

FARM MANAGER:

Company Description:

Walker's Farm is a 35-acre diversified family farm located in Little Compton, RI founded in 1964 by Ian Walker and his son, Coll. We grow a variety of vegetables and berries including corn, squash, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, and raspberries. Walker's produce is sold at an on-site retail farm stand and to wholesale customers from June through November.

Job Description:

This is a year-round position, with a much lighter, flexible schedule during the winter months (off-season). Depending on time of year, we work up to 6 days per week for up to 7-11 hours per day.

Responsibilities:

- Leading and motivating crew through daily work
- Operating tractors, trucks, and other farm equipment
- Plan, manage, and execute field work, fertilizer application, seeding, planting, cultivation, pest/disease management, and irrigation to meet production goals and assure high product quality
- Maintain accurate and complete records for GAP certification and food safety purposes
- Maintaining a good attitude and contributing to positive team morale
- Creating a daily work schedule for the farm team. Overseeing and participating in daily farm work.

Requirements:

- Several seasons of farming experience and a desire to continue to pursue an agricultural career
- A strong, foundational understanding of food production systems having experience with seasonality, plant propagation and seedling care, plant life cycles, scouting for pests and diseases, harvest and post-harvest handling, etc.
- Proficiency and confidence in operating a wide range of farm equipment and machinery (tractors, corn planter, bedmaker, water wheel transplanter)
- Ability to lift 50 pounds at a time and do physical work for 50-60 hours a week in the high season
- Ability to pick up new concepts and techniques quickly and then teach them to others
- Excellent organisation skills and attention to detail
- Be a team player with a strong work ethic
- Willingness to work overtime as required
- Education in agriculture or agriculture-related field a plus, but not necessary
- Have common sense: see the big picture, recognise what needs to be done, be willing to help, and follow through
- Good sense of humor, humility, and patience
- Valid drivers' license

Compensation:

Starting pay of \$15-20/hr, depending on experience and skill, and free produce from the farm and 15% off anything sold at the farm stand

Application Instructions

Send a resumé, cover letter, and contact information for 3 references to Coll Walker at walkersroadsidestand@gmail.com. If we feel that you are a good fit, we will invite you for a farm visit and interview.