



Integrated Pest Management Field Technician

Effective: January 1, 2021

Closing: February 15, 2021 or until all positions are filled

Description: Integrated pest management technicians work in a team to collect pest (insect, mite, disease, and weed) information that is used to help growers achieve more effective pest control. Positions involve working outdoors in all weather conditions in co-operation with a team of other technicians and supervisors. The position involves extensive driving throughout the Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver.

Promotion: E.S. Cropconsult will promote at least 1 field technician to a permanent position in 2021. This individual would begin work as a field technician, and receive a promotion with salary increase to an Assistant Supervisor during summer 2021. This promotion would also entail an increase in job responsibilities.

COVID-19: Based on WorkSafeBC Regulation Guidelines, the risk level for our workers is 'low' when they maintain physical distancing. Our workers work outdoors on agricultural work sites and have little to no contact with the public. E.S. Cropconsult Ltd. follows strict sanitary and social distancing protocols to keep all staff safe.

Experience and skills gained: Field technicians gain experience in insect, mite, weed and disease identification. Field work, time management, collecting and organizing data are additional skills that are developed. Technicians gain a well-balanced view of both local and global agricultural issues. Former technicians have gone on to become permanent staff at E.S. Cropconsult Ltd. or on to other jobs at Agriculture Canada, BC Ministry of Agriculture, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and other agri-businesses.

Qualifications: This position is suitable to applicants who possess a mature work ethic, are interested in agriculture or related disciplines, and are able to work a physically demanding outdoor job. Previous experience in ecology or agriculture is an asset. Applicants must have access to a reliable motor vehicle and valid BC (or equivalent) driver's license, Class 7 "N" or higher. References will be requested.

Responsibilities:

- Monitor vegetable and/or berry crops for insects, mites, diseases and weeds
- Collect field data and complete field data sheets with consistency and accuracy
- Identify problems or irregularities in the fields being monitored
- Communicate effectively with field crews and supervisors
- Organize and file field data
- Navigate between and within field sites
- Assist on research projects (as available)

Length of Employment:

- Start dates: Range between April 1, and May 18, 2021 depending on candidates availability.



- End date: August 27, 2021 and September 3, 2021
- This is a fixed term position, with the possibility for extension (see “Promotion” section above).

Salary: This position is paid hourly at \$15.50/hr in bi-weekly pay periods; this would be adjusted in the case of promotion. The work week is 32-40 hours. Mileage is paid at \$.52 /Km for use of personal vehicle from job site to job site. Vacation pay (4%) is paid out with each pay cheque.

Location: Work will take place at any or all of the following locations: Delta, Surrey, Richmond, Langley, Abbotsford, Pitt Meadows.

Company Information: E.S. Cropconsult Ltd. provides IPM services to growers of vegetable and berry crops in the Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver. At present, the bulk of the 10,000+ acres of crops we monitor is made up of potato, cranberry, and blueberry. Additional crops include cole crops, other berries (strawberry, raspberry), cucurbits and other root vegetables (carrots, parsnips, beets). For more information: www.escrop.com

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