

Gardner Family Farm

Food that Nourishes, Farming that Heals

Job Title: Poultry Processor - Gardner Family Farm

Location: Spring Grove, MN

Terms: Part Time - Seasonal - 18-20 hours every other week

Pay Rate: \$13-\$15/hour (Depending on experience) - Opportunity for bonuses

Special Conditions: All job training provided

Job Summary:

Gardner Family Farm is a pasture-based, regenerative farm focused on raising high quality meat that is raised on pasture while respecting the needs, instincts, habits and preferences of our animals. With our farming practices, we aim to improve land quality while providing sustainable, ethical, and local food products for our customers. As a poultry processor, employees in this position will be involved in evisceration, chilling, carcass breakdown and packaging of our chickens and turkeys. As this position deals directly with a sensitive raw food product, ideal candidates should be detail oriented and care about food safety. While not required, candidates with experience in food safety and food service will be given preference.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Work on a team to eviscerate, chill, break down and package chickens and turkeys
- Maintain a clean and sanitary work environment
- Maintain proper food temperatures
- Ensure poultry carcass quality through cleaning and visual inspection.
- Accurately package, weigh and label product for sale

Preferred Qualifications:

- Detail oriented
- Food safety conscious and responsible
- Able to work both independently and as part of a team
- Experience handling knives and sharp objects preferred but not required
- Able to lift 50 lbs without assistance
- Able to stand for extended periods of time
- Past experience in food service is a bonus but not required

Work Experience and Opportunities:

- Acquire the knife skills to fully and professionally process and break down poultry
- Opportunity for pay bonuses
- Fast pay raise schedule with consistent performance
- Become proficient in food safety practices in a processing environment
- Potential for additional work if desired.

About Us:

Jim and Ellen are first generation farmers and U of M graduates who are passionate about sustainable agriculture and responsibly stewarding the land we have been given to care for. Currently, we focus primarily on pasture-raised chicken, turkey, eggs and lambs processing all of our poultry and egg products on-farm in our PL-90-492 exempt processing facility. All our products are marketed direct-to-consumer currently, but we're excited to eventually expand our offerings to stores and local food facilities, while branching into on-farm education and classes and agritourism. Our primary goal is to bring the farm to our consumers and help bridge the gap between consumers and the source of their food.

Our Commitment as Employers:

Part of any truly sustainable business is providing a healthy work environment and properly caring for our employees. While farm work can be demanding, we strive to create a work environment that puts employee wellness first while inspiring and creating room for personal initiative, responsibility and creativity.

To Apply:

Submit resume and cover letter to Ellen Gardner at ellen@gfamilyfarm.com. Call 507-822-7035 with any questions or inquiries.