



Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

Rangeland Goatherd/Farm Manager

Job Dates: Full-time, 40 hours per week, start June 2024, start date is flexible.

Job Description:

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank seeks an individual to manage the land bank's ecological goat grazing program. The Land Bank has established a goat grazing program with approximately 175 goats to reclaim old fields and manage invasive and aggressive plant species. The goatherd will be supervised by the Land Bank Ecologist. During the summer months the goatherd manager will supervise 3-4 seasonal employees to implement summer grazing rotations.

Typical goatherd manager duties include:

- Assessing and managing the health of the herd including in-house fecal analysis, hoof trimming, vaccine and medicine administration, and breeding
- Planning growing season grazing rotation schedule
- Setting up and taking down moveable electric fence at specific grazing locations
- Trailering goats and hauling water to grazing sites
- Assist ecologist with plant inventories of grazing sites.
- Upkeep and maintenance of winter farm site includes activities such as fence repair, manure management, barn repair and feeder construction.

Skills needed:

Successful applicants must demonstrate good communication skills; ability to work with a larger herd of livestock; ability to work independently and lead a team; backing up and pulling a trailer. General carpentry and mechanic skills are desirable. Successful applicants will have experience working with goats or other similar livestock, as well as experience driving small to midsize trucks, moving trailers, cutting grass/brush with a walk behind mower, and setting moveable electric fencing.

Pay/Housing:

Salary is \$57,000 - \$79,000, annually. The 40 hours per week are spread out unevenly across the entire year. Scheduled vacation and holidays can be covered by another individual when arranged in advance. Housing is provided with the position on the winter farm site in a three-bedroom farmhouse; additional caretaking responsibilities are required of all tenants in exchange for housing. Living on the farm is a requirement of the position.

To Apply:

Application for employment with the land bank is located on the land bank website at www.mvlandbank.com under **employment opportunities**. Use the link to the online application form and follow instructions to upload cover letter and resume.

Interviews will be conducted in person or by telephone. Please contact Julie Russell via email at julie.russell@vineyardlandbank.com, if you have questions or require additional information concerning this job announcement.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 10, 2024