

Permanent Job Posting

Our client has an employment opening for a seed production technician. This is a full-time, permanent position suitable for an individual who has a keen interest in seed production and seed multiplication in cereals, forages, pulse and oilseed crops grown in the Prairies.

Our client operates a 3100 acre seed production farm producing a wide range of crops for seed. In addition to the production and retail of seed to commercial producers, this seed farm has developed a unique business segment focusing on early-generation seed increase for breeding institutions, seed companies and other pedigreed seed producers.

We are seeking a motivated individual with a keen interest in crop production and the ability to work as an integral part of our team in our detailed systems of pedigreed seed production, processing, and distribution. While previous experience in seed production or processing is an asset, the willingness to learn and an ability to manage systems and offer a range of skills from hands-on equipment operation to process documentation, are of most importance. Job duties could include:

- Assistance in planning seed field locations and rotations
- Preparation of seed lots and equipment for planting
- Planting (or assistance with planting) of small acreage seed increases of various sizes from single row line increases to larger breeder, select and foundation status plots
- Scouting of seed increase fields for determining necessary crop care and roguing operations
- Maintenance of seed increase field isolation borders
- Signage of seed increase fields
- Oversight of irrigation on small seed increase locations

- Management of roguing crews to remove off-types from seed production fields when necessary and documenting the process
- Taking pictures and reporting crop progress to seed increase clients
- Co-ordination with crop inspectors for seed field inspection
- Assistance with harvest of small seed increase fields

- Coordinating of storage, processing and packaging of seed increase lots through our dedicated small lot seed increase plant.
- Preparing of samples for in-house requirements and forwarding on to labs for testing
- Documentation of all required weights, grading, and storage information of seed lots
- Learning about, gaining certification, updating and keeping current with necessary seed industry accreditations and quality systems
- Coordinating packaging, distribution, and shipping on both domestic and international seed shipments

This role requires a person with interest in both hands-on in field seed production operations and the ability to work in an office environment to follow seed lots from production and processing right through to distribution while ensuring all necessary steps are documented and verified along the way.

The successful candidate must:

- have a good understanding of Canadian agricultural production practices
- experience in pedigreed seed production is desirable but optional
- have demonstrated skills in managing details, planning and meeting timelines
- experience managing and working in a team environment
- a valid driver's license
- Post secondary in Ag related program or experience in ag business
- A Diploma in Agriculture is a definite asset

If interested, please submit your resume to:

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We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted