

Breeder Assistant (M/F)

Permanent position – Full-time

Context

Sakata Vegetables Europe is a subsidiary of Sakata Seed Corporation (Japan) and is responsible for the development and expansion of the activities across the EMEA area. With our wide array of vegetable seeds, we want to create a confidence-based relationship with our customers, working to our age-old motto of Quality, Reliability and Service.

Missions

As part of the support group to the various breeding programs we are looking for a “Breeder Assistant” with enthusiasm, accuracy and passion to contribute to the success of the various research programs. This position provides the right candidate with an excellent opportunity to develop a career with one of the leading global vegetable seed breeders.

The “Breeder Assistant” will work closely with breeders to accomplish the short and long term breeding goals and actively participate in all task related to breeding, testing and selections. The role of the “Breeder Assistant” will be to take responsibility for the day-to-day activities mainly of tomato crop under the guidance of the breeder within the Türkiye station in Antalya.

The main responsibilities include:

- Manage tasks of breeding operation, such as seed picking and sowing, germination report, transplanting, plant maintenance, pollination, harvesting, seed extraction, seed disinfection, seed drying, packaging and inventory update in breeding database, coordinating seeds shipment with good stock management.
- Responsible and assist in sampling for MAS and pathology support. Collaborate with molecular and pathology teams based on different sites within our region EMEA.
- Coordinate, following up, data collection, interpretation, and reporting on the various on- and off-site trials.
- Planning, organizing and supervising crossing blocks.
- Responsible for seed shipments and record keeping.
- Implementation and adhering to phytosanitary requirements and seed health testing.
- Learn and use functions of breeding database to assist with data entry & update, inventory management, and reporting.
- Develop a strong relationship with the Farm team to ensure good match between labour needs and level of activity.

Profile

- Minimum B.S. / master's degree in agriculture or related area.
- Working experience as Breeder Assistant is preferable.
- Genetic and statistic knowledge is preferable.
- Be motivated, enthusiastic, with good communication skills, and willing to work across a broad range of diverse tasks and environments.
- Accuracy in both practical and analytical tasks.
- Flexibility, pro-active and able to perform in a multicultural environment
- Ability to work independently with minimal day to day supervision.
- Local and international business traveling would be required.
- Well organization skills for breeding operation as well as data collection and treating
- Driving License is required.
- Must be fluent in Turkish and English (speech and written); other languages are an advantage.

Application

This position is available as soon as possible and based at the research station in Antalya in Türkiye. If this matches your project, send us your application in English (Resume and Cover letter) before 2023, February, the 28th, by email at the following address: sve.recruitment@sakata.eu.

