

Global Procurement Agricultural Associate Analyst

Rhineland, WI

Purchasing / Procurement

PepsiCo's Agricultural Research and Development Program is seeking applicants for a Potato Chip Processing - Agricultural Trialing Specialist for its Potato Research Center located in Rhineland, Wisconsin.

Overall responsibilities include:

- Managing and leading the New Potato Variety Qualification process within the overall potato procurement program.
- Lead the potato chip production testing of varieties within a manufacturing plant environment.
- Lead the collection and analysis of agronomic data on varieties with select growers.
- Assist in coordinating and facilitating grower interactions to discuss and share best practices on the new potato varieties.
- Work in conjunction with the operations and R+D teams to conduct test runs, analyze the test data sets, and prepare reports for review by senior leaders.
- Take a leadership role in the commercialization and growing region selection process of varieties.
- Work as a liaison between the PC producing manufacturing plants and the potato development and procurement team.
- Data and statistical analysis of agricultural research projects to correlate data and determine solutions.
- Ownership of at least one site Safety Program, as part of an OSHA VPP safety leadership program.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Research, Food Science, Operations, or Engineering with 3-5 years of relevant manufacturing based experience in PC production, agricultural science, or food science.
- Experience in agricultural research and extension or agricultural test design would be beneficial.

Requirements:

- Ability to work in manufacturing plant and farm based environments.
- Ability to lead a team of potato chip processing specialists, manufacturing plant team members, and ag scientist to conduct tests.
- Strong analytical skills, ability to build and analyze excel, access, and other data management systems to track and manage agronomic and manufacturing data.
- Ability to build complex summary reports and documents in PowerPoint and other programs to present variety results in a structured format.
- Applicant should have excellent written and oral communication skills. The role requires presentation of key results to senior leaders as well as large groups of potato growers.
- Critical interpersonal skills to facilitate 1-to-1 interactions with multiple farm and manufacturing based team members.
- Applicant should be able to organize and manage multiple assignments, and perform routine and complex tasks independently, or as required by the organization's management team.

- Applicant should be able to work independently.

This position requires travel across North America on a regular basis, as well as being able to travel on occasion internationally.

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