

SEEKING FARM MANAGER - WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA

UMBRELLA FARMS COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Umbrella Farms is a startup farm that will serve the wholesale market with a diversity of vegetable produce to regional distributors, grocers and hospitals. Our vision as a business is to reach a farm scale that substantially contributes to our regional food system, providing healthy food for Washington in place of imported options.

As an employer we want to support our farmers with benefits and payscale that is above average rates and consider profit sharing for the long term. The farm is on Whidbey Island at 20-25 Acres. The land is to be certified organic. We will practice regenerative farming for over 50 types of vegetables and herbs and specialize in leafy greens, microgreens and herbs year-around under high tunnel cover. Our farmland will be certified organic and GAP certified.

JOB DESCRIPTION

We are seeking a dynamic Farm Manager that will setup a new farm operation on a property that currently harvests hay. It is desirable for the manager to have experience in soil amendment, weed and pest management/ monitoring and farm planning. Having the knowledge and experience with precision agriculture and farm planning for year-around operations would be a welcome qualification, although training for these operations will be offered.

A manager that will possess the experience, qualifications, passion, and vision to build a diverse and sustainable operation is imperative. The business will not be a CSA operation. Small mechanization and automation will be planned for the long term (BCS and other automated equipment for high production)

We expect the position of Farm Manager to be a fully vocal, collaborative team member. We appreciate individuals that are problem solvers and know when to be flexible when other opinions come to the table. Umbrella Farms takes pride in healthy and supportive working environments.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Farm Manager will Crop plan with the owner team. Oversee day-to-day farm operations staffing, equipment and facilities. Oversee all aspects of farm production of vegetables. Ensure effective land management; soil, water and compost. Manage/assist with business operations, budgeting, personnel, effective recordkeeping, etc. Willingness to effectively train and educate a staff of interns. Develop short & long-term plans and strategies with owner team. Establish procedures based on best practices. Ability and confidence to start an operation from the ground up.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in related field; related formal training, minimum 3-5 years experience in sustainable agriculture. Detail and task oriented for certified organic process. Experience with farm equipment. Competency with computers (MS Office, email, etc.), basic technology, and basic administrative tasks. Valid driver's license and clean driving record. Creativity, enthusiasm, a love of crawling around in the dirt and passion for farming!

COMPENSATION

Commensurate with experience

We consider this position to become a profit sharing position as soon as possible.

HOW TO APPLY

Email Demian at: Dminjarez@umbrellafarms.com

To apply please send a letter of interest, a resume. References will be requested after an interview. The most important qualification is to hold a general inquisitive, collaborative and professional working relationship. Describing real-world experiences is also a primary qualification and it is not required to be an experience with farming.

Send your request via email. We look forward to meeting you!