Vegetable Production Technician

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Vegetable Production Technician

Ridgetown Campus
Hiring #: 2016-0086

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The Vegetable Production Technician is responsible for the vegetable crop management program at the Ridgetown Campus which includes cropping systems research on fresh and processing vegetables. Typical crops grown in the research program include field peas, sweet corn, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, cucumbers, and sugarbeets. The incumbent is responsible for planning, organizing, conducting, summarizing and analyzing research from over 1,600 small field plots annually. This position schedules specified treatment applications, maintains and manages a field laboratory, operates specialized equipment and prepares extension summaries and/or annual reports. In addition, the position is responsible for hiring, training, instructing and supervising 4 to 5 seasonal full-time employees. The quality of the data collected is critical to the creditability of the data being published and disseminated. Finally, the incumbent is responsible for machinery and research land base maintenance and improvements.

Requirements for the position include: a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or related area and three years of relevant experience or the equivalent education and experience. In addition, the successful candidate must be able to demonstrate: thorough understanding and knowledge of vegetable crop production practices, tillage practices, and integrated pest management techniques; proficiency in the operation and maintenance of various small and large agricultural equipment (e.g. planter, tractor, plough, cultivator, sprayer, CO2 analyzer, moisture solids analyzer, etc); strong oral and written communication skills; excellent supervisory and interpersonal skills; ability to work independently and as part of a team; superior organizational and time management skills; and strong computers skills including proficiency in word processing and spreadsheets, specialized research data management software and statistical analysis programs. The position requires a Grower Pesticide Safety Certificate and an Ontario Ministry of Environmental Pesticide Applicator’s License. A valid AZ driver's license would be a definite asset.

Position Number    0462-041
Classification         OSSTF/TARA, District 35 Salary Band 7*
Salary Range          $27.52 Minimum (Level 1)
                      $30.72 Normal Hiring Limit (Level 3)
                      $37.21 Job Rate (Level 7)

*Tentative evaluation; subject to committee review

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