



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: Research Farm Grower

About the job:

Based in Yuma, Arizona, this position is charged with the establishment and maintenance of irrigated agricultural research plots. RD4AG conducts contract research on over 75 different crops in the Desert-Southwest. The quality of growing practices for these plots establishes the foundation for that research and is fundamental to the success of research programs for dozens of client companies.

Supervise and direct a small team to manage the planting, growing and harvesting of a wide variety of plants exclusively for small plot research or specialty seed production purposes, as well as being responsible for the upkeep of the related equipment and facilities. Must work closely with the research staff to assure growing practices are consistent with clients' protocols and must be exceptional at detailed recordkeeping. The successful candidate will be a self-starter with an upbeat positive attitude, excellent organizational skills, the ability to set up and maintain schedules for multiple projects, meet deadlines and engage in robust verbal and written communication both internally and externally.

This is a hands-on field position in the arid southwest. It requires one be able to perform moderately strenuous field activities, climbing up and down ditch banks, on and off equipment, etc. Approximate field/desk work ratio for this role is 75/25. Occasional travel is required.

Minimum Qualifications:

Must be legal to work in the United States to apply

Excellent written and spoken English skills are mandatory.

BS degree in a field of agricultural or related natural science (agronomy preferred).

Ten + years of relevant work experience in irrigated agriculture and proven success as a grower.

Fluency in using computer software such as MS Excel and MS Word.

Must have and use a smart phone.

Experience driving a tractor and configuring and operating farm machinery and irrigation.

Must be able to lift 50 lbs and be physically active on uneven terrain and in hot or cold field conditions

Must have a valid driver's license.

Desired Qualifications and Abilities

Experience in crop production, field trial design, agronomic evaluations, small plot and commercial sprayer calibration and application techniques, pest identification skills, and operation of farm equipment and irrigation systems.

Desire to remain updated with new agricultural trends and technology.

Ability to work independently and proceed with objectives without close supervision

Willingness to work as a team member

Experience with EPA GLP and USDA biotech regulations and biotech stewardship concepts.

Knowledge of Gylling Data Management's ARM as well as MS Project and Access.

Competitive salary range commensurate with education and experience.

To Apply, submit your resume, and a cover letter of a minimum of 150 words explaining why you are the perfect person to join us in this role at RD4AG. Apply or inquire at:

jobs@rd4ag.com

About the company:

Research Designed for Agriculture (RD4AG) provides independent agricultural research services to the agribusiness industry. In business since 1983, RD4AG is one of the leading CRO's in agri-products testing in a broad range of crops. As a contract research organization, we are partners in research and innovation with each one of our client companies in the assessment and regulatory aspects involved in developing exciting new technologies to further the success of agriculture in providing food and fiber. In the field, under real world conditions, we generate data for products and systems such as fertilizers, organic and conventional pesticides, growth enhancers, conventional and biotech seed and plant varieties, irrigation, equipment, farming systems, and more. Between our operations in the low desert of Arizona and the high plains of Montana we conduct field studies in over 75 different crops. We are a small, dynamic group of people who care about each other. We are passionate about what we do and feel that we are an important part of "Developing Tomorrow's Agriculture".