

California Giant, Inc.

Job Description

Position Title:	Intern - Variety Evaluation Manager
Employment Status:	Exempt
Department:	Field Department

Summary Description

The California Giant Intern - Variety Evaluation Manager position will assist supervisor in work with all clubs associated with Cal Giant, UC Davis and Cal Giant growers to evaluate new and current varieties. This position will work closely with supervisor as they communicate with breeders, growers and field department to establish a standard to determine what characteristics work at different locations, checking for yields, quality, flavor and tolerances. This person will be working mostly in the Santa Maria test plots but will have opportunity to travel to other growing districts. This position will assist in setting up test plots with field department and ranch personnel to monitor and evaluate current and new varieties. This position will help in managing data collection, data presentation, and data analysis from multiple variety test plots throughout Santa Maria. This position will require work in an office and field setting.

Essential Job Duties/Responsibilities

- Assist in managing the evaluation of varieties within test plots throughout California, but primarily in Santa Maria.
- Assist supervisor as they work with company partners in the evaluation and implementation of potential varieties
- Work with field department and ranch personnel to trial new varieties in a commercial production setting
- Monitor characteristics of each variety such as yields, quality, flavor, and the effectiveness of varieties between each growing region
- Assist in establishing data collection systems as well as data input, data presentation and data analysis.
- Keep detailed records of findings and report weekly back to supervisor and field department personnel
- Assist supervisor as they consult with current growers as requested on variety related matters
- Assist supervisor as they work with district representatives to take corrective action to improve current production and quality
- Travel as needed between ranches and test plots to track weekly production and quality data
- Part Time position willing to work around class schedule, looking for a couple days totaling 10-15 hours per week.

Qualifications

- Previous experience in strawberry plant varieties preferred but not necessary.
- Some knowledge of each growing region a plus

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- Must be able to travel within the central coast of California
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills.
- Detail-oriented
- Ability to communicate in English and Spanish preferred.
- Ability to create data collection systems to organize data being collected from Test Plots in Santa Maria.
- Ability to input inspection data into computer software.
- Valid California Driver's License

Physical Requirements

- This position must be able to stand for long periods of time inspecting plants and fruit.
- Must be able to lift 25-30 lbs.

Position Reports To: Stanley Etow – Variety Evaluation Manager
Kevin Dwyer – District Manager Santa Maria

I have read the job description described above and agree to perform the duties and responsibilities as outlined to the best of my ability.

Employee Name (Print): _____

Employee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This job specification should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties, as may be required by their supervisor.