

Lochhill Agroecological Farm CIC
Assistant Stockperson
Around 15hrs/week, £13-15/hr depending on experience
Self employed position

About this role

Lochhill Agroecological Farm is a 75 acre community farm just outside Crossmichael. We are taking an 'enterprise stacking' approach, supporting diverse and resilient rural enterprises. We use a nature friendly farming approach and aim to increase ecological diversity on the farm. We are in our second year of organising courses, workshops and events to engage the public, schools and others in our community.

Over the last year we have established a 13 head Shetland Cattle herd, and we are in the process of setting up a cow with calf, pasture fed micro dairy. 5 cows will be calving in May with a second group calving in September. The plan is to be milking from May, selling milk and yoghurt directly through local supply chains.

We use adaptive multi paddock grazing, with electric fences to move the cattle frequently through small paddocks, with long rest periods for soil and pasture recovery.

What we're looking for

We are looking for someone to join our team and assist on a daily basis, for a couple of hours a day with all aspects of cattle handling, pasture management, calving and milking.

You should have an interest in regenerative farming approaches and enjoy working as a team. We imagine this role is best suited to someone who lives locally, enjoys working as a team, and is already working in or studying agriculture.

It may be possible to gain an SCQF Level 6 Modern Apprenticeship as part of this role.

Skills and Experience

- Experience working with cattle, including safe handling and daily stock checks
- Confidence working around calving cows, or willingness to learn with support
- Interest in pasture-based and regenerative livestock systems
- Practical experience with electric fencing and moving stock between paddocks (or willingness to learn)
- Basic understanding of animal health, welfare, and biosecurity
- Ability to work independently, manage time well, and follow agreed routines
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather and on mixed terrain
- Good communication skills and ability to work as part of a small team
- Ability to drive a quad and/or tractor (or willingness to learn)

Desirable (but not essential):

- Experience with milking (hand or machine) or dairy hygiene practices
- Knowledge of pasture management or adaptive/rotational grazing systems
- Relevant agricultural training or current study in farming, agriculture, or land-based subjects

Apply by sending CV and cover letter outlining your relevant skills and experience to lochhillfarm@proton.me

Closing date Monday 23 February