



## **COUNTRYSIDE RETAIL ASSOCIATE**

### **About Countryside**

The purpose of Countryside is to connect people, food, and land by inspiring, educating, and promoting a resilient, sustainable food culture.

### **About Countryside Farmers' Markets**

Countryside began managing farmers' markets in 2004. Currently, we manage two summer markets and one winter market in the greater Akron area. The markets collectively serve over 50,000 customers each year, and vendor sales exceed \$1 million. 2019 is our sixteenth season in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and our fifteenth season in Akron.

The purposes of the Countryside Farmers' Markets are three-fold:

- Provide a venue where local farmers, producers, artisans, and artists can sell their high-quality products directly to the consumer.
- Connect consumers with a wide array of locally grown and produced foods and goods in a setting that allows them to interact directly with the grower or producer, thereby re-connecting them directly to the source of their food.
- Create a space that allows for community interaction and enjoyment, informal public education and civic engagement.
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### **About Countryside Cheese**

Countryside Cheese connects Ohio artisan cheese producers with Countryside Farmers' Market cheese lovers.

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Countryside is seeking a Retail Associate to sell cheese at our weekly Saturday farmers' markets.

- Saturdays, 7am – 1:30pm • May through December and bi-weekly Saturdays, January through April (Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow and Countryside Old Trail School Winter Farmers' Market)

### **Essential Duties**

- Pack cheese coolers for transport to market
- Set-up Countryside Cheese booth – layout and prepare samples
- Sell cheese!

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- Reconcile cheese sales at end of market; re-set cash box and prepare cheese deposit
- Tear down Countryside Cheese booth
- Unpack cheese coolers, complete inventory, do cheese dishes
- Other duties, as assigned

### **Key Skills**

- Outgoing personality, with excellent customer service skills
- Precise cash handling
- Passion for/curiosity about cheese
- Willing to develop a depth of knowledge about producers and product
- Articulate communication skills to share knowledge with customers

### **Additional Qualifications**

- Must be capable of lifting objects ~50 lbs.
- Reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and a clean driving record are required.
- Trained in food safety, or willing to be trained.

### **Compensation**

\$12/hour, part-time and non-exempt

### **To Apply**

Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send a one-page cover letter and one-page resume to Alexis Dragovich, Retail Manager, at [alexis@cvcountryside.org](mailto:alexis@cvcountryside.org). Please indicate which market days you are interested in and available to work.

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