



Cypress Ag Consulting

Field Scout Position

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Field Scout—Strawberries and Cane Berries

Part time spring/full time summer job in the Watsonville and Salinas growing regions.
Potential opportunity for permanent full-time employment for qualified, interested individual.

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CAC has been helping strawberry and cane berry growers in the Salinas, Moss Landing, and Watsonville growing regions since 1990. We are a small company with an emphasis on pest and disease control, plant nutrition, and soil fertility. Our goal is to utilize an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to assist growers in establishing and producing a successful and high-quality crop.

Job Description

Candidate will be responsible for monitoring and reporting observations of key pests and diseases of strawberries and cane berries. This will also include monitoring of beneficial insects and mites that play a key roll in an IPM program. This position offers a unique opportunity to learn the biology of a myriad of pests and beneficial insects/mites affecting strawberries and cane berries. The information gathered will assist in making critical recommendations for either biological or chemical control methods including timing and rate of beneficial predator releases in fields. This position would be beneficial for a highly motivated individual interested in a career as a pest control advisor (PCA).

Duties and Responsibilities

- Scout assigned fields for specific pests and disease as well as beneficial insects and mites
- Record observations in an approved format
- Accurately provide a record of observations in a timely manner
- Obtain soil and/or tissue samples and deliver to lab as needed
- Assist in delivery of beneficial mite predators as needed

Skills and Qualifications

- Ability to work independently

- Trustworthy, honest, and a strong work ethic
- Ability to communicate professionally and effectively
- Ability to manage time efficiently
- General knowledge of pathogens, insect, and mite biology and identification
- Ability to walk, bend, crouch, twist, etc.
- Familiarity with Excel spreadsheet
- Must have dependable vehicle (Milage compensation will be provided)
- Must have valid driver's license with a clean driving record
- Prefer current college student or recent graduate with concentration in agriculture
- Experience with the use of a hand lens for insect and disease identification

Apply: Please send resume with references to cypressagconsulting@gmail.com