Farm Manager and a Full-Time Farm Hand

Rodgers Greens & Roots Farm is located 30 minutes southwest of Atlanta in Douglasville, Georgia, on 64 acres of historic farmland along the Chattahoochee River. Currently, 15 acres of flat clay-loam soil are under cultivation using organic practices. The 2017 season is planned as 10 acres in vegetables, and 5 acres in perennial fruit orchards.

The farm's Owner and Operator, Ashley Rodgers, has been farming in Georgia organically for her entire career. Ashley previously managed Serenbe Farms in Chattahoochee Hills, GA, as well as vegetable production for White Oak Pastures, in Bluffton, GA, and Planted Rock Farm in Chattahoochee Hills, GA. You can learn more about Ashley and her farming practices/beliefs on the following media: CBS Sunday Morning, Women's Health Magazine, and Civil Eats.

Rodgers Greens and Roots farm will sell their produce to Peachtree Road Farmers Market in Atlanta, Metro-Atlanta area restaurants, CSA's and wholesale. Organic certification of the farm is expected by April 2017. The farm's growing style is medium-scale, mechanized production: tractors, tools and machinery, however, we are not a big AG farm. Sustainable farming practices are the backbone of Rodgers Greens and Roots: compost, cover crop, and crop rotation.

Rodgers Greens and Roots Farm has great potential for growth for the right candidate: a great location, on phenomenal bottomland soil, an experienced farm manager mentor, the burgeoning Atlanta local food market/scene, and a warm and welcoming farm family. We are a young, liberal-minded farming family and crew. We are an equal opportunity employer without discrimination and are accepting applications from anyone interested in applying for this position.

Title: Farm Assistant Manager

Job Description:

We are hiring a full-time Assistant Manager. We are accepting applications until the position has been filled. We are seeking someone with experience in small scale organic vegetable production to help collaborate and grow the farm's vegetable production. We are interviewing for this position until it is filled.

The farm's assistant manager will assist the farm's manager on a daily basis to help run and maintain a smooth and productive growing season. The job will focus primarily on helping the farm's manager stay on track of tillage, bed prep, planting, seeding and harvest schedules. The assistant manager will have the help of the farm's crew and apprentices to provide support on daily plantings, seeding, harvesting, irrigation installation, field maintenance, field clean-up, etc. The farm's assistant manager will be an active participant in training other farm employees and volunteers. The farm's assistant manager will be an integral part of this farm and we encourage growth and exploration of new ideas, designs, and projects.

Responsibilities:

- Field Tractor Work: Tillage, Bed Prep, Direct Seeding, Fertilizer application, Cultivation, Plastic Mulch Laying, Cover Crop application, Bush Hogging, Bed/ Field clean up, Side dressing
- Lead crew in Field work: hand cultivation, row covers, clean up, harvesting and washing vegetables.
- Irrigation: installation and running schedules
- Transplanting
- Pest and Disease Identification and Application
- Farmers Market vegetable packing and distribution
- Assist with greenhouse seeding, watering and maintenance of greenhouse
- Help train apprentices and other general laborer(s) on daily farm tasks
- Assist with farm maintenance of tractors, machinery, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure
- Assist with designing and implementing farm tools, implements, and other projects to help improve the farm's efficiency and effectiveness.

Job Requirements:

- 3 years of full-time previous farming experience in organic vegetable production, previous farm management/leadership is preferred.
- Farmers market sales experience-setting up and breaking down
- A serious interest in farming as a lifestyle and livelihood
- A mind for efficiency, attention to detail, organization and a sense of urgency
- Open and positive communication skills
- Willingness to take initiative and take on responsibility

Skills Required:

- Tractor experience with cultivation and tillage implements, and a front end loader
- Proficient in: harvesting all types of vegetables, washing and bunching, weeding, installing drip tape and other forms of irrigation, direct seeding into the field, transplanting and greenhouse seeding and management.
- Some light construction skills and building/fixing things that are on farm related is preferred.
- *Marketing: Social Media (facebook, twitter, Instagram), newsletter writing, CSA and other printed marketing materials, welding, mechanics, high tunnel construction, and any other farming related skills are also appreciated.

Salary:

\$575/week. \$29,900/year + Housing (\$7,500 value a year) + Food (from the farm)

1 week paid vacation for first year

Housing:

Master bedroom with private bathroom, in a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house. Includes: washer & dryer, internet, heating, A/C, refrigerator and stove. House is an 8 minute drive from the farm.

Future Opportunities:

We want to see our assistant manager grow as a farmer and as an individual. We are committed to your growth. Pay increases are available annually as the assistant manager and farm grows. Within 5-10 years we want to grow this farm into 22 acres of vegetable cultivation, 7 acres of Orchard, 20 acres of small livestock (chickens, sheep and goats). Growing and sales will focus on farmers markets, restaurants and wholesale, and a small CSA for the first two years, with a transition in year three to greatly expanding our CSA program. At full scale production we hope to have 600+ CSA members.

If you are interested in applying for this position please email your professional resume and cover letter with a paragraph about why you feel you would be a great fit for this position to: Ashley Rodgers at Rodgersgreensandroots@gmail.com
