

Crop Trials Technician

Base: BBRO Office, Norwich Research Park
Salary: £20,000 - £24,000 PA (depending on experience)
Working Hours: 35 hours per week basic, plus additional seasonal hours when required
Position: Full-Time, Permanent

We are currently recruiting for a Crop Trials Technician to join our trials team and help provide evidence-based solutions to sugar beet farming problems.

BBRO - the go-to source of advice for sugar beet growers

At the BBRO, www.bbro.co.uk, we conduct research to help the UK sugar beet industry increase profitability and sustainably improve yields. One element of our work is to deliver high-quality field trials at several sites across the sugar beet growing area. We are a dynamic organisation with a friendly team, enthusiastic about agriculture and making a difference for sugar beet growers. We are supportive of each other and are proud of our values: 'Trust, Innovation, Approachable and Industry-leading'.

The work of a Crop Trials Technician

Reporting to BBRO's Glasshouse and Laboratory Manager, you will assist with laboratory, glasshouse and field trials by supporting the laboratory and glasshouse activities, conduct practical work associated with agricultural field trials and demonstrations and assist with delivery of BBRO's KE activity on host farms/open days.

Primary areas of work:-

- Assist with the culture of pests, virus and diseases cultures and isolates
- Assist with the maintenance of plants in the glasshouse
- Assist with general laboratory housekeeping duties and with BBRO plant clinic
- Conduct field assessments and technical measurements as required to support BBRO scientists
- Assist the Field Trials Team as required during busy work periods e.g., drilling/harvesting/test digs
- Drone operation (training provided where required)
- Travel to trial sites across the beet growing area

Skill set required

You will need experience of working in a laboratory and glasshouse environment with some understanding of plant biology and a good level of understanding of agriculture practice. This role requires that you hold a full driving licence and you must be prepared to travel across the East of England. Furthermore, you will need to be able to conduct the field work.

Desirable, though not essential proficiencies include an agricultural college qualification, telehandler qualification, and PA1 and PA6 pesticide application qualifications.

Attitude and determination

This role is for you if you are keen and self-motivated team worker with a positive, resilient, "can-do" attitude. You will need to be able to effectively prioritise and conduct tasks, give attention to detail, meet deadlines and follow instructions.

What BBRO offers

We offer a number of benefits including:

- Training and personal development
- Good pension package
- Private healthcare

We are an equal opportunities employer and applicants are welcome to apply regardless of age, disability, gender, marital status, race, nationality or ethnic origin, religion, or sexual orientation.

Employment will be subject to the appropriate pre-employment checks, including obtaining references.

How to apply

If you feel you have the relevant skills and experience for the position of BBRO Field Trials Operator, please send your CV and covering letter to: accounts@bbro.co.uk. **Closing date is 29th April 2022.**

If you have not received an email inviting you for interview within 5 days after the application closing date, that means you have not been shortlisted for this job.