

Farm Assistant – Ross Farm Museum

Job description

Ross Farm Museum is a living history museum demonstrating 18th century rural life in Nova Scotia. Members of the Ross Farm team not only work on the farm but are integral in educating and demonstrating to visitors what farm life was like 200 years ago.

For more information <https://rossfarm.novascotia.ca/about>.

Overview

A farm assistant works closely with the farm employees to assist with the overall care and maintenance of the Ross Farm Museum. This involves crop management livestock care, building maintenance and site preparation. As a living museum, part of responsibility is educating visitors on the differences between historical and modern farming, which involves talking with guests and leading volunteers. Other duties include keeping accurate records of all farm operations, such as seeding and harvesting schedules, pest and diseases, and management history. As a farm assistant, you use a variety of hand tools and machinery to complete your tasks, so you should be familiar with basic agriculture equipment.

Responsibilities:

- Daily farm chores including feeding and watering all animals, watering gardens, and opening/closing the facility for Program Staff and guests.
- Assist in the regular care and rotation of farm animals including cattle, sheep, horses and poultry around farm and paddocks.
- Assist farm staff in crop and garden work including planting, weeding, mulching, and harvesting.
- Willing to learn to traditional crafts such as team oxen and horses, coopering, blacksmithing. Woodworking and more.
- Assist Program Staff in farm related programs when necessary (i.e. Poultry Market, sheep sheering, pumpkin harvest)
- Assist in light construction, plumbing, and miscellaneous repairs as needed.
- Role model teamwork and great guest service while interacting with the public in a friendly and engaging manner.
- Ensure work area and equipment are in safe and reliable working order.
- Assist with other farm work, demonstrations and public education as needed.

Requirements:

- Experience caring for a range of animals: horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry
- Experience or interest in gardening and/or diversified farming.
- Willing to learn and work toward the mission statement of Ross Farm Museum.
- Familiarity with the use and operation of hand tools and yard equipment.

- Strong communication skills. Impromptu conversation skills are essential in this position.
- Regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift up to 50 lbs;
- Valid drivers license required. Experience driving tractors an asset.
- Ability to work solo or in groups effectively.
- Strong attention to detail, responsible, punctual.

This position offers an opportunity to engage deeply with both animals and the land while promoting an understanding of Nova Scotia's rich agricultural heritage.

Must be eligible to work in Canada and reside or be willing to relocate near New Ross, Nova Scotia.

Job Types: Full-time, Permanent

Pay: From \$24.00 per hour

Expected hours: 40 per week, 8 am -5 pm shifts on a rotating basis.

Benefits:

- Dental care, Extended health care, Vision care, RRSP match
- Flexible schedule, On-site parking

Schedule: varying weekly schedule, 40 hours per week, some weekends

Work Location: on site

Application deadline: June 14th, 2026 or till suitable applicant is found

Email applications to: rossfarm@novascotia.ca

Please include resume and cover letter explaining why you are suitable for the position.