

# THE CIDER FARM

## The Cider Farm – Fall Orchard Worker

### ABOUT THE CIDER FARM

- We are an expanding, organically managed apple orchard growing specialty apples to make The Cider Farm apple brandy and ciders. Neither product is made on-farm, but our cider is made at our Cidery and Tasting Room in Madison.
- We have been grafting and purchasing trees. About 16,000 trees are in the orchard and 1000 are in the tree nursery.
- We are reclaiming over 60 ac of timberland from invasive species.
- We maintain over 35-acres of prairie, windbreaks, and pollinator habitat adjacent to orchard blocks.
- Our farm hosts research and educational initiatives as well as monthly farm tours during the growing season.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to appropriately balance speed and quality of work.
- Strong verbal communication skills and ability to follow directions, particularly regarding safety.
- The work is very physical and outdoors. You must be able to frequently lift 30 to 50 lbs.; to bend and squat for work at the tree base; to run weed-wackers.
- Experience in horticultural production is desired, while previous orchard work is a plus. Mechanical skills are highly desired. Experience managing others is a plus; the right person could earn managerial responsibilities.

### DUTIES

The work is diverse and changes from week to week, if not day to day. Work includes, but is not limited to:

- Harvest apples keeping records of all harvest-related information.
- Press apples keeping records of varieties and amounts pressed.
- Clean small and large equipment. Sanitize apple mill and press with each use.
- Operate a skid steer, riding mower, and tractor (optional) for diverse tasks.
- Move, stabilize and weed deer fencing.
- Dig and plant trees.
- Stake or trellis trees. Attach trees to stakes or trellising.
- Apply tree guards to tree trunks.
- Hand weed. Operate a weed-wacker/brush cutter cautiously around trees, fencing, buildings and utilities.
- Assist with prairie burns.
- Apply mulches to tree rows and to protect irrigation system. Rake mulches in row.
- Monitor for and remove insect pests in tree trunks.

### DATES AND TIMES OF WORK

- September through mid-November, weather permitting, Monday through Friday. 2-3 Sundays for apple pressing.

### TO APPLY:

Email resume and brief cover letter to [deirdre@theciderfarm.com](mailto:deirdre@theciderfarm.com)