

Horticulture/Greenhouse Assistant Manager- Summer Student

Start Date: May 1st, 2015 (maximum 16 weeks)

Hours of Work: 40 hours/week

Wage: \$13.50/hr

Forman Farms is a diversified and dynamic farm operation located in Seeley's Bay, Ontario that provides high quality products through the use of sustainable and innovative practices. With a half-acre hydroponic tomato greenhouse, complimented with larger field vegetable productions, the Forman Farms Greenhouse supplies local restaurants and grocery stores with fresh, seasonal harvests. Merging into direct markets, the greenhouse operation is also expanding to include a farm stand and CSA (Community Supported Agriculture- weekly food box) this year.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

The successful candidate for this position will assist the Greenhouse Manager in a wide variety of tasks involved in the care and operation of the Forman Farms Greenhouse. This includes our hydroponic tomato and lettuce production, seasonal garden center, vegetable field crops, establishment of a new berry and asparagus project, and involvement in our CSA(Community Supported Agriculture) pilot project.

More specifically this will include:

- Assisting in the seeding, transplanting, weeding, watering, harvesting, packing, and pest monitoring of field vegetable crops (May through to end of August)
- Assisting in the care and operation of the Garden Centre through customer service relations, watering, and pest monitoring (May through June)
- Assisting in social media and marketing tasks related to all greenhouse operation activities including developing weekly newsletters of "What's Fresh This Week" (for restaurants, wholesale, and CSA customers), updating social media sites as well as providing information for our website.
- Assisting in the pest monitoring and biological control, fertigation, data collection and management, marketing, and delivery of greenhouse tomatoes

Qualifications:

The successful candidate for this position must possess a strong work ethic and positive attitude. In addition we are looking for someone with the following qualifications:

- Experience with/ knowledge of hydroponic greenhouse operations, nursery plants , and vegetable crops
- Experience with/knowledge of integrated pest management(IPM) practices
- Ability to problem solve and willingness to investigate solutions to new challenges
- Work effectively as a team, and independently with minimal supervision

- Handle fast paced work environment
- Willing to work in inclement weather
- Must be a full time student and returning to full time studies in the fall
- Ability to operate a tractor an asset
- Computer Skills an asset

Application Deadline: March 31st, 2015

How to Apply: Email or mail resume and cover letter to:

info@formanfarms.ca

3936 Pine Grove Rd.
Seeley's Bay, ON
K0H 2N0

www.formanfarms.ca