

Jim Rash Inc is a family owned business and premier supplier of the watermelon industry. Beginning in late 2024, we will also grow strawberries. We take great pride in our ability to consistently exceed customer expectations. We accomplish this by having an organization driven by a culture of excellence filled with the best talent in the industry.

## Agronomist

## Job Type: Full Time Lake Wales, FL / Frostproof, FL Description:

Jim Rash Inc is seeking a motivated, self-managed individual to join our team as an agronomist. For the Lake Wales/ Frostproof, FL area; this will include approx. 300 acres of watermelons and 200 acres of strawberries. Duties will include but will not be limited to:

- Measures harvest yield and quality against forecast.
- Train field managers on crop scouting for weeds, insects, diseases and irrigation schedules for optimal field yield.
- Inspects fields weekly during growing season and assists with testing and product review in packing/ storage areas.
- Provides recommendations for cover crops, fall tillage and fumigation as necessary.
- Assists with data collection of variety performance (to include brix, sizing and defects) and assists with assessment of yield.
- Assists with selecting fertilizer and chemical needs for operation. Monitors chemical inventories, orders products and coordinates with custom applicators.
- Works with the Food Safety Manager to maintain Standard Operating Procedures and spray/ fertilizer records on online platform.
- Evaluates prospective new farming areas by reviewing soil tests and irrigation assessment.

## **Requirements**

Valid Driver's License

Bachelors Degree in Plant or Soil Science or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience

Minimum of 2 years farm experience (can include internships)

Extensive knowledge in plant and soil science

Proficient with Microsoft Office products (to include Outlook, Word, Excel)

Strong written and verbal communication skills

Ability to provide general direction to various team members

Ability to work in a fast-paced environment

Ability to work independently and with others

Bi-lingual in Spanish and/or ability to learn Spanish

Valid driver's license

Starting salary will be determined based on experience.

Benefits package is offered.

Interested candidates should send their resume to careers@jimrashinc.com