



Orchard Kitchen Associate

We are a family-owned apple orchard preparing fresh seasonal foods and donuts throughout the fall harvest. We're looking for someone who enjoys working in a kitchen, takes pride in quality, and can work independently after training.

Position Summary

The Orchard Kitchen Associate helps prepare products that keep our farm stand stocked throughout the week. Responsibilities include donut production, packaging bakery items, light meal preparation, and maintaining a clean, food-safe kitchen.

Key Responsibilities

- Prepare, fry, and finish fresh handmade apple cider donuts according to established recipes.
- Package, box, and display baked goods received from our bakery partners.
- Prepare ingredients and assist with light meal preparation (chopping, measuring, assembling recipes).
- Monitor product quality and presentation.
- Clean the equipment, utensils, and workstations.
- Maintain an organized, food-safe kitchen.
- Communicate ingredient or supply needs.

Food Safety

- Wear required gloves, hair restraints, and other food-service attire (provided).
- Follow food safety and sanitation procedures at all times.
- Safely operate kitchen equipment after training.

Qualifications

- Dependable, punctual, and able to work independently.
- Comfortable standing for extended periods and working over a donut fryer.
- Enjoys kitchen work and takes pride in producing quality food.
- Kitchen or food service experience is helpful but not required.

Physical Requirements

- Stand for extended periods.
- Lift up to approximately 40 pounds.
- Work in a warm kitchen environment.
- Perform repetitive food preparation tasks.

Availability

Weekend mornings are our busiest production times and are especially valuable. Weekday kitchen shifts help prepare for the busy weekend and support ongoing orchard operations. Premium pay may be offered for key weekend shifts.

The Kind of Person Who Thrives Here

- Works efficiently without sacrificing quality.
- Keeps an exceptionally clean workspace.
- Notices what needs to be done.
- Can work independently after training.
- Enjoys contributing to a small family business.