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2011 Summer Internship Research Assistant

Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers is a manufacturer and marketer of liquid fertilizers throughout the United States and Canada. The company owns a 460-acre research farm near St. Johns, Michigan (about 30 minutes north of Lansing). Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers is currently seeking to fill a summer internship position at the North Central Research Station in St. Johns to assist in the establishment, maintenance, monitoring, and harvesting of research test plots on a variety of horticultural crops.

This position will provide a number of learning opportunities:

1. How to conduct scientific field research
2. Proper techniques for collection and analysis of data
3. How a company utilizes research information in the marketing of their products
4. Interaction with various sales and marketing personnel from across the country
5. Opportunities to work independently in data collection
6. Opportunity to establish your own trial for evaluations & data collection.

This position involves outdoor farm type work, therefore, plan on getting dirty. A familiarity with general vegetable production and the ability to operate some farm machinery is necessary.

This internship will start as soon as possible in the spring (early May) and will run through mid-August. Hourly wage will be determined based on qualifications. Most weeks will be 40-hours (8:00 am – 5:00 pm), however during busy times such as planting, weeks may be longer.

If coming from out of state, we are willing to assist the intern in finding living arrangements. Because St. Johns is a smaller town, most housing opportunities are in the Lansing area; therefore a car will be needed to drive to and from work.

This position offers practical applications of agronomy, horticulture and marketing. The successful candidate should experience a good learning opportunity and practical experience for a student desiring to work in the agricultural/horticulture industry after graduation.