

Job Title: Meigs-Purdue Ag Center Summer Intern

This is a unique experience working for Purdue University at the Meigs Horticultural Facility (Meigs) part of the Throckmorton Purdue Ag Center. Meigs is made up of 145 tillable acres set up for irrigation, 16 acres certified organic, 13 high tunnels, 18 acres of Apple and Stone fruit trees, 4 acre Vineyard, 20 acres of timber, and 2 active man made wetlands. There are anywhere from 30-50 university research projects completed annually at Meigs. The majority of the field research is in fruit and vegetable crops but there is also ornamental, forestry, entomology, and much more. Over the course of the summer interns will gain experience in farm management, research plot layout, horticulture, agronomy, plant pathology, and weed science. We are looking for someone who is dependable, task/ project driven, and has a passion for agriculture!

Key Responsibilities:

- Assisting the ag staff, faculty, and graduate students with crop maintenance tasks including but not limited to field tillage, planting, weeding, mowing, raised bed making, irrigation installation and maintenance, transplanting, pest and disease scouting, and plot harvest.
- General maintenance and repairs on high tunnels, fences, hoses, etc.
- Maintain a clean and organized working area in the farm shop
- Must be willing to work in teams and independently throughout the summer
- Exhibit the ability to effectively communicate with the ag center team, faculty and university students.

Qualifications:

- Willingness and ability to work in hot environments, outdoors, full sun, and on-farm conditions
- Must be confident with driving utility vehicles
- Understanding of current farming practices is a benefit but not required
- Ability to operate tractors is a benefit but not required
- Must provide your own transportation to and from work

Additional Notes:

Meigs is located at 9001 S 100 E, Lafayette, IN 47909. This is roughly 10 minutes from Purdue University's main campus in West Lafayette, just off of US 231 South. Housing is not provided. Interns will be expected to work 40 hours per week, Monday- Friday from 8am to 5pm. Start and end dates can be flexible.

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