

Starling Yards is a family-operated vegetable farm based on 104 acres just outside the village of Red Hook, NY. We currently grow 6 acres of vegetables using restorative growing practices for a local 50 member CSA, the Beacon Farmer's Market and regional wholesale and restaurant accounts. While we focus on supplying our members with the freshest summer staples we are known for our interest in experimenting with specialty crops and working directly with chefs. The farm hosts two flocks; laying hens and sheep that supply our markets and bolster the farms fertility. This year we will be partnering with other local producers to bring our CSA member's meat, mushrooms and dairy in addition to vegetables, eggs and flowers. Starling Yards is currently looking to fill one position for the 2017 season.

Job Description: Crew members will participate in every aspect of vegetable production including greenhouse work, planting, hand and mechanical cultivation, irrigation, disease and pest management, harvesting, washing, packing, CSA distribution and livestock chores, including egg washing. Starling Yards is a small farm with a small crew (3-5 people). You can expect to work closely with the farms owners making this a great opportunity for individuals who want more in depth access to the details of operating a flourishing diversified farm.

Schedule: This is a seasonal, full-time position beginning in April and ending the last week of November. Work hours are 40-55 per week depending on season. For the right person, this could become a multi-year position.

Compensation: \$10-12/hr depending on experience, plus produce and eggs from the farm. Crew members are responsible for housing, reliable transportation to the farm and appropriate farm clothes/shoes/gloves/raingear.

Qualifications: We are looking for applicants who are open to experimentation, inspired by the complexities of farming and dedicated to delivering exceptional produce. The ideal candidates are mature individuals who are responsible, able to work independently as well as in a group, communicate well with others and enjoy hard work. They must have the ability and interest to perform physically challenging and repetitive tasks quickly and efficiently in all weather conditions. They must be able to comfortably and safely lift and carry 50 lbs. Applicants should be reliable, detail-oriented and ready to take on the demanding schedule, pace, weather, and inevitable challenges of a farming season with consistency and good humor. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic about sustainable agriculture and considering a career in farming. A minimum of one full season on a production farm is required. Construction experience, general handiness, tractor experience and the ability to drive stick are plusses.

For more information and background on the farm and farmers, please visit our website starlingyards.com. To apply, please send a cover letter, a resume and two farm related references to farm@starlingyards.com with "Vegetable Crew" in the subject line.