



Farm Mechanic Assistant

compensation: **\$15-20 per hour, or DOE. Plus free organic produce for your household**

employment type: **full-time**

location: **Philomath, OR**

start date: **ASAP (April 2025)**

Gathering Together Farm (GTF), a 65-acre organic vegetable farm with an on-site farm-to-table restaurant, is seeking a full-time farm mechanic to help support our maintenance, repair, and fabrication needs. With the direction of the farm's Lead Mechanic, the Farm Mechanic will diagnose and service a wide range of vehicles and equipment.

Responsibilities:

- Cooperate with and take directions from our senior farm mechanic.
- Help proactively maintain a fleet of diesel distribution trucks; numerous older gas engine vehicles; dump trucks; a compost loader; several tractors of varied ages and engine types; a wide assortment of three-point mounted tractor implements; two forklifts; and other farm machines and tools.
- Source parts and materials as necessary for repairs, both from nearby stores and locations further away.
- Other maintenance-related jobs for a diversified farm – including building projects, and cooling systems maintenance.

Qualifications:

- Broad experience maintaining, diagnosing, and repairing engines (gas and diesel), and farm equipment.
- Curiosity for learning, and drive to increase competencies beyond current level.
- Prior experience maintaining a safe shop space and practicing good safety habits.
- Valid driver's license and a good driving record, and reliable transportation to and from the farm.

- Ability to occasionally work long days, as needed, and willing to work in varying outdoor temperatures and weather.

Preferred Education and Experience:

- Experience operating tractors and other farm equipment is ideal but not required.
- Welding experience valued but not required.
- Electrical experience valued but not required.
- Passion for organic farming and organic produce is ideal but not required.

Competency Qualifications:

- Attention to detail.
- Willingness to listen to your supervisor and to the farm's management.

Physical Demands:

- Regularly required to sit, stand, reach, bend, kneel, stoop, climb and push, pull, or lift items weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Requires manual dexterity, and the ability to learn farm and shop conventions and standards.

Position Type / Expected Hours of Work:

- Full time, year round (TBD in discussion at end of year).
- 30 - 48 hours (TBD) per week with 5-day work week, generally – Monday through Friday.

Please email your resume and cover letter to hr@gatheringtogetherfarm.com. Thank you, and we look forward to receiving your application.