

FARM MANAGER VACANCY

The role of a Farm Manager

This role is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, controlling, and evaluating the operations and functions of farm / plant production. The Farm Manager is also responsible for all projects on the farm and ensuring that the farm / business is profitable.

Key Performance Areas

- Operate large farming irrigation systems (i.e., center pivot; drips irrigation; sprinklers and semi-permanent)
- Inspect facilities for safety violations.
- Provide strategic leadership in relation to plant production at local level.
- Conduct needs analysis of the information requirements of different categories of farmers.
- Identify changes in current and emerging information affecting the plant production sector and report accordingly.
- Facilitate and coordinate the development of production guidelines.
- Daily planning; organizing; supervision and administration of activities.
- Maintenance of database on plant production information material.
- Provide technical support and advisory services to key and relevant stakeholders. Provide technical advice on the production of crops and irrigation processes.
- Liaise with stakeholders, strategic partners, producer organizations, scientific bodies, academia and research institutions and other spheres of government (Local & Provincial).

Requirements for the job

- Four-year Degree or equivalent in in Plant Production / Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or a related degree, along with two or three years of GIS database experience.
- Must have at least 5 years' experience working in an irrigated region.
- Knowledge and experience in crop diseases, soil and water management, spray equipment operation, fertilizers and plant biology, and administration will be required.
- Knowledge and understanding of monitoring systems / mechanisms. In debt knowledge of agronomic and horticultural crops.
- Data gathering, analysis and management. Computer proficiency- MS word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Excellent administration, good organisational, interpersonal, problem solving, analytical skills, numeracy skills.
- Evidence of time management and allocation of resources.
- High levels of attention to detail and meticulous.
- Work with limited supervision.
- A valid driver's licence.

Application Process

Submit your motivation and CV to hrapapplications@sa-fda.org.za clearly demonstrating your suitability for the job and position you applying for. Closing date for the applications is **Friday, 5th January 2024 at 12:00**. Communication will be limited to shortlisted candidates who will be contacted within one week of the closing date.