# 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-ross-farm/work-ross-farm> .

**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 planting, harvesting, helping with weeding, pruning, plant and soil maintenance, seeding, and more. You also help with the care, feeding, watering, and moving livestock as needed. 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:

* Ensure work area and equipment are in safe and reliable working order;
* Assist in the regular care and rotation of farm animals including cattle, sheep, horses and poultry around farm and paddocks;
* Assist farm staff in garden work including planting, weeding, mulching, and harvesting;
* Assist staff in light construction, plumbing, and miscellaneous repairs as needed;
* Assist Program Staff in farm related programs when necessary (i.e. Poultry Market);
* Role model teamwork and great guest service while interacting with the public in a friendly and engaging manner;
* Learn to team oxen and horses, including delivering of hay and hay rides;
* Daily farm chores including feeding and watering all animals, watering the greenhouse, and opening/closing the facility for Program Staff and guests;
* Greenhouse work including soil prep, planting, thinning and watering;
* Assist with other farm work, demonstrations and public education as needed.

Requirements:

* Regularly required to use hands to finger, handle or feel; reach with hands and arms;
* Strong communication skills. Impromptu conversation skills are essential in this position;
* Perform physical activities such as bending, stooping, climbing and walking;
* Frequently required to sit, stand and walk;
* Regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift up to 50 lbs;
* Experience or interest in gardening and/or diversified farming;
* Valid drivers license required. Experience driving tractors, using powered and hand tools an asset
* Ability to work solo or in groups effectively;
* Willing to learn and work toward the mission statement of Ross Farm Museum;
* 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.

Job Types: Full-time, Permanent

Pay: From $23.86 per hour

Expected hours: 40 per week

Benefits:

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

Schedule:

* Monday to Friday
* Weekends as scheduled

Application question(s):

* Are you capable of being at the museum by 8 am on scheduled days?
* Are you willing to learn about the history of Ross Farm, Nova Scotia's agricultural history, and share this information with visitors?

Work Location: In person

Application deadline: 2025-07-16

Email applications to: rossfarm@novascotia.ca

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