

## **Agriculture Field Technician**

Full Time Position \$55,000+

### **Job Summary**

Grand Farm is seeking a dedicated and skilled Agriculture Field Technician to join our team. As an Agriculture Field Technician, you will play a crucial role in the setup, maintenance, and data collection of agricultural demonstration plots and field trial plots at Grand Farm's Innovation Campus in Casselton, North Dakota. This position involves a combination of hands-on fieldwork, machinery operation, and data collection to support innovative agricultural research. The ideal candidate will have experience in farm operations as well as agricultural field research.

## **Key Areas of Responsibility**

## Plot Setup and Maintenance:

- Prepare and set up field plots and alleyways
- Ensure proper soil preparation and layout

## Planting:

• Execute planting activities following established protocols and schedules

## Chemical Application:

- Apply chemical inputs following established protocols and schedules as well as safety guidelines
- Monitor and record all chemical applications, ensuring compliance with established protocols and regulations

### Establish and Maintain Alleyways:

- Plant, maintain, and terminate alleyways between plots
- Operate mowing equipment to maintain alleyways, recreation spaces, and the overall appearance of the farm



#### Machinery Operations and Maintenance:

- Operate and maintain farm machinery, including tractors, planters, sprayers and tillage implements
- Perform basic minor equipment repairs, calibrations and adjustments to all types of farm equipment

#### Data Collection:

 Collect and record scientific agricultural field data following established protocols as required by Grand Farm and project requirements

#### Collaboration:

- Work closely with researchers and agronomists to execute projects in accordance with established product plans
- Provide input and feedback on field conditions and crop performance

## Safety Compliance:

- Adhere to safety protocols and guidelines during all tasks
- Identify and mitigate potential safety hazards on the field

## Site Upkeep:

- Mowing of alleyways and ditches throughout the growing season
- Snow removal and snow blowing during the winter

#### Other Duties as Assigned

#### **Required Skills/Abilities**

- Strong attention to detail and precision in executing tasks and collecting data
- Ability to operate and maintain various types of farm machinery
- Basic knowledge of pesticide application and safety procedures
- Self-driven and accountable under low supervision
- Ability to prioritize tasks effectively
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite, Google Drive, and related software



### **Experience & Education Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree in agricultural science, horticulture, plant sciences or related field
  AND/OR 2+ years experience working in an agricultural production/research setting
- Experience with common agricultural equipment and machinery
- Experience in collecting agricultural research data
- Valid driver's license
- Pesticide applicator license preferred, or ability to obtain

#### **Physical Demands**

- Ability to continuously stand or walk during events
- Ability to bend, squat, climb stairs and lift occasionally
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds occasionally
- These physical requirements must be met with or without accommodation

#### **Work Environment**

- May occasionally work outdoors with temperatures above 100 degrees and below 32 degrees
- May occasionally walk on slippery or uneven surfaces
- May occasionally climb ladders and work off elevated surfaces
- Noise level in the work environment is frequently loud
- Ability to work outside normal business hours on occasion
- Ability to travel to stakeholder locations located in rural communities

#### **Availability**

- Available to work 38 40 hours per week
- Must be available to work some evenings and/or weekends depending on event schedules
- Must be able to work onsite
- Willingness to work flexible hours during peak seasons, often long hours during planting and harvest



#### **Benefits & Culture**

- Flexible work environment that allows the employee to work from varied environments and locations. Primary work location is Fargo, ND and Grand Farm's Innovation Campus (Casselton, ND)
- 401(k) Retirement program with 3% employer match.
- 80% coverage of employee HDHP health insurance premiums (not to include vision or dental)
- HSA Contribution
- Company provided Short Term & Long Term Disability Coverage
- Company provided Life Insurance \$50,000
- 10 paid holidays (including your birthday) and paid holiday break.

# To apply: Please send both a cover letter and résumé to Kyle Whitcraft at KyleW@grandfarm.com

#### **About Grand Farm**

Grand Farm is a network of growers, corporations, startups, , investors, government, and educators working together to solve problems in agriculture with applied technology. Grand Farm creates events, conferences, and workshops to accelerate problem-solving, and works directly with innovation teams to help them apply innovative thinking within their organizations and provide field management and innovation-as-a-service. Grand Farm also operates a 600-acre Innovation Campus near Casselton, ND, that serves as a space for collaboration, research, and demonstration in developing solutions for farming in a new era. Learn more at grandfarm.com.

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