**Dairy Assistant responsible for youngstock on grass based, organic farm in South Herefordshire**

We are a small team of grassland enthusiasts focussing on milk production from grazed grass.

440 spring calving, cross bred cows on two adjoining sites. Rotational grazing. Good tracks and infrastructure. Regular off farm grassland discussion group meetings.

We are looking for someone to join the team with particular responsibility for rearing replacement heifers through to calving.

**The job will involve:**

* Responsibility for rearing and managing replacement heifers
* To include weighing, record keeping and grassland management for youngstock
* Relief milking. Alternate weekends plus holiday cover. Modern 20:40 swing over with ACRs
* Stock work - calving, heat detection, dehorning, vaccination.
* Yard work - scraping, bedding, feeding, including use of telehandler.
* Tractor work - pre mowing, slurry spreading with umbilical system.
* Variety of other work - maintenance, fencing, repairs.

**You will need to have:**

* Keen interest in grass based milk production.
* Dairy experience, (but we can provide training where required)
* Good communication skills.
* Ability to work as part of a team.
* Willingness to contribute to the success of the enterprise.
* Full UK driving licence

**Accommodation:**

* If required, a 3 bedroom house with central heating and garden is available. In village, close to shop, school and bus route.
* Help with other accommodation if preferred.
* Local towns are 7 to 10 miles away.

**Other information:**

* We are able to offer good pay and conditions with regular time off.  Pay to be agreed according to experience.
* You would be part of a small, keen and well motivated team.  This will provide opportunities to both learn and to contribute.
* Good training opportunities
* We are offering this as a permanent position but would consider it as a one year placement.
* If you think you might be interested, please apply. There will be a chance to find out more with an informal phone conversation.

**Please email CV to** **sam@thornleyfarms.co.uk** **or call 01981 580 305/07816 470 738**