

Job Title: Agronomist

Location: Wasco, California

Company Profile: AgReserves, Inc. is a multi-national, multi-corporate company that operates investment farms and ranches throughout the world. The Permanent Plantings Division, one of the company's business units, includes (among other operations): Almonds and Pistachios in Wasco, CA; Walnuts and Prunes in Chico, CA.

Position Description: The Agronomist reports directly to the Agronomy Farm Manager of South Valley Farms. This position provides the necessary technical expertise (nutrition, pest management, irrigation, etc.) to assist Farm Unit Managers in producing high yielding, high quality crops economically.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Recommend products, timing and rates for crop nutrition and protection products. Write application prescriptions.
- Train and assist field foremen in monitoring irrigation timing and effectiveness (soil moisture monitoring, ET, pressure bomb, etc.).
- Monitor regulatory and prescription compliance on all crop input applications.
- Coordinate water orders with water supplier.
- Provide training to foremen, crew leads and scouts on pest scouting methods and identification.
- Coordinate harvesting to minimize quality losses from pests (diseases, insects, etc.)
- Learn vendors business to identify better purchasing strategies.
- Formulate ideas for improving cropping practices (follow through from idea to financial justification and execution if applicable.)
- Assist with development of capital and operational budgets

Skills/Education Required:

Education/Experience

- B.S. in Ag Science
- M.S. in Ag Science is preferred.

Knowledge/Skills

- Attention to detail.
- Written and verbal communication skills in English. Bilingual Spanish preferred.
- Private Pesticide Applicator License or ability to obtain required.
- Pest Control Advisor License highly desirable.
- Proficient with MS Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook.
- Ability to communicate professionally with people at all levels of the organization and external contacts.
- Solid decision making skills.

Physical Standards:

- Required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear
- Required to lift and/or move up to 50 pounds
- Exposed to moving mechanical parts and risk of electrical shock; and occasionally exposed to outside weather conditions

- Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus
- The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate (warehouse environment); occasional exposure to loud noise when visiting huller areas; appropriate hearing protection is required

Salary/Benefits: Salary is commensurate with experience. Full-time employees receive excellent benefits including: Medical, Dental, Group Term Life, Disability, Retirement Savings Programs (401k and Retirement Plus Plan), Flex-Spending, and other value-added benefits. In addition, we offer paid vacation and sick leave, paid parental leave, and tuition reimbursement.

To Apply: Please send your resume via email to <u>careers.svf@svfnuts.com</u> with the job title, "Agronomist", in the subject line