

Jr. Production Technician

Agventure Limited's core focus is on grain farming through sustainable conservation agriculture and crop rotation. To provide farmers with a broad crop portfolio of adapted high performing varieties, Agventure has developed a strong variety trialing and registration capability in the Agventure Seeds Team. Recently, this has been complemented through a strategic partnership with KWS SAAT Se & Co. KGaA, a world-renowned plant breeding company based in Germany.

Current operations range from extensive field trialing and product development to product registration and seed production. Next, we want to grow all commercial operations to provide a channel for our newly registered products and all activities necessary to support this commercialization.

Based in the KWS Seed department in our Nakuru office and reporting to the production manager, the Grade 3 position of **Jr. Production Technician** is required to support the production manager in various seed production related operations. This will require the demonstration of creativity, critical thinking and the ability to take initiative. The chosen candidate will have the opportunity to shape the future of a seed company that revolves around the farmers it wants to serve.

The Role

Key responsibilities:

- Receive a seasonal production plan and make all necessary arrangements to implement the entire production plan. Present the breeder with details on location, planting dates, estimated harvest dates and estimated yields. **[Seasonal Program Plan]**
- Together with the production team, implement and report on both sunflower and sorghum productions. This includes, but is not limited to: land preparation, seed packing, planting and labeling, cultural practices, irrigation, rouging, processing of different seed lots, quality assurance and various inventory processes. **[Cultural Practice Record]**
- Prepare Scoring Sheet and capture all the relevant production data **[Scoring Sheet]**
- Manage and improve the seed inventory and guarantee up to date seed counts during packing seasons. **[Seed Counting Client]**
- Independently plan, conduct and report seed production research. **[Scoring Sheet]**
- Together with the breeder develop and implement a strong quality control protocol to guarantee quality basic and certified seed. **[Seed Counting Client]**
- Interact with KEPHIS on different matters around seed certification processes.

Knowledge, skills and experience:

- At least a BSc (from a reputable university) in Agriculture, Biology, Horticulture or in a field related to agriculture.
- Proven experience of plant breeding activities.

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- Experience in application of MS Office, especially Excel.
- Team player
- Professional communication in English
- Willingness to travel (ca. 30 %) Proficiency in the full Microsoft Office suite, especially with Excel and Word.

Timeline: Closing date for applicants 31st July 2024. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed during August.

Location: Agventure office on the Sigor Road, Menengai, Nakuru.

Compensation: Competitive and based on candidate's experience.

Please apply by emailing: a 2-page CV and 1-page covering letter as a Word or *pdf document to raphael@agvke.com. Candidates not following this requirement will not be considered.