**Farm Network Director Job Description**

Carolina Farm Trust (CFT) strengthens local food systems in the Carolinas, from production to consumption. To work toward sustaining the Charlotte Metro with locally-produced food, CFT manages a network of urban farms. This Urban Farm Network includes two catalyst farms - each at a different stage of activation or development - with additional farms being added to the network in 2023:

* The **Urban Farm at Aldersgate** (UFA), located in East Charlotte, grows vegetables, herbs, and fruits on a 6.7-acre urban farm site. Each year, UFA works with a number of community partners and community volunteers to grow healthy, nutrient-dense foods in an effort to improve food security.
* **Free Spirit Farm**, located in Huntersville, is 27.9 acres with 20 acres of productive land. The farm buildout is scheduled for 2023 and will be the primary project for the Farm Network Director.

**Position Description**

We are searching for a Farm Network Director to join the CFT team. The Farm Network Director’s responsibilities include monitoring staff and crops, purchasing supplies, preparing budgets and reports, and ensuring maximum profit. The Director should be able to maintain professional and community networks and keep abreast of developments in agricultural science. To be successful as a Farm Network Director, you must be detail-oriented but also keep the bigger picture in mind. Outstanding candidates are keen problem solvers who are focused on efficiency, and take a hands-on approach to management.

**Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

* Planning, planting, and harvesting vegetables, herbs, and other tasks related to providing sustainable produce
* Managing farm staff, including training and supporting daily fieldwork
* Manages retail farm stand, wholesale, and U-Pick sales streams
* Purchasing equipment and supplies
* Managing all aspects of farm record-keeping, including harvest records, sales, inventory, and farm expenses
* Attending monthly community engagement meeting(s)
* Contribute to a library of photos, videos, and content to relay to social media managers
* Participate in speaking engagements, including press interviews and conference presentations

**Farm Network Director Requirements**:

* Experience in a farming-related field.
* Management experience would be a plus.
* A passion for agriculture.
* Excellent problem-solving, analytical, and critical thinking skills.
* The ability to make decisions in stressful environments.
* Superb communication and interpersonal skills.
* Willingness to work overtime as required.
* Must be able to perform physically demanding tasks
* Must have reliable transportation
* Bachelor’s/Associate's (or equivalent experience) degree in agriculture, animal science, or equivalent.
* Additional courses in business management or administration are recommended.

The salary range for the Farm Network Director is $50,000 - $60,000. Benefits include health, vision, and dental coverage.

Please apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to Zack Wyatt, zack@carolinafarmtrust.org. Please include the job title in the subject.