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Southern Farming Systems

- Work with a leading agricultural research and extension organisation.
- Learn agronomy from experienced colleagues and use the latest high-tech machinery and equipment in a supportive and friendly team environment.
- Try out cutting edge practices and network with the agricultural industry.
- Bring your ideas, innovation and enthusiasm and develop your skills in research trials, extension and project management.

About us

Southern Farming Systems is a not-for-profit farmer-based organisation widely recognised and respected for delivery of high quality, independent and practically relevant research across the Southern High Rainfall Zone in Victoria and Tasmania, with over 600 members and partners across the Southern HRZ. We specialise in extension work by bridging the gap between research and practice change in the paddock. For more information on SFS and what we do, please visit www.sfs.org.au.

SFS is active in the farming community and is a vibrant and exciting place to work. We offer assistance and encouragement through all phases of professional development, setting the successful applicant up for a rewarding career in the agricultural service sector.

Role

Southern Farming Systems (SFS) is seeking a Graduate Research Agronomist to join its Victorian team, based in Inverleigh, Victoria. The purpose of the role is to work with the Manager – Cropping, Manager - Operations and Senior Research & Extension Officers with planning and execution of trials and projects primarily in south-west Victoria. The role will involve implementing research trials, applying inputs, liaising with external clients / project managers with guidance and support from Senior R&E staff.

Responsibilities

- Support the delivery of relevant research project deliverables to achieve project objectives.
- Guided by Senior Research & Extension staff, Manager - Cropping and Manager - Operations assist with trial operations including sowing, spraying, crop management in the growing season and harvesting and operation of state-of-the-art machinery associated with these activities.
- Conduct all trial specific treatments/applications and undertake assessments for allocated trials and projects.
- Maintaining accurate record keeping of all operational tasks
- Statistical analysis and reporting of trial results
- Assist with writing and/or research of articles and other communications
- Active involvement in extension activities including field days, grower workshops and discussion groups and trial results days

Skills and experience

- A willingness to work across a varied and interesting range of job activities
- Well-developed oral and written skills
- Demonstrated ability to learn and develop new skills as part of a team

Qualifications

This position is ideally suited to a recent graduate of an agronomy, agriculture, or closely related qualification however, evidence of other industry related experience will be equally well regarded.

Please apply with a cover letter and CV (with referees) in your application to office@sfs.org.au