

# Merck Forest & Farmland Center

## Farm Assistant

### **About us:**

Merck Forest & Farmland Center (MFFC) is an educational non-profit on a mission to inspire curiosity, love, and responsibility for working and natural lands. As a part of this mission we operate a 60-acre educational farm focusing on livestock and permaculture, a 3,500-acre managed forest, and a recreational network with 35-miles of trail featuring a dozen cabins and lean-tos for rent.

### **About you:**

Are you interested in working collaboratively, outside, in all types of weather while learning about animal husbandry, farming and sugarbush operations? Do you enjoy gardening and working with animals? Are you someone who has a sense of humor and can roll with it when things don't go as planned (the goats get out, the horses break through pasture fencing, the mower dies for some reason...). Do you like to work independently and learn from others? Then this position might be right for you!

The Farm Assistant will work under the direction of our Farm Manager in support of farm operations.

### **Duties will include, but are not limited to:**

- Animal care - sheep, turkeys, horses, chickens, pigs, rabbits, goats
- Basic pasture maintenance, mowing, fence repair.
- Invasive species management
- Light landscaping
- Horticultural work - small vegetable and flower garden, blueberry patch, apple orchard.
- Canning maple syrup, making maple confections.

### **Candidates must be able to:**

- Lift 50lbs
- Work in all weather conditions

### **Opportunity to learn:**

- Light carpentry
- Basic small and large equipment maintenance

**Details: Seasonal position.** This position reports to the Farm Manager and will include a mix of team and independent work.

- Position begins ASAP and will end at the end of August (with some flexibility based around back-to-school dates)
- \$15 per hour / 30 hours per week
- Saturday through Wednesday 8 a.m - 3:30 p.m. schedule (some flexibility in hours but weekends are a must)

- No experience necessary
- An excitement to learn and the ability to take pride and joy in hard work required.

**Interested? Please email your resume to [Hadley@Merckforest.org](mailto:Hadley@Merckforest.org) with a brief cover letter telling us about you.**