

Native Forest Nursery

Nursery Production Manager

Summary

Native Forest Nursery (NFN) is seeking qualified applicants for a Nursery Production Manager. This position is responsible for the production of NFN's annual crops, which include bare root seedlings, container grown plants, and field grown transplants. The scope of this position will be tailored to the strengths and experience of the successful candidate.

About Native Forest Nursery

Native Forest Nursery is a wholesale grower of native trees, shrubs and cultivars of native trees and shrubs. We grow approximately 10 million bare root seedlings annually and produce over 150,000 container plants annually primarily in #1 and #3 containers. In addition, we produce around 30,00 field grown liners. Our products serve the horticulture, reforestation, mitigation and reclamation industries among others.

Skills and Qualifications

- Self-motivated and able to complete assigned tasks independently
- Knowledge of nursery weeds, pests and pathogens as well as knowledge of proven treatments to combat these issues is critical and is required
- Ability to manage staff, keep work on schedule and report progress
- Ability to interact professionally with customers, team members and peers
- Professional appearance and presentation skills
- Valid driver's license
- College degree in related field is preferred
- Experience is required in nursery production
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office products is required
- Experience with inventory and logistics associated with nursery crops is preferred
- Willingness to work longer hours during seasonal cycles of heavy workload is required

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- Significantly increase the production efficiency and quality of the assigned crops
- Significantly reduce production costs of the assigned crops
- Understand the unique challenges and opportunities of NFN and create plans to mitigate the challenges and capitalize on the opportunities

- Fully understand the production process of the assigned crops and ensure that work stays on schedule
- Work closely with Operations Manager to stay abreast of current inventory and to use the inventory information to inform future decision making
- Supervise designated field personnel
- Lead the effort of increasing the knowledge and skill of the entire nursery staff in regard to nursery production
- Oversee in house nursery trials to advance knowledge and to understand operational feasibility of new products and practices
- Work closely with Operations Manager and other sales staff to understand the needs of our larger customers and work toward tailoring production to these needs
- Assist Operations Manager in budgeting of all aspects of crop production and take lead role in budgeting the assigned crops
- Assist in ordering production materials for all crops and take lead role in ordering materials for the assigned crops
- Maintain and catalogue knowledge of best production practices, practices of competitors and practices to avoid
- Submit quarterly production reports summarizing progress toward production goals as well as projections for upcoming goals

Position Details

- Salaried position based on 40 hours per week
- Company benefits for fulltime employees includes health care reimbursement (company plans available), paid holidays, paid vacation, IRA and paid sick/personal days.
- Salary and incentive plans are commensurate with skills and experience
- Must be willing to relocate to the Chatsworth GA area

To apply please send resume and cover letter (including salary requirements) to Chad Casselman, NFN Operations Manager at chad@nativeforestnursery.com . We are located at the foot of Blue Ridge mountains in Chatsworth, GA. Learn more at www.nativeforestnursery.com .