We are seeking a livestock producer who is interested in pasturing a small flock or herd on half an acre between the months of March and September. Our farm is a vernal wetland with a very high water table; we do not have adequate space to properly pasture animals year-round. Our goal is to make land available to a farmer who needs it (BIPOC, LGBTQIA, and women farmers highly encouraged), and continue to experiment with integrating animals into vegetable cropping systems. We’d love to find someone who shares a love for experimentation and is committed to open communication. Our preference is for broiler chickens on site though we are also open to other birds, sheep, and pigs.

The livestock farmer will be responsible for maintaining humane conditions for the animals, rotating animals on a regular basis, and handling the processing and selling of the animals with and maintaining proper licensing. Rent will be $200 for the half acre and will include water allotment.

If this opportunity seems like a good fit, please send an email to our Farm Manager, Ansley Roberts (ansleyr@21acres.org), with a word document explaining your past experience working with livestock, your business plan and animal welfare plan which should include current business licensing (or plan to get licensed), how many animals you plan to have, how frequently you plan to rotate them, how long you expect they’ll be on property, plan for processing the animals, and where you plan to sell your product. Also, if your business is built around chickens or other birds susceptible to Avian Flu, please add in what you plan to do to deter infection and your plan if your flock gets infected.

A little more about us: 21 Acres is an environmental education nonprofit dedicated to inspiring climate action through education on the importance of local food systems, ecological restoration, and green building. We are a living laboratory experimenting with regenerative farming practices as well as ecological restoration techniques with two acres of vegetable production, and two acres in cover cropping, experimental trials, and six acres in active restoration.