

Field Production Manager (Blueberries)

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PROFILE

Education/Training:
Grade 12

Years Working in Agriculture:
30 years

Salary Range:
\$30,000 - \$55,000

Nature of Work:
Full time
Indoor and outdoor

Job History:
Farm Labourer
Dairy Herdsman
Feed Consultant
Owner/Operator Hog Farm
Farm Machinery Sales and Service Manager
Dairy Farm Labourer and G.P.S. Sales Representative (Maritimes)
Field Production Manager and G.P.S. Sales Representative (Maritimes)

What I like best about the career:
"Agriculture offers a very diversified occupation. It has very demanding moments but in a very relaxing atmosphere."

Other Offices:
PEI Hog Board Chairman and Director
Garden Province Meats Director
Montague Soil and Crop Chairman and Director
PEI Soil & Crop Member
PEI Agricultural Investment Fund Research Board Member

WHAT IS A BLUEBERRY FIELD PRODUCTION MANAGER? A blueberry field production manager is a person responsible for overseeing both field and shop operations.

WHAT DOES A BLUEBERRY FIELD PRODUCTION MANAGER DO?

Responsibilities of a blueberry field production manager include:

- overseeing the application of inputs required to grow a crop
- overseeing the harvest and any follow-up field operations required
- maintaining machinery
- keeping detailed records of yearly field operations

WHAT SKILLS ARE REQUIRED?

The following skills are required to be a blueberry field production manager:

- human relation skills
- good telephone and record keeping skills
- knowledge of computers and applicable programs
- knowledge of machinery maintenance and repair
- knowledge of chemicals-herbicides, fertilizers, etc.
- knowledge of land practices and field conditions
- a positive attitude

PROBLEM SOLVING

Because agriculture is so vast, many problems may be occurring at one time. Patience and positive thinking as well as being able to read and understand operator's manuals solves most problems. As well, dealing in a fair and professional manner with employees is essential.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A BLUEBERRY FIELD PRODUCTION MANAGER?

Good managers come from experience and a willingness to be a forward thinker.

SUMMER CAREER OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Agriculture offers tremendous summer employment for students if they show ambition and purpose.

CAREER OPTIONS FOR ADULTS

The field is wide open with lots of work and lots of hours - sometimes seasonal.

THE FUTURE (JOB OUTLOOK)

Because we live in a low price to farmer world, agriculture is under stress. There is a desperate need for employees, managers, and operators who are interested in becoming part of a team that feeds the world.

RELATED CAREERS

Many.

"Agriculture is the backbone to life; so few see it, but I love it!"



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