

## Pasture Raised Poultry Processors- Hiring for 2016 Season

**Maple Wind Farm** is a pasture-based livestock and organic vegetable farm with operations in Huntington and Richmond, VT. In operation since 1999, we raise 100% grass-fed beef, non-GMO pasture-raised pork, pasture-raised non-GMO layer and broiler chickens, certified organic turkeys and organic vegetables. We have 20 acres of vegetables and our broiler operation will increase to 20,000 birds this season. We have an on-farm USDA-inspected poultry processing facility. The vegetable, egg, turkey and broiler operations are based in Richmond while the other operations are based in Huntington.

We process chickens and turkeys from late May to Thanksgiving. Our facility is state of the art for very small plants and includes an innovative air-chilling process.

This is a full-time seasonal position with potential for outside farm work (livestock and/or vegetable) on days when not processing. Our processing schedule varies so the ideal candidate will have some flexibility and can expect flexibility from us in return.

This is a fast-paced, physically-demanding work environment. The faster we work, the sooner our day ends. At the same time, we try to keep a light work environment and have fun.

### Qualifications/ Desired skills:

- Experience processing poultry, especially in an inspected setting.
- Knowledge of food safety.
- Ability to perform repetitive tasks efficiently.
- Attention to detail.
- Ability to lift 30lbs.
- Ability to work on one's feet, often standing in place.
- Sense of humor and positive attitude.
- Willingness to take direction and also be proactive.
- Dependable and reliable transportation
- Acceptance of a wide variety of musical tastes, including pop music.

### Responsibilities may include:

- Killing, scalding, plucking poultry.
- Eviscerating poultry.
- Quality control.
- Monitoring temperatures of chilling carcasses.
- Maintaining a sanitary working environment.
- Parting out birds into pieces.
- Packaging poultry
- Lots of cleaning.
- Managing wastewater system.

These positions will be overseen by the poultry manager, associate poultry manager, and farm owners.

**Compensation:** Starts at \$12/hr. We will consider higher wages for those with meat or poultry processing experience. Housing is not included but employees receive farm produce and a discount on other farm products. We are looking for those who can commit to our entire processing season, from late May to Thanksgiving. There may be year-round work available.

**To Apply:** E-mail resume and 2 references to Morgan Czaja, poultry manager at [morgan.czaja@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.czaja@gmail.com)

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