

Job Opening: Fair Food Farmstand Retail Associate

Assisting in the day-to-day operation of The Fair Food Farmstand, The Fair Food non-profit organization's retail location at the Reading Terminal Market.

Background: Located in the historic Reading Terminal Market, the Fair Food Farmstand carries a variety of fresh produce, meats, poultry, dairy, eggs and cheese from organic and sustainable farms throughout the southeast Pennsylvania region. We emphasize local and seasonal foods and products from small-scale producers such as humanely raised meats, organic and specialty fruits and vegetables, and raw milk cheeses. Currently open 8am to 6pm Mon-Sat and 9am to 5pm Sunday, the goals of The Farmstand are to provide an access point for local/sustainably-raised foods, educate consumers about the benefits of buying local; and provide training and real-life experience for farmers selling direct wholesale.

Fair Food is the mission-driven non-profit organization dedicated to providing local food to the marketplace and promoting a humane sustainable agriculture system for our region. Unlike many non-profits, we use the marketplace as a vehicle for social change.

Responsibilities

- Spend **4-5** shifts/week at the Farmstand, weekend availability a must, including opening and closing of the Farmstand
- Handling of money during closing banking, making bank deposits and change orders
- Lead and supervise volunteers when management is not at Farmstand
- Assist customers throughout the work day, and present a favorable image of the Fair Food Farmstand to the public
- Assist receiving of orders for produce, meat, dairy, and value-added products weekly from small-scale family farms and co-operatives.
- Assist stocking, organizing, inventorying and management of all perishable product as well as retail and paper goods (credit card & cash register receipts, packaging and cleaning supplies, etc.)
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of The Fair Food Farmstand retail space as well as its walk-in refrigerator
- Prepare food for sale at the Fair Food Farmstand

Qualifications:

- Retail sales and food handling and/or service experience
- Kitchen experience, professional cooking background a plus
- Interest in and commitment to locally grown/raised food and sustainable agriculture
- Ability to work well with colleagues, farmers, and customers from wide range of diverse backgrounds
- Desire to educate the public about the organization's mission and goals
- Familiarity with Macintosh environment; ability to use email and internet browsers; proficiency in MS Office, particularly excel;

- ServSafe Certification a plus

Relationships: Reports directly to Seth Kalkstein, Sarah Cain and Emily Gunther; managers of the Fair Food Farmstand; works with Ann Karlen, Fair Food Executive Director. Lead and supervise volunteers when managers are not at Farmstand

Candidates: email cover letter and resume to seth@fairfoodphilly.org attention Seth Kalkstein, with "Farmstand Job" and your name in the Subject.

Compensation: \$8-10/hr + pro-rated health benefits.

Fair Food is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds.