



Job Description

JOB TITLE: Shepherd	REPORTS TO: Farm Manager
OUR COMPANY:	
<p>We pride ourselves on the great care we provide our animals. Every attention is paid to the animal's welfare; no growth promoting hormones are used, to any animal bearing the quality assured seal of Laverstoke Park.</p> <p>We are located in 2,500 acres of beautiful Hampshire countryside. A stunning place to work, with hard-working people working together to create a profitable company, in a great environment, producing exciting, award winning products.</p> <p>We strongly believe in the 'field to fork' philosophy, and invite you to join our great team, caring for our animals and land!</p>	
THE ROLE:	
<p>A shepherd is required to manage a flock of 900 organic breeding ewes in Hampshire. The flock is comprised of Lleyn ewes, which are run with a variety of rams including Lleyn, Charollais and Romneys. The ambition is to grow the overall flock size to over 1,000 ewes within the next 12 – 24 months.</p> <p>The sheep enterprise works alongside a cattle and arable enterprise and is grazed across a mix of permanent pasture, temporary grass leys and stubble turnips. The majority of the flock is expected to lamb outdoors, but housing is available for single and triplet carrying ewes during lambing.</p> <p>The shepherd will be expected to report to the Farm Manager, but will otherwise have autonomy over the management of the flock. There is a new Rappa series 10 supper sheep handling system along with weigh scales and the technology for tracking live weight gain along with the use of a farm vehicle and quad. Relief labour is provided for holiday cover and during busy periods such as lambing. The successful candidate will be able to develop the flock as they see fit.</p> <p>A 3-bedroom house, generous salary, pension, mobile phone, are provided as part of the package.</p> <p><i>If you have any additional questions regarding the role, please contact recruitment@laverstokepark.co.uk, where a member of our team will be more than happy to assist you.</i></p>	