



## **Plant Breeder**

### **Duda Farm Fresh Foods**

#### **Salinas, California Area**

#### **Job description**

A. Duda & Sons is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year and as part of that celebration it is expanding its commitment to research in order to propel it into the next century. Its Duda Farm Fresh Foods subsidiary is a world leader in celery production, innovation and celery research. Please consider the Plant Breeder position and whether you would be interested in joining its progressive research effort. The Plant Breeder will play a critical role as a team member of a large intricate celery breeding program. This position will provide assistance to the current two celery breeders and also train to take on responsibilities for the hybrid breeding program.

#### **Essential Job Responsibilities**

- Assist in all aspects of the celery breeding program with priority in sterile development and hybrid celery. This will include learning and being involved in caging operations, reading sterility and monitoring sterility in all crops and production.
- Develop a special screening program/protocol not yet currently performed in the celery breeding programs (i.e. development of a new special screening program for Fusarium race 4 (laboratory or greenhouse), salt stress, drought tolerance, flavor, etc.
- Capable and willing to travel to the numerous celery production locations around the United States (as needed to Florida, Arizona, Michigan, Georgia, Carolinas, and California) for the evaluation of trials, to become familiar with the growers, farming operations, farming/harvesting/processing practices, and generally all aspects of celery.
- Responsible for learning and updating the Access breeding database system.
- Assist in celery seed production and especially the maintenance of steriles, caging operations, test crosses, etc.
- Responsible for working with the research team to develop flavor testing protocol.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Desired Skills and Experience**

- Education: PhD in plant breeding or related field
- Knowledge in Statistics.
- Education/experience in plant pathology or food science and laboratory techniques or other relative secondary specialization preferred.
- Good knowledge/skill with Microsoft office and preferably Access.
- Fluent in English, Spanish beneficial.

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## **Assistant Plant Breeder**

**Duda Farm Fresh Foods**

**Oxnard, California**

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### **Responsibilities & Qualifications**

- Coordination of breeding trials including seeding, transplanting, harvest and evaluation ensuring appropriate data collection and entry.
- Responsible for providing project status updates, reviews and evaluation and full reports for all research activities to appropriate individuals
- Willing to travel to other locations/out of state in order to assist in seed operations,
- Become familiar with the larger Duda breeding program, team objectives and meetings.
- Responsible for collection of data for patents and providing assistance in data entry.
- Assist in planning, implementation, evaluation and summarization of production research including sand and organic production in celery, lettuce and radish.
- Capable of working as a member of a team sharing responsibilities, ideas, inputs and coordinating for a meaningful and thorough outcome.

- Great temperament for working with growers, nurseries and various individuals outside of the company.
- Capable of differentiating information or materials that are confidential and sharing information appropriately within and outside the Duda organization.
- Experience/Knowledge in Microsoft Office.
- Fluent in English, Spanish beneficial.
- Bachelor's Degree plus five years' experience with breeding, trialing or relevant responsibilities required.
- Master's Degree Preferred. Area(s) of study: plant breeding, biology, horticulture, agronomy or related field.
- Other duties as assigned.

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## **Assistant Plant Breeder**

**Duda Farm Fresh Foods**

**Belle Glade, Florida**

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### **Responsibilities & Qualifications**

- Coordination of breeding trials including seeding, transplanting, harvest and evaluation ensuring appropriate data collection and entry.
- Responsible for providing project status updates, reviews and evaluation and full reports for all research activities to appropriate individuals.
- Willing to travel to other locations/out of state in order to assist in seed operations, become familiar with the larger Duda breeding program, team objectives and meetings.
- Responsible for collection of data for patents and providing assistance in data entry.
- Assist in planning, implementation, evaluation and summarization of production research including sand and organic production in celery.
- Capable of working as a member of a team sharing responsibilities, ideas, inputs and coordinating for a meaningful and thorough outcome.

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