

## Seed Production Quality Manager

Michigan Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) is the seed certification agency serving the Michigan seed industry. Certification is performed: In the field based on visual observation of plant type according to prescribed breeder descriptions, and in the lab based on seed characteristics. MCIA is seeking an individual to grow into the understanding and management of seed inspections for the following crops:

Small Grains – wheat, oats, barley. . . .

1. Hire, train, and supervise staff needed to perform seed inspections.
2. Perform seed inspections as needed to be familiar with varietal characters, seasonal quality levels, and other seed issues.
3. Work with seedsmen to help advance MCIA varieties.
4. Be familiar with steps necessary to bring seed to market including seed testing.
5. Be active in the commercial industry to represent MCIA

Seed Corn

1. Coordinate seed corn production information from individual companies
2. Allocate workload for seed inspectors.
3. Hire and train seed corn inspectors.
4. Be familiar with seed corn production – specifically corn pollination.
5. Work with seed corn companies on seed quality issues.

Soybean

1. Hire, train, and supervise staff needed to perform seed inspections to verify varietal purity.
2. Perform seed inspections as needed to be familiar with seasonal quality and other seed issues.
3. Be familiar with soybean plant characteristics for varietal identification.
4. Work with seed companies to customize seed inspections for specific needs.

Seed Conditioning

1. Be familiar with seed conditioning process and equipment capabilities
2. Assist with cleaning and conditioning of Foundation class seed

Qualifications

1. B.S. in Agronomy or agricultural related field
2. Farm background or seed production experience
3. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license
4. Three to five years work experience

## Skills

1. Proactive communication skills
2. Supervision of seasonal employees
3. Good organizational skills
4. Computer / Microsoft Office proficiency
5. Ability to work outside and walk long distances
6. Desire to be a professional in the seed industry
7. Initiative to work additional hours during peak times

## General

The position is full time with salary commensurate with experience. Individuals should have an energetic positive attitude, be responsible for individual projects, be able to manage and process information, have a customer focused mindset, be familiar with seed production, with understanding of seed corn preferred. The position requires in state travel with occasional out-of-state travel. Location of the position is 2901 Jolly Rd. Okemos, MI 48864.

## Applications

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