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Objective To work for a public or private agency in research or production agriculture or biological sciences.

Experience August 2009-October 2012 Plant Peddler Cresco, IA
Crops Manager

- Scout crops for insects and diseases and implement pest control program
- Apply plant growth regulator program
- Supervise and direct vegetable production program
- Maintain greenhouse range for optimal conditions
- Pull orders for customer pack-out
- Manage vegetable production
- Supervise seasonal and hourly employees
- Make customer deliveries

April 2009- June 2009 F.I.R.S.T. Lanark, IL
Research Technician

- Prepare seed for planting
- Layout fields
- Run planting through harvest operations for yield trial program
- Operate and maintain equipment needed for research work
- Supervise seasonal personnel

April 2007-April 2009 Renk Seed Company Sun Prairie, WI
Research Technician

- Plant, maintain and harvest yield trial plots for field corn
- Layout fields for planting
- Make pollinations in corn nursery
- Rogue seed production fields
- Maintain and operate research equipment
- Supervise seasonal personnel

December 2005-April 2007 North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC
Research Assistant II

- Aid in operations of various research projects
- Assist in maintenance of orchard and vineyard
- Aid in tobacco harvesting and bundling
- General farm assistance
- Operate and repair equipment

August, 2002-December 2005 Schwartz Orchards Centralia, IL
Orchard Assistant

- Assist with pruning, picking, grading and packing/processing fruit
- Maintain orchard grounds via mowing and spraying
- Aid and produce cider in peak production times

March-September, 2004 Southern FS, INC. Cobden, IL
Plant Associate

- Assisted in daily operations of the facility
- Processed, packed and shipped orders
- Made recommendations and sales of chemicals and packaging materials to fruit and vegetable producers
- Made customer deliveries

August, 2001-December, 2004 Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL
Graduate Research Assistant

- Implemented, aided and managed multiple research projects in vegetable production in field and greenhouse studies
- Assisted with vineyard maintenance
- Managed production of vegetable and ornamental plants in the greenhouse
- Expanded and increased produce sales from research surplus produce
- Assisted professor in teaching class and grading students work for vegetable production and home gardening

May-July 2001 USDA-NRCS Murphysboro, IL
Student Trainee Soil Conservationist

- Assisted survey and design of waterways and other conservation projects
- Assisted Soil and Water District with Tillage Survey
- Performed field inspections of conservation work being conducted

Education

December, 2004 Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL
▪ Master of Science
Major: Plant, Soil and General Agriculture, Horticulture specialty
Cumulative GPA = 3.44/4.00.

May, 2001 Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL
▪ Bachelor of Science
Major: Environmental Biology
Cumulative GPA = 3.27/4.00.

Organizations

1990-1993 Active Member Boy Scouts of America Johnston City, IL
▪ Earned the rank of Eagle Scout

References

Available upon request

References:

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To whom it concerns:

I have recently learned of the General Sanitation position you have available in Rochester, Minnesota. Your desired qualifications and job duties are very compatible with my experiences and education. In my previous position, I worked in a commercial greenhouse as a crops and facilities manager. In this position, I was responsible for the physical facility as well as the care of various ornamental plants and vegetables. Duties include planting plugs, training vegetable plants, disease and insect scouting, as well as, control of disease and insects. Greenhouse sanitation, extensive cleaning, was always a key function of the job. In addition, I made customer deliveries using straight trucks. Prior to this position, I worked for a seed corn company testing and assisting in the breeding of new varieties. That position allowed me to work in both selfing and crossing nurseries, as well as, isolation blocks. I was responsible for maintaining yield trials and nurseries for weeds and out crosses. In addition, I was responsible for operation and maintenance of our research equipment, which included tractor trailer trucks. In addition to work in corn nurseries, I have assisted with the sweet potato breeding program, NC State University, by trellising, pruning and training the vines and harvesting seed. These two positions have allowed me almost three years working in with corn research, two of those in breeding nurseries and yield test plots. As a graduate student, I managed the sales of produce, both fruits and vegetables for three years and greatly increased the volume of sales. In particular, the vegetable sales by growing extra produce on a smaller scale for use at the stand, such as potatoes, sweet corn, pumpkins and tomatoes. Also, I have worked with a farmer's coop where I sold production needs to local fruit and vegetable growers, mostly in a retail environment. I have the ability to work in many environments for extended periods of time and possess a strong work ethic with attention to detail. I worked with a commercial orchard and vegetable farm during graduate school. In that time, I worked in all aspects of the orchard throughout the course of the growing season. Also, I aided in the cider making and fully ran cider production when the head maker was not present. In addition, I have operated many different pieces of farm equipment while working on a research farm and a commercial orchard and vegetable farm for four years.

I have obtained a class A CDL license with tanker and air brake endorsements. Also, I have maintained a clean driving record.

I have completed my Masters degree in Plant, Soil, and General Agriculture with a specialty in Horticulture. I have excelled academically earning a GPA of 3.44/4.00. Also, I am comfortable with using computers and several different programs and can learn others very easily.

If you wish to contact me, I can be reached at 919-280-7682 or my local address on my enclosed resume. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Mark F. Rundle