

Job Title: Rio Grande Farm Park Farm and Land Manager**Organization:** San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition

Summary: The Farm Manager is responsible for managing food production and the land of the Rio Grande Farm Park, a 38-acre property owned by the SLV Local Foods Coalition. Primary responsibilities are working with the commercial and family farmers, maintenance and security of the Farm Park equipment, buildings, and land projects.

Duties:

- Assist in selection and recruitment of commercial farmers
- Supervise commercial farmers
- Assist commercial/family farmers with crop production--including seed ordering, plot assignment and preparation, soil amendments and managing irrigation system.
- Actively coordinate with family farm liaison, meet regularly during the season
- Supervising farmers' yield accounting
- Manage and maintain farm equipment and tools
- Be regularly available for farmers during growing season
- Establish communication structure with farmers and RGFP leadership to understand and respond to their needs
- Complete full-site inspections at least 5 days per week
- Supervise interns or volunteers if needed
- Conduct education and assist with setting up and maintaining farmer cooperative
- Assist with and work within the RGFP budget
- Assist with development of year-round, profitable commercial food production including greenhouse
- Supervise weed control

Job Qualifications:

- Experience with organic food production and/or regenerative/sustainable farming practices
- Good team player, good people person with welcoming personality
- Ability to communicate with and respond to the needs of multiple stakeholders with the understanding this is a community farm - Communication and listening skills
- Passionate about work and willing to get dirty; likes their hands in the soil
- Accountable to farmers, leadership and community at large
- Understands building soil health, preparing the land, and composting
- Spanish speaker preferred
- Tractor and other farm equipment experience
- Experience with drip irrigation systems preferred
- Ability to lift loads weighing up to 60 lbs. and extensive periods of standing or walking, work is mostly outdoors
- Ability to be on call and flexible with schedule, sometimes early mornings, evenings, or weekends

Job Specifications:

.8 FTE May to October (32 hrs/week); .5 FTE November to April (20 hrs/week)

Compensation - \$18 Depending on Experience

Plot for own projects (outside of work time) with fees waived

Flexibility with timesheet/accountability required; Growth Potential if funding allows

Discount at Food Hub

Provide Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com Open until filled