

## **Operations Manager, Potato Minituber Greenhouse**

CSS Farms has an immediate opening for an operations manager at our potato minituber production facility in Colorado City, Colorado. This is a six year old, state-of-the-art hydroponic greenhouse, laboratory, and cold storage facility designed to produce three million minitubers per year utilizing nutrient film technology.

CSS Farms is one of the largest chip potato growers in North America. We are vertically integrated from tissue culture laboratory, to seed farm, to commercial farms. Our commercial potato acres include about 10,000 acres/year in NE, TX, CO, CA, and FL. The Colorado minituber facility produces 1.5 to 4 million minitubers per year including virtually all of the starting seed for CSS commercial operations in chips and specialty “baby” potatoes; along with contracted volumes for many base seed growers throughout North America. Ancillary activities include production of fresh basil for retail grocery, and production of small fruit plantlets in the tissue culture lab.

The operations manager will have primary responsibility for day to day operations of the greenhouse including:

- Scheduling and supervising greenhouse production staff of 5 to 9 people.
- Daily inspections of plant health and yield progress.
- One week per month “on-call” to respond to alarms nights and the weekend.
- Potato disease identification and control options.
- Managing computerized greenhouse environmental control, cold storage, and hydroponic irrigation chemistry systems.
- Diagnosing mechanical, electrical, and control system problems.
- Assist in development of budget and tracking actual to budget performance.

Applicants should have or demonstrate the following minimum requirements:

- MS or higher degree in a related field – controlled environment horticulture, greenhouse management, horticulture, plant pathology, plant physiology, etc.
- Work experience in greenhouse operations, especially in hydroponics.
- Strong desire to work in a high technology greenhouse environment.
- Strong business skills and demonstrated experience managing and motivating people.
- Attention to detail.
- Demonstrated working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite products.

In addition, it would be a plus to have the following:

- Basic knowledge of the seed potato industry and state certification programs.
- Familiarity with plumbing, pumps, and electrical systems.
- Familiarity with tissue culture laboratory techniques.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. CSS Farms has a complete fringe benefits package, including health insurance, 401(k) with company match, and profit sharing.

Please send resume with at least three work related references to:

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