Experiment Station Superintendent

Oklahoma State University’s Agricultural Experiment Station is seeking a Station Superintendent at its Southwest Research and Extension Center in Altus Oklahoma and its companion Southwest Agronomy Research Station at Tipton Oklahoma. Oklahoma State University’s Experiment Stations are collectively managed under the Field and Research Services Unit (FRSU) that includes 21 units across Oklahoma. The mission of the Experiment Stations is to provide infrastructure and support for researchers conducting experiments in the broad areas of agriculture and natural resources. The Southwest Stations cover 325 acres that have a research emphasis in agronomic practices for cotton, wheat, and sorghum with irrigation available via lateral and drip irrigation systems.

This is an exempt position which provides management and oversight to research projects and station resources. This position must be able to work closely with research project leaders to provide leadership and organization to research and extension programs conducted at the site including assigning plots, scheduling use of equipment, oversight of all FRSU staff and provide oversight for student employees. Visibility of the research station shall be maintained through hosting field tours and field days. The superintendent will be responsible for managing station equipment and property, financial accounts and safety programs, including training of employees. The Superintendent currently oversees an Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Assistant, two Field Equipment Operators, and temporary/student labor.

The position requires Bachelor’s in an agricultural related field such as Horticulture, Agronomy, Plant Science, Soil Science, or Animal Science with 2 years of operation of agricultural and research equipment. A Master’s degree in an agricultural field with 4 years’ relevant experience is preferred. A valid driver’s license and pesticide applicators license are required for maintaining employment.

Skills required include excellent written and oral communication skills with the ability to work with a wide array of audiences; including, producers, commodity groups, research and extension faculty, other members of FRSU, and Administration. Candidates should be familiar with operation, maintenance, and transportation of all types of agricultural equipment utilized on the research station. Applicants should have a working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet and e-mail applications and an appreciation of research methods. Strong organizational skills are beneficial for this position along with knowledge of OSHA and EPA regulations.

To apply, submit a letter of application indicating interests and background along with a complete resume, official transcripts and year terminal degree was granted, as well as three complete references which include name, address, phone number and email address. The official job description and application link can be found at: https://okstate.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?site=8&id=5357. Transcripts can be attached or mailed to: 235 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078, Attn: Amy Phipps. Position inquiries can be made to the Search Committee Chair, Erich Wehrenberg, at erich.wehrenberg@okstate.edu or 405-744-7321.

Oklahoma State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/E-verify employer committed to diversity.