



## Produce Farm Manager Position

Coveyou Scenic Farm is hiring a Produce Farm Manager to lead our certified organic vegetable production.

Coveyou Scenic Farm is a 144-year-old family farm in Petoskey, Michigan that continues to expand production of a wide array of vegetables on approximately 25 acres with additional acreage available for rotation or production. Produce is sold through our on-farm market, CSA, three Farmer's Markets, restaurants, institutions, food coops, wholesale accounts and schools.

Our farm has a focus on high quality produce with a strong position in tomatoes, brassicas and salad greens. A wide array of other vegetables as well as strawberries are grown on the farm. As our farm growth continues we are looking for a well-organized, bright, experienced farmer to help take our production to the next level. We have a lot in place already with our high tunnels, irrigation system, transplant greenhouse and other infrastructure but are always working to improve our methods. All aspects of growing produce on the farm will be responsibility of the Produce Farm Manager.

Duties will include leading the field crew to prepare fields, seed, transplant, weed, prune, trellis, irrigate, fertilize, harvest, manage pests and all other aspects of producing Certified Organic produce. This is a hands-on position that comes with an experienced and hardworking field crew. Improving our system from variety trials to improving production efficiency will be part of the Produce Farm Managers role. Assisting in the development of our seeding plan, Organic and GAP certifications and implementing our food safety plan are all part of the position duties. Knowledge and experience with vegetable production is required. Positive disposition, hardworking, strong organization skills, attention to detail, willingness to learn and ability to lead and motivate a team are all highly important. Ability to communicate in Spanish a plus.

The Produce Farm Manager reports to David Coveyou, whose full-time profession is running the farm. Field workers are a combination of local labor, H2A migrant staff and intern students. All production farm staff will report to the Produce Farm Manager.

In addition to our vegetable crops Coveyou Scenic Farm also produces vegetable transplants, spring flowers and bedding annuals /perennials, potted garden mums, cut flowers, 300 tree apple orchard, hayride tours in the fall and on farm produced evergreen Christmas wreaths and holiday decorations. The farm has an additional 300 acres of uncultivated or woodlot area.

Coveyou Scenic Farm is located roughly 3 miles from downtown Petoskey, making biking or driving an easy option. The rolling hills and many inland lakes (including Walloon Lake which the farm overlooks) make the region a nature filled and peaceful setting. This area of northern Michigan is usually bustling in the summer with numerous festivals, concerts, and other cultural/recreational opportunities. The region is known for its abundance of lakes, beaches, cherries, and extensive Lake Michigan coastline, and the farm is an hour south of Mackinaw City and an hour north of Traverse City. During the winter we are minutes from two of the best downhill skiing hills in the Midwest and the farm has large tracks of forested land for X-country skiing and snowshoeing.

This position is a full time, year round position with our desire for this person to be a long term key member of our staff. Competitive pay package including Paid time off, complementary produce and bonus options are part of our compensation plan. There is the potential for on farm housing as well.

Applicants are requested to send a resume along with an email or cover letter that outlines your background, work experiences and passions that make you well suited for this position.

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