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Farm Manager, Row Crops

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SUMMARY

Farm manager with 12 years in row crops, currently running a 4,200-acre corn and soybean operation with 7 full-time staff and up to 12 seasonal workers. Raised 5-year average corn yield from 198 to 214 bushels per acre, cut fertilizer cost per acre by 11% with variable-rate application and keeps a $3.4 million equipment fleet in service. Comfortable with precision ag data, grain marketing support and crop insurance records.

EXPERIENCE

Farm Manager — Des Moines Lobe Grain Partners

Boone, IA · Jan 2019 – Present

- Manage 4,200 acres of corn and soybeans with 7 full-time staff and up to 12 seasonal workers at planting and harvest.
- Raised 5-year average corn yield from 198 to 214 bushels per acre using zone soil sampling and hybrid trials on 40 plots.
- Cut nitrogen and phosphorus cost per acre by 11% by moving 3,100 acres to variable-rate application.
- Kept a $3.4 million equipment fleet running with a winter service plan, losing under 2 days to breakdowns in each harvest.

Assistant Farm Manager — Beaver Creek Family Farms

Madrid, IA · Mar 2014 – Dec 2018

- Ran planting and spraying on 2,600 acres, finishing corn planting within a 10-day window in 4 of 5 years.
- Set up yield and as-applied mapping on 6 machines, giving the owner field-level profit reports for the first time.
- Trained 9 seasonal workers a year on tractor, grain cart and auger safety with 0 lost-time injuries.

Farm Hand — Beaver Creek Family Farms

Madrid, IA · May 2012 – Feb 2014

- Operated tillage, planting and grain cart equipment across about 2,400 acres each season.

SKILLS

Crop production: Planting and harvest planning, hybrid selection, soil sampling, fertility, weed and pest control

Precision ag: Yield mapping, variable-rate seeding and fertilizer, auto-steer, field records

Equipment and facilities: Preventive maintenance, grain drying and storage, parts inventory, shop management

Business and people: Crop budgets, input purchasing, crop insurance records, hiring and training seasonal crews

CERTIFICATIONS

Iowa Commercial Pesticide Applicator

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Agronomy, Iowa State University, 2012

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