



Growing Home, Inc.

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Urban Farms Manager

Job Description

This manager will be responsible for the operation of Growing Home's certified organic urban farms: the Wood St. urban farm and Su Casa urban farm, and will take an active part in the development of future urban farms. He/she will supervise urban farm staff. He/she will take an active part in hands-on teaching for Growing Home's transitional job program for low-income Chicagoans.

Specific responsibilities include:

Urban Farming --Manages production for Wood St. and other sites

- Supervises urban farm production staff
- Prepares planting schedules
- Produces seedlings
- Plants, maintains, harvests and processes high quality crops
- Maintains good records of planting, harvests, etc.
- Maintains soil fertility and organic certification at urban farms
- Maintains equipment and supplies, and oversees general site maintenance
- Keeps a well-organized and safe workplace
- Works closely with farm market staff and rural farm staff
- Develops further marketing for urban production
- Prepares and follows budget for urban production

Training and Education

- Creates a plan for hands-on teaching of interns, and works closely with job-training staff
- Conducts training and teaching for interns on specific subjects as needed
- Hosts guests and works with volunteers

The urban farms production manager will report directly to the farm general manager. He/she will supervise urban farm staff.

Important qualities for Urban Farms Manager:

- Demonstrated managerial capabilities
- Experienced farmer
- Ability to work with and manage a diverse staff, and experience working in low-income communities
- Teaching or training experience
- A commitment to social justice and change
- An entrepreneurial spirit and a passion for growing food
- Attention to details
- Computer skills: PC operating systems, Microsoft Office, especially Excel

We are looking for someone with a passion for growing food, and a desire to share food, farming and life with our staff and trainees. Managerial experience, including supervising and working with

diverse populations is essential in this position. Experience working on organic farms and familiarity with rotations, cover crops, organic fertility and intensive vegetable production is important. Teaching or training experience is a plus.

Growing Home is an Affirmative Action, Equal-Opportunity Employer.

This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive, and employees shall perform other duties as appropriate.

Growing Home reserves the right to revise or change job duties as needed. This job description does not constitute a written or implied contract of employment.

Compensation: Salary commensurate with experience, health insurance included

Growing Home's mission is to operate, promote and demonstrate the use of organic agriculture as a vehicle for job training, employment, and community development.

If interested, please email a resume and cover letter by November 13th to:

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