

Farm Manager
Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum

Job Description

Characteristics of Work:

This full-time position oversees the development and daily operations of a 1920's era living history farm, care of farm animals and barnyard exhibit. The farmer performs occasional special farm tours, and works with and supervises farm volunteers to grow vegetables and agricultural crops. As farm plan is developed and expanded, integration of heirloom varieties of vegetables, heritage breeds of animals and historic farming methods are preferred.

The farm component of the museum is a vital part of the operation and mission to preserve Mississippi's rural and agricultural heritage. The museum complex includes about 3 acres of established pasture, several areas for cultivated land, a barnyard exhibit and a historic farmstead which includes a small orchard and vegetable garden.

Supervision is received from Director of Operations.

Must be available for weekend and holiday work, have a warm and enthusiastic demeanor, be team-oriented, and be quality customer service driven. Support a collaborative work environment within project teams and with all Museum colleagues to ensure quality experiences according to the Museums mission and vision.

Examples of Work:

1. Responsible for the care of Museum livestock
2. Feed and care for animals on a daily basis
3. Clean barn and barnyard area daily
4. Care and upkeep of pasture area, pony sweep and pavilion areas
5. Development of and management of grazing plan for large livestock including cattle, ponies and mules
6. Stay abreast of developments in agricultural and living history museum education and exhibit development in relation to working with livestock and antique farm implements, sharing knowledge with colleagues, enhancing our ability to innovate and advance
7. Operate train, carousel and tractor drawn rides as needed
8. Responsible for guest relations and operations required for birthday parties
9. Assist Grounds and Landscape Supervisor and Facilities Manager of Sales and Rentals when needed
10. Work in cooperation with all Museum teams during special events as needed