

ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER

Required for an 800-acre arable and beef enterprise on a North Wiltshire Estate

Due to management restructuring the above position has become available on a well-equipped mixed estate to start mid September 2021.

Overview

The candidate will be capable of undertaking all the operations for an arable rotation; from planting to harvest, grain storage management and being primarily responsible for crop establishment. They will also be required to manage the beef finishing unit and undertake grassland management. Additionally, the candidate will be required to implement the Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier scheme and assist the Farm Manager.

Main duties

The candidate will be directly responsible to the Farm Manager with whom they will liaise closely. The role will include a range of duties as expected of this position, but principally involves managing one employee in addition to completing tasks on their own. Whilst the arable role is that of growing the crops, the candidate will be expected to take full responsibility for the management of the grain store, completing application records, including farm assurance, liaising with the Agronomist as well as monitoring and servicing the machinery. The Farm Manager will remain responsible for crop sales, invoicing and office duties.

The candidate will be required to undertake the management of stock at the beef fattening unit. Other duties will include the purchasing of direct cost supplies for both the arable and beef enterprises. The role will also include the maintenance of farm buildings, drainage, fencing, hedging, ditching, woodlands and wildlife conservation.

Skills

The candidate must be able to manage their own workload, make appropriate decisions, have a meticulous approach as well as being honest and trustworthy. The ideal candidate should be comfortable working on their own and as part of a small team. Typically, they should hold PA1, 2, 4, 6 NoRoSo certification, all terrain forklift certificate, chainsaw certificates and possess a wide range of farming skills. The candidate will be expected to work long hours at busy times "to get the job done" and thus form part of the normal routine. As the role develops more opportunities may arise.

Remuneration

An attractive package will be made available for the right person comprising a salary, pension and a house (although not available immediately). No vehicle is offered with this position although a vehicle will be available for farm duties.

Application details

If you fit the criteria, please apply with a full C.V and a handwritten covering letter explaining why you think you are the best candidate.

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