

Test Technician/Engineer

Sage Ag Inc:

Sage Ag Inc is looking for an individual who is interested in working with self propelled forage harvesting equipment in the field. Location will be Tulare California. Daily responsibilities will include assisting the dealerships in the tracking of maintenance of the LPB forage harvesters. Being from a farm or having experience running or working on forage harvesters is preferred! However, having the ability to communicate, take initiative, and present yourself professionally with a great attitude is a must.

Required Skills:

- Full time position start date is flexible.
- Ag Engineering, Mech Ag, Agricultural Studies, Ag Systems Tech.
- Prior experience working with and operating farm machinery is necessary.
- Clean driving record, Min GPA of 2.5.
- As a Field Test Technician at the John Deere Self Propelled Forage Harvester (SPFH) test site based in Tulare, California. Travel will be approximately 10 weeks per year, locations being Az, Tx and Id.
- Work under the guidance of the John Deere Test Site Performance Engineer to execute the desired annual field test plans for John Deere SPFH's and headers.
- Be responsible for all part updates, repairs, and daily maintenance activities on the SPFH and Heads.
- Set up and operate the SPFH as needed during the test season.
- Evaluate design solutions to improve the performance of the SPFH and Heads
- Regularly document test machine failures, observations, machine revisions, and field observations via the John Deere Enterprise Event Reporting System (EETs)
- Communicate daily with the Test Site's Cooperator Custom Chopping about harvest schedules and field locations and work with Vieira's operators and crew bosses to maximize machine up time.
- Be responsible for shop and service truck cleanliness and general test facility organization
- Be based out of the Tulare, CA area 80% of the time and support extended stay testing in different regions as needed during the test season.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Ag Systems Management or equivalent degree
- Experience operating and working on large ag equipment; farm experience desired
- Experience with diagnostics of electronic and hydraulic circuits and mechanical drives
- Must be skilled at operating standard shop tools such as a welder, torch, grinder, drill press, etc.
- Must possess basic tools including: air impact, hammers, ratchets, sockets, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc. to outfit the service truck
- Be willing to purchase additional tools if needed to perform standard job activities
- Must be flexible with work hours and willing to travel for extended periods of time

- Work Hours during the season sometimes exceed 65 hours per week including Saturdays and Sundays
- Extended Travel will occur during the harvest season. Trips will occur 2-3 times per year depending on the test goals and year.
- Willing to travel internationally to attend meetings in Germany as well as support international test activities
- Be self-motivated, organized, and possess strong verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment while also being capable of handling projects independently
- Must be fluent with Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and possess efficient typing and computer skills
- Most importantly, be honest and trustworthy
- Must be self-directed as you will be asked to do things and not given every detail about how to do them.
- Need to be out-going as you will meet many new people while working and must have the ability to communicate in various circumstances.
- Must be able to maintain a good attitude during busy times and long hours.
- Be able to present themselves professionally at all times.
- Willing to ask questions and learn.
- Able to work as a team with engineers and technicians.
- Ag background – knowledge of equipment, practices.
- Strong in troubleshooting and problem solving.
- Maintain setups and configurations for cooperators.
- Maintain cooperator agreements and organize document records.
- Assist other validation engineers in resolving cooperator issues.
- Comfortable being around and running large machinery.
- Ability to develop end user test plans.
- Must be able to multi task and work on multiple products and multiple teams at one time.
- Health benefits are included.
- Pay and bonuses depend on experience.

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Interviews will be scheduled on an individual basis and position will be filled upon finding a qualified candidate.