

SEED PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN

Seed Production Technicians provide support to growers by helping them with operations of seed equipment, planting, and seed scouting. They are responsible for the coordination of planning, strategizing, and production of certain seeds for individual companies. Seed Production Technicians can also be seen sorting, processing, and completing numerous other duties in seed warehouses.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Responsible for each of the company's seed production areas
- Staff management of production staff in each location, providing direction to each farm manager
- Negotiate and coordinate contracts for other organizations that are organizing contract growers
- Negotiate and coordinate contracts for contract processors to process, bag and delivery seed
- Identify new production areas, ensuring production supply all year round
- Produce high quality seed in budgeted quantities for domestic, and possibly international markets
- Oversee the parent seed function ensuring budgeted levels of parent seed are maintained
- Responsible for divisional budgets and plans



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Bachelor's degree in agronomy, plant science, biology, or related field; certifications like Certified Crop Advisor also preferred

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, biology, chemistry, mathematics, botany, earth science, business courses

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Seed production companies, biotechnology companies, universities, cooperatives, research firms, government

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Soil Science Society of America
- National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants
- American Society of Agronomy

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$64,000