



Job Title: Livestock Manager
Company: loway Farms
Location: White Cloud, KS
Job Type: Full-time with benefits

Job Description:

loway Farms is seeking a highly motivated and experienced Livestock Manager to join our dynamic team. As a Livestock Manager, you will play a crucial role in our active livestock operation, overseeing and implementing adaptive grazing practices to optimize herd health, productivity, and sustainability. We are looking for an individual who is passionate about animal welfare, possesses deep knowledge of livestock management, and has a strong commitment to implementing innovative grazing strategies.

Responsibilities:

Livestock Management:

- Oversee and manage the day-to-day operations of the livestock department, including the care, feeding, and health monitoring of the livestock.
- Develop and implement livestock management strategies, ensuring the well-being and optimal productivity of the herd.
- Coordinate breeding, calving, and weaning activities to maintain herd size and composition according to operational goals.
- Maintain accurate records of livestock performance, health, and breeding activities.

Adaptive Grazing Practices:

- Apply adaptive grazing principles to optimize forage utilization, land health, animal health and environmental sustainability.
- Monitor forage availability, quality, and rotational grazing systems to maximize grazing efficiency and minimize overgrazing.
- Implement grazing plans and adjust stocking rates based on forage conditions and herd requirements.
- Integrate multi-species grazing and pasture management techniques to enhance soil fertility and pasture biodiversity.
- Must be able to provide fence repair/maintenance and designing/laying out grazing systems. Also will be working closely with the row crop team.

Team Management:

- Lead and supervise a team of farmhands and ensure their adherence to best practices in livestock management and grazing techniques.
- Provide training and guidance to team members on livestock handling, grazing methodologies, and safety protocols.
- Foster a positive work environment that promotes collaboration, continuous learning, and professional development.

Environmental Stewardship:

- Collaborate with the farm's management to develop and implement sustainable farming practices that align with loway Farms' environmental goals.
- Participate in land management planning, including soil conservation, water quality improvement, and habitat enhancement initiatives.
- Stay updated with industry trends, research, and technological advancements related to adaptive grazing and sustainable livestock management.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Animal Science, Agriculture, or a related field (preferred but not required).
- Proven experience in livestock management, preferably in a grazing-based operation.
- In-depth knowledge of adaptive grazing practices and their application in livestock management.
- Strong understanding of animal welfare standards and best practices.
- Excellent leadership and communication skills to effectively manage a team and interact with stakeholders.
- Ability to make informed decisions based on data analysis and field observations.
- Proficiency in record-keeping and farm management software is desirable.
- Physical stamina and ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions.

Note: This job description outlines the primary duties and requirements of the Livestock Manager position at loway Farms. However, it is not exhaustive and may be subject to modifications as necessary to meet the evolving needs of the farm.

If you believe you possess the skills, knowledge, and passion to excel in this role, we invite you to submit your application, including a resume and cover letter. Drop off or send applications to HR Director Cheyenne Colborn 3345 B Thrasher Rd White Cloud, KS 66094 or by email to ccolborn@iowas.org.

Benefits: Employer paid health, dental, vision, employee assistance program, short term disability & life Insurance, 401 K with up to 3% match, paid holidays