

General Duties of 'Apprentice Grower', 'Assistant Grower'.

Skills :

- Background in greenhouse operation.
- Strong people skills.
- Ability to effectively communicate.
- Strong troubleshooting and analytical abilities.
- Ability to organize and prioritize work load.

Position Summary:

1. Assist growers to achieve maximum yield and lowest costs while ensuring quality standards.
2. Assists with labour quality checks, IPM and crop registration.

Work Schedule: Approx. 40-50 hours per week.

1. Greenhouse Monitoring

- Walk greenhouses and report to grower status of crop.
- Perform crop work.
- Develop general knowledge of greenhouse operation.
- Support grower with regards to the greenhouse irrigation system.
- Support grower with regards to the fertilizer system.
- Assist in the process of crop turnover.
- Learn how to use the climate control computer.
- EC and pH calibration on a monthly basis.
- Backup grower.
- Any other tasks assigned by grower.

2. Labour quality checks

- Ensure that the quality and efficiency in the greenhouse meet or exceed standards. Verify crop work:
- Perform a periodic quality assessment on each employee and communicate with lead hands.

3. Pest/insect/disease management

- Monitor for pests/insects/diseases in crop.
- Check insect traps and record findings in order to determine if more biologicals need to be ordered.
- On a weekly basis check rows for all pests and diseases and discuss findings with grower.
- Order and release biological insect controls.

4. Pollination Checks

- Check pollination rate each week and verify % pollinated and % not pollinated to determine if bees are healthy and if more hives need to be ordered.

5. Crop Registration

- On a weekly basis perform an audit of the crop and verify the stem diameter, number of fruit per plant, number of fruit per m², fruit size, fruit quality, heads, trusses/flowers and roots and general comments
- Compare plant growth to previous year.

6. Other

- Monitor variety trial work; prepare and track cumulative picking totals.
- Participate in food safety meetings.
- Special projects as assigned by grower.

Based on details for a position as advertised by HotHouse Growers, May, 2006.