Job Position: Small Fruit Crop Advisor I

Type: Regular

Location: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Description: With guidance from Trellis Growing Systems’ Dept. of Advisor Services, the Small Fruit Crop Advisor I will assist TGS berry growers (blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, and strawberry) in the efficient production of fresh-market quality berries. Duties include farm visits to collect and record data for integrated pest management, soil fertility and plant health; post-harvest fruit quality monitoring and written recommendations; and on-farm food safety compliance monitoring. Regular collaboration with other TGS personnel, growers, university extension agents, USDA/academic research scientists, and industry personnel is expected.

Responsibilities and Qualifications

RESPONSIBILITIES

• Assist berry growers with implementation of TGS Standard Operating Procedures.
• Collect on-farm data related to pest control, soil and water quality, fruit yields and fruit quality.
• Analysis and summarization of data for written grower site visit reports.
• Participate in Company education field days held at model farms in IN and OH.
• Assist the TGS research farm manager with R&D activities to enhance systems and methods for small fruit and specialty crop production.
• Follow Company policies and procedures while representing TGS in an ethical and professional manner.
• Other duties as assigned by management.

QUALIFICATIONS

• A Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, Horticulture or a discipline related to the agricultural sciences.
• Valid IN driver’s license and clean driving record.
• Background knowledge of production agriculture is required.
• Willingness to operate farm equipment and implements to meet R&D goals. No experience is necessary.
• Must be able to work an extended schedule to meet business objectives.
• Ability to get a Private Pesticide Applicator license within 6 months of hire.
• Ability to become a Certified Crop Advisor within 2 years of hire.
• Spanish speaking/reading/writing skills are preferred but not required.
• Some over-night travel is required.

For immediate consideration please email resume to accounting@trellisgrowingsystems.com