

Chief Operating Officer

THE COMPANY

Our customer is a large diversified broadacre and horticulture farming enterprise producing cereals, fodder crops, onions, potatoes, grapes, livestock production and trading. The scale of production is significant across approximately 10,000 acres, and is located in the south-east region of South Australia. The group also has large farming operations in Victoria.

THE ROLE

Because of the geographic spread and complexity of their farming operations the group would now like to appoint a Chief Operating Officer tasked with overseeing the day-to-day administrative and operational functions of the operations in South Australia. The role will report directly to the Chief Executive Officer. There is a preference for someone to have significant experience in horticulture in order to complement the skills of the senior management team.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee, direct and co-ordinate staff activities such as planting, irrigation, chemical application, harvesting and assist in marketing and risk management across a diverse group of crops.
- Achieve high yielding onion and potato crops with a focus on best practice management and sustainability
- Develop and manage the team including managing performance in a corporate structure and identifying and implementing training/development opportunities
- Manage the packing shed, staff and contractors including daily customer orders. Schedule packing requirements working with a just-in-time system
- Implement and ensure adherence to very high WHS standards, including continuous development and improvement around all agricultural operations as well as periodic and exception reporting direct to the Board

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 10 years' experience in agricultural production
- Proven track record delivering high performing yields in all varieties of onion and potato, or other horticulture crops
- Proven track record in hiring, developing and retaining high performing teams.
- Very strong written and verbal communication skills
- Candidates with a formal agricultural diploma/degree will be preferred

LOCATION & REMUNERATION

- The role is based in the southeast area of South Australia. A highly attractive remuneration package is on offer to attract the right person for this crucial role.

TO APPLY

Please apply for this role online (Seek or www.agri.com.au). For a confidential discussion on the role please call me on 0419012841 or email me at ray@agri.com.au Dr. Ray Johnson, Senior Agribusiness Consultant and Managing Director, Agricultural Appointments.