



Senior Agronomist

Grain Farmers of Ontario is seeking a passionate Senior Agronomist to provide leadership and technical advice to Ontario grain farmers, industry stakeholders and all departments within GFO. The ideal candidate will demonstrate excellent technical and practical knowledge of current and emerging production topics affecting grain farmers and superior inter-personal and communication abilities to engage a diverse audience.

If you are an energetic, collaborative person with a broad understanding of production agriculture and a demonstrated ability to effectively tackle new challenges with integrity, we invite you to submit your resume and cover letter for consideration.

The **Senior Agronomist** will:

- Develop a prominent, respected public presence as GFO's Senior Agronomist through active participation in grower conferences, meetings, and media interviews, helping farmers improve the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of their farms with unbiased advice
- Develop and promote GFO perspectives on grain production issues through external committee involvement and stakeholder initiatives, including policy development discussions with government and private industry
- Lead GFO's efforts to promote the development, demonstration and commercialization of new technologies that will help Ontario grain farmers improve their production ability. This includes seeking and developing new innovative ways to engage the broader technology sector to realize new opportunities for farmers.
- Bring new ideas forward pertaining to grain research and contribute to the development of GFO research priorities

Qualifications and Education

- Minimum Bachelor's degree with a broad background in agronomy or a related discipline
- Certified Crop Advisor designation Preferred, 4R certification an asset
- 5+ years relevant work experience as a Certified Crop Advisor or equivalent
- Excellent knowledge of Ontario grain and oilseed production and current issues and opportunities affecting the sector
- Knowledgeable and deeply interested in agricultural development in Ontario with a demonstrated ability to effectively track and communicate emerging trends in production agriculture
- Broad understanding of the agricultural sciences and an ability to translate science results into practical messages



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- Polished presentation skills and excellent written and verbal command of the English language, with a strong understanding of tone required for various audiences. Bilingualism (French/English) considered an asset.

The successful candidate will be a key member of the Grain Farmers of Ontario team and reports to the Vice President, Strategic Development.

About Grain Farmers of Ontario

Grain Farmers of Ontario is the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean and wheat farmers. The crops they grow cover 6 million acres of farm land across the province, generate over \$2.5 billion in farm gate receipts, result in over \$9 billion in economic output and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs in the province.

Grain Farmers of Ontario is an organization that values teamwork, honesty, integrity, kindness and work ethic. No position within Grain Farmers of Ontario can exist on its own; each position relies on others within our organization to achieve goals. We pride ourselves on our team atmosphere, and we all work together to create a business atmosphere that allows for the highest returns for our farmer-members.

Please submit your Resume and Cover Letter to HR@gfo.ca.

Location: Guelph, ON

Hours of work: Full Time (Monday-Friday, 35 hours/week)

Compensation: Salary & competitive benefits commensurate with education and experience

Application Deadline: Sunday March 10, 2019 at 11:59 pm

Grain Farmers of Ontario is committed to a fair and inclusive work environment. We will endeavor to accommodate the needs of qualified applicants in all parts of the hiring process. All resume information is received in confidence. While we appreciate and thank all applicants, we will only directly contact those candidates selected for an interview

Disclaimer

This is only a summary of the typical functions of the job, not an exhaustive or comprehensive list of all possible job responsibilities, tasks, and duties. The responsibilities, tasks, and duties may differ from those outlined above and other duties may be included as part of the job.