

CSS FARMS

EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE MANAGER

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

SUMMARY

CSS Farms has an immediate opening for an Equipment Maintenance Manager at our farm in Bakersfield, California. This is a position that offers the opportunity to work for the General Manager of a 1,000 acre plus vegetable farm in Southern California.

CSS Farms is a diverse farming operation. We are a rapidly growing company with operations in six states – NE, TX, FL, CA, MD, CO. The California farm specializes in potato production.

RELATIONSHIPS

- This position reports to the General Manager.
- The manager will work closely with other members of the team.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accountable for all equipment and facilities management to ensure the execution of cost effective and timely maintenance.
- Maintenance, repair, and calibration of all field equipment and center pivot irrigation systems.
- Maintenance and repair of all shipping and load out equipment and buildings.
- Troubleshooting and resolving new and/or different technical problems regarding equipment.
- Manage all parts and inventory.
- Assist with all equipment sourcing and purchasing.
- Direct, coordinate, and support maintenance personnel.
- Develop and implement safety program and assure all state and federal requirements are met such as OSHA.
- Maintain necessary records for maintenance and scheduling.
- Assist with budget preparation.
- Assist with planting, harvest, and shipping functions as necessary.

EDUCATION – EXPERIENCE – SKILLS

- Potato equipment experience preferred.
- AAS or BS degree in agricultural engineering or related fields (preferred but not required).
- 4 or more years of agriculture, farm equipment, and management experience preferred.
- Irrigation system experience.
- Ability to understand and operate computerized equipment and computer software – including Excel, Access, Word, PowerPoint, etc.
- Flexible schedule depending on the season.
- Some overnight travel possible.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Superior organizational skills with the ability to look ahead and anticipate problems.
- Experience in leading and managing people.
- Valid California driver's license and eligibility for vehicle insurance required.
- Bilingual English/Spanish preferred
- Candidates must be eligible to work in the U.S. to be considered for this position.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and skills. CSS Farms has a complete fringe benefits package, including health insurance, company matched 401(k), profit sharing, and company vehicle.

Please send your resume before January 31, 2010 to Tiffany Guerrero, Office Manager at tiffany.guerrero@cssfarms.com with “CA – Equipment Manager Position” in the subject line.