Good Roots Farm Hiring Full- and Part-time Assistant Growers

Good Roots Farm, a small certified organic vegetable farm in Lincoln, MA, is seeking part-time and full-time assistant growers for the 2017 season. Good Roots Farm is entering its fourth season growing food. We sell at three farmers markets and to local restaurants.

The full-time assistant grower position will work closely with the farmer on all aspects of vegetable production and marketing. This is an excellent opportunity to work with a new farm that is expanding its markets and acreage. This position will be especially beneficial for individuals interested in farming as a career to learn about the challenges faced during the early years of an organic market farm.

The part-time positions will be focused on harvesting and market preparation, routine farm jobs like planting and weeding, and helping to manage the stand at one or more farmers’ markets.

The assistant growers will learn many features of operating a small organic farm producing food for market, including soil fertility management, weed and pest control, and marketing, while being a valuable part of a growing local food system.

Requirements:

- At least one full season of farm experience necessary for the full-time position. Experience preferred but not required for the part-time positions.
- Flexibility and desire to learn all aspects of vegetable and herb production, including seeding, transplanting, weeding, harvesting, packing, and farm maintenance tasks.
- An interest in sustainable agriculture and a desire to learn.
- Positive attitude and strong work ethic.
- Ability and willingness to do hard physical labor in all weather conditions.

Compensation:

Hourly pay is $10 to $12 depending on experience, plus vegetables from the farm. All assistant growers are encouraged to attend workshops and tours organized by the Eastern Massachusetts Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (EMassCRAFT). A bonus will
be provided to workers who complete the full season. Unfortunately, no housing is available on the farm.

Hours:

The **full-time position** will be 30 to 40 hours per week, with fewer hours at the start and end of the season. The season is from April into late October, with start and end dates negotiable.

The **part-time positions** will be 10 to 20 hours per week. The season is from late May into October, with start and end dates negotiable.

To Apply:

Email cover letter and resume to Brian Turnbaugh at bturnbaugh@gmx.com and visit [www.goodrootsfarm.net](http://www.goodrootsfarm.net) for more information about the farm.