

## IPM and Agronomy Intern



**MAY 2023 - SEPTEMBER 2023 (approximate)**

**Summary:** BT Loftus Ranches, Tributary Hop Farms and Olympic Orchards produce some of the country's finest hops and apples on over 2,500 acres of Central Washington soil. Hired interns will monitor fields for pests, diseases and assist with farm experiments spread across Yakima, Granger, and Sunnyside. The successful applicant should demonstrate a reputable work ethic, enthusiasm for agriculture, and a strong scientific background.

### **Job Description:**

- Scout hops and apples for pests, disease, and abiotic stress
- Monitor and maintain insect traps throughout the season
- Collect and process samples such as: soil, leaf/petiole, fruit
- Assist on-farm trials by collecting and maintaining data; present findings to the agronomy department to aid IPM and fertility decisions

### **Requirements:**

- A valid driver's license
- Strong task management skills, attention to detail, and an independent work ethic
- Familiarity with plant, insect, and soil sciences
- Ability to work **Mon-Fri 6am-3:30pm** with possible weekend hours
- Ability to work outdoors, walking, bending, reaching, etc. in hot (90°+ F), windy, or wet conditions for several hours at a time
- Willingness to work with culturally diverse groups of people
- Willingness to work with insects

### **Preferences:**

- Experience collecting and handling data with knowledge of scientific methods
- Experience safely operating a 4-wheeler or side-by-side off-road vehicle

**Compensation:** \$17.41/hr. The use of a company vehicle during work hours for transportation between various farms and fields. Produce from the farm garden.

**Housing:** The farm will not provide housing but will help to search and tour units of your choice. Expect to pay \$500-800/mo. depending on your needs.

**Career Advancement:** We are always looking for team members that are a good fit. There may be opportunities off-farm to visit with other growers and network with hop processors, brewers, fruit packing warehouses, and similar industries.

**To Apply:** Please email your resume and a brief (1 page) description of your experience and career goals to the following address: [tomoe@loftusranches.com](mailto:tomoe@loftusranches.com).