



Job opportunity - Flower Farm Production Staff

Woolly Bee Farm, started in 2017, is a diversified market farm in Wamego, KS. We operate on 10 acres in the northern Flint Hills, with three acres in field and greenhouse cut flower production along with a 20 hive apiary (Honey production), pastured meat (lamb, pork and chicken), strawberries and select vegetables (tomatoes, garlic etc.). We market primarily at farmers markets and direct to florists in the Manhattan - I-70 corridor (Manhattan to KC). Our aim is to grow the highest quality cut flowers, meat and produce possible.

The Ideal Candidate

Our ideal candidate is curious and excited about farming, plants/flowers, insects, animals and the natural world. They are energetic and maintain a good work ethic. Self-motivation, reliability, and attitude is key. Everyone must have the ability to work in all kinds of weather, to work individually, to regularly lift 50 lbs, and be flexible with tasks. On a small farm there are always odd jobs and tasks that have little instruction. Successful candidates will seamlessly work through these tasks while maintaining productivity.

The Job

We are seeking candidates to focus on the cut flower production at Woolly Bee Farm, from planting seeds, to tending gardens, to preparing the product, to final sale. We have found that our best team members have a high drive (physical and mental), love to work hard, and can find initiative themselves.

We encourage applicants of all experience levels. Farm experience is not necessary but this is an outdoor job in Kansas and requires significant physical effort. (i.e. days can be hot, humid, windy, cold, pleasant, rainy and/or variable) Specific jobs and responsibilities may be tailored to the individual, but overall, everyone at Woolly Bee Farm works together to produce the highest quality cut flowers, from seeding to sale. Daily work could include:

- Care for greenhouse seedlings and plants
- Transplant and direct seed in the fields and greenhouses
- Irrigation
- Maintain plantings (i.e. weed/cultivate, trellis, prune/deadhead, etc)
- Harvest
- Post-harvest handling (cut stems, clean and prepare buckets, bunch/wrap/sort)
- Prep and pack out flowers for retail/wholesale outlets
- Basic floral design (bouquet building, retail bunching, processing stems, small arrangements, etc.)
- Assist with other aspects of the farm on occasion (e.g. pick strawberries, harvest garlic, mow/till, feed animals, haul feed, manage greenhouse/hoop house ventilation etc.)

The Details

This is a part-time position, paid hourly. Our starting wage is \$12 per hour, with pay advancement based on performance and responsibility. We have a semi-flexible weekly schedule to adapt to the candidates schedule. Some weekend hours may be available. We prefer 3-6 hr work blocks. Depending on the time of year we will fill in work blocks based on availability and need. Expected total hours for each employee from April to November is 15-30 hrs/week

Contact

If interested, please send your resume and cover letter to Jen Campbell at woollybeefarm@gmail.com. Call or text Jen with any questions 785-640-3828.