

**THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK**

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Farm Worker
SUPERVISOR: Farm Manager
STATUS: Seasonal

QUALIFICATIONS

Must be able to work in all types of weather, do large amounts of physical work and use hand tools. Knowledge of techniques and equipment for planting, growing, harvesting, handling and storing food products helpful. Must be able to follow instructions and assist with volunteers. Valid NYS driver's license.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Assist in all aspects of vegetable production and general farm work as directed by the Farm Manager.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Maintain, adjust and operate tractors, tractor-drawn machinery, and other farm equipment to plow, disk, harrow, cultivate, fertilize soil, spray and harvest crops.
- (2) Prepare fields for planting, plant seed and transplants.
- (3) Tend plantings and hand cultivate, weed, hoe, thin, mulch, fertilize, and scout for pests, disease, and nutrient deficiencies.
- (4) Apply insecticides and fungicides to control pests under supervision of Farm Manager.
- (5) Harvest vegetables. Pick, bunch, wash, clean, pack, display, and deliver produce.
- (6) Prepare fields for winter. Shred crop residue and plant cover crops.
- (7) Maintain farm stand.
- (8) Mow unplanted areas, build and maintain fence, maintain farm roads, and work on construction projects as required.
- (9) Work with volunteers, Food Bank personnel, contractors, extension agents, and suppliers in some or all of the above activities. Interact positively with customers, farm guests, and CSA members. Comply with Food Bank, farm, and governmental policies and procedures.
- (10) Load agricultural products into truck, assist with deliveries to the Regional Food Bank warehouse, unload and store produce in appropriate coolers. Assist with deliveries and picking up supplies and equipment.
- (11) Must be able to lift 50 pounds.
- (12) Perform other duties as requested.

The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York manages the **Patroon Land Farm** to grow fresh nutritious produce for distribution by the Food Bank to approximately one thousand member agencies serving 23 counties in upstate New York and to provide opportunities for agricultural education.

40 Hours/week.
April/June through the end of harvesting season.

No food, housing or transportation provided.

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