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Assistant Onion Breeder, Crookham Company, Mesquite, NM

Post Date: 7/25/23

Employment Type: Full-Time, Hourly with Benefits

Compensation: \$65,000

Education: BA in biology, horticulture, agronomy, or related field

Experience: 3+ years' work experience

Industry: Agriculture

Manages Others: Yes

Relocation: No

Required Travel: Yes

Company Summary:

Crookham is a local family-owned seed company founded over 100 years ago to meet the country's popcorn seed demand and has grown to provide specialized production, breeding and distribution of hybrid sweet corn, popcorn, and onion seeds domestically and internationally. Through the years the Company has gained a reputation for its decisiveness, integrity, innovation and a high level of energy and drive. It is a company dedicated to its customers and employees alike. Our main research facility is in Wilder, ID with additional locations in Oregon, Washington, California, New Mexico, Wisconsin, and New York. We are seeking someone with a passion about plants and the desire to work in a diverse research environment that includes developing new varieties, researching new practices, developing new harvest techniques and other studies to fill a new Assistant Onion Breeder position in New Mexico.

Job Summary:

The Assistant Onion Breeder will play an important role in assisting our onion breeders with daily activities, as well as interacting with our production, harvest, and seed conditioning teams. The position will involve setup and coordination of trials, pollinating, crew supervision, trial evaluation, fresh product harvest, seed harvest, data collection, data analysis, and monitoring seed inventory.

Job requirements and skills:

- Coordination of breeding trials including setup, planting, evaluation, and harvest. Ensuring appropriate data collection and entry.
- Responsible for providing project status updates, reviews, evaluations, and full reports for all research activities.
- Assist in planning, implementation, evaluation, and summarization of production research projects.
- Liaison with sales representatives for hybrid trialing.
- Management of experimental and stock seed production in breeding cages.
- Capable of working with insect pollinators, including honeybees and flies.

- Assist with growing practices to carryout experimental onion seed production.
- Ability to work independently and as team member sharing responsibilities, ideas, inputs, and striving to achieve a common goal.
- Ability to work with growers, customers, nursery providers, and others outside the Company.
- Capable of differentiating information or materials that are confidential and sharing information appropriately within and outside the Company.
- Willing to travel to other locations, domestically and internationally, as needed to assist in onion operations.
- Ability to work long hours in a variety of environmental conditions.
- Manage casual labor.
- Maintain records and databases relating to activities.
- Management of seed inventory and storage.
- Assist with equipment maintenance and operation.
- Manage and maintain trials and nurseries data in breeding software.
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Bilingual (Spanish) is preferred.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

If interested, please submit a resume to the Human Resource Dept.