

Machine Operator and Field worker

Position Start Time: April 2025

Contact Information

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Location: 1605 Trumansburg Rd Ithaca, NY 14850

Farm Description: Stick and Stone Farm is a certified organic vegetable and fruit farm established in 1995. We currently grow 40 acres of certified organic vegetables and fruit, and manage an additional 30-40 acres of land in cover crop rotation. We employ 12-13 people seasonally, with 3-4 employees working year round. We endeavor to grow vibrant and tasty food in a way that is sustainable to our land and environment, our bodies and health, and our livelihood. We market our produce through farmers' market, local wholesale accounts, small regional distributors and the Full Plate Farm Collective, a multi-farm CSA. While we grow over 40 crops, our main crops include beans, beets, cooking greens, Asian vegetables, root crops and winter storage vegetables. Join our team of talented, interesting people doing rewarding work; you will see the results of your effort, eat the fruits of your labor, and get paid to do it.

Duties: This job will entail all kinds of tractor and other field operations on a working vegetable farm. Work includes tillage, fertilizer spreading, spraying, plastic laying and removal, irrigation work, mowing, planting, hand weeding, cultivating, harvesting, washing and packing. As this is a vegetable farm, in addition to tractor operations, this will require significant amounts of hand labor and work on the ground.

Skills Desired: At least 1 year experience operating tractors and/or other heavy equipment, or at least 2 years experience as a field crew worker on a fruit or vegetable farm. Valid drivers license required. Work requires extensive bending, kneeling, stooping. Must be able to lift and carry 50#+, stand for long periods, kneel on hard lumpy ground, and generally put up with some discomfort while getting things done. Experience working with common small gas engine tools such as walk-behind tractors, lawn mowers, weed wackers, chain saws preferred. Experience with basic equipment maintenance preferred. Experience in growing in high tunnels a plus.

Good communication, observation skills, common sense. Must work (and play) well with others. Flexibility, attention to detail, and sense of humor are required. Must appreciate and enjoy challenging but productive physical labor, good food, and all kinds of weather. Spanish language experience is helpful but not required. We prefer to hire folks with experience working on farms or in restaurants, but other outdoor/endurance activities are good to see in an applicant as well.

Schedule: Full time, year-round. Typically 7am-4pm M-F, some Saturdays or late days. Early start seasonally and in very hot weather, late start in winter.

Wage: \$20/hr to start

Preferred method Of Contact: Email is best, but phone works also.