

# ROW CROP PRODUCER / FARMER

A row crop producer or farmer plants and harvests traditional row crops such as corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, potatoes, canola, sunflowers, flax, sugar beets, field pea, etc. independently or for a large farm or company.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Purchase seed from area dealer or company prior to beginning planting season in the spring
- Perform tillage tasks in both spring and fall seasons
- Operate farm equipment such as tractors, sprayers, loaders, discs, cultivators, planters, grain carts, and harvesters
- Scout and inspect crops for need of pesticides, fungicides, or herbicides; spray as needed
- Manage fertility levels and treat with appropriate product
- Harvest crops once ready in fall
- Perform routine and minor maintenance on equipment; prepare equipment for busy seasons
- Manage grain and harvest inventory
- Sell harvested product
- Haul grain to elevators and/or processing plants via grain cart or semi-truck
- If in a business or leadership role, manage bills and paperwork and maintain accurate records



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

High school diploma is required, but an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in a related or supplementary field like agribusiness, plant science, or agriculture would be helpful

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education courses, agricultural mechanics, plant science, biology, business courses, and mathematics

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Row crop producers may work independently on their own farm or they may work for large farms and agricultural companies that produce crop products.

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Farm Bureau Federation
- National Farmers Organization

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$54,000