



Integrated Pest Management Field Technician

Effective: January 1, 2023

Closing: March 31, 2023 or until all positions are filled

Description: Integrated pest management technicians work in a team to collect pest (insect, mite, disease, and weed) information that is used to help growers achieve more effective pest control. Positions involve working outdoors in all weather conditions in co-operation with a team of other technicians and supervisors. The position involves extensive driving throughout the Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver (See “Locations” below).

Experience and skills gained: Field technicians gain experience in insect, mite, weed and disease identification. Field work, time management, collecting and organizing data are additional skills that are developed. Technicians gain a well-balanced view of both local and global agricultural issues. Extra learning activities are provided throughout the term, including an introductory information session, field trips with local agriculture-based businesses and farms, and various pest ID quizzes/videos/articles. Former technicians have gone on to become permanent staff at E.S. Cropconsult Ltd. or on to other jobs at Agriculture Canada, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and other agri-businesses.

Qualifications: This position is suitable to applicants who possess a mature work ethic, are interested in agriculture or related disciplines, willing to perform repetitive work for the direct benefit of local farmers, and able to work a physically demanding outdoor job. Applicants must have access to a reliable motor vehicle and valid BC (or equivalent) driver’s license, Class 7 “N” or higher. Please include this in your resume or cover letter. Recommended skills/training include:

- Previous experience or education in agriculture, ecology, or biology
- Basic field orientation skills (mapping, compass, GPS)
- Ability to walk 5-10 km per day on uneven terrain in a variety of weather conditions
- Experience in a team environment
- Desire to apply knowledge learned in the classroom in a career setting
- Capable of producing high quality work with limited direct supervision

Responsibilities:

- Monitor vegetable and/or berry crops for insects, mites, diseases, and weeds
- Collect field data and complete field data sheets with consistency and accuracy
- Identify problems or irregularities in the fields being monitored
- Communicate effectively with field crews and supervisors via datasheets, phone call, and text
- Organize and file field data
- Navigate between and within field sites
- Assist on research projects (as available)
- Other duties as required

Length of Employment:

- Start dates: Range between April 3, 2023 and May 23, 2023 depending on candidates availability.
- End date: August 25, 2023 or September 1, 2023 depending on start date.
- This is a fixed term position, with potential future opportunities for individuals that perform well.



Salary: This position is paid hourly at \$16.50/hr in bi-weekly pay periods. The work week is 32-40 hours. Mileage is paid at \$0.53/km for use of personal vehicle from job site to job site. Vacation pay (4%) is paid out with each paycheck.

Locations: Depending on the commodity crew, work will take place at any or all of the following locations: Delta, Surrey, Richmond, Langley, Abbotsford, Pitt Meadows.

Company Information: E.S. Cropconsult Ltd. provides IPM services to growers of vegetable and berry crops in the Fraser Valley, Pemberton Valley, and Metro Vancouver. At present, the bulk of the 10,000+ acres of crops we monitor is made up of potato, cranberry, and blueberry. Additional crops include cole crops, other berries (strawberry, raspberry), cucurbits and other root vegetables (carrots, beets). Our monitoring and research services strive to implement and develop pest management tools that are economical and reduce environmental impact. We are dedicated to inclusivity, equity, and diversity in our workplace and community, bringing creativity from all backgrounds and providing a supportive learning environment.

For more information: www.escrop.com

Submit application to: Megan Gray at megan@escrop.com

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Two or more references