Popcorn Breeder



The Position

Weaver Popcorn Hybrids is looking for a hardworking, motivated individual to coordinate and execute a comprehensive popcorn breeding program. The individual will be involved in the entire breeding cycle from germplasm diversification to hybrid pre-commercialization. Responsibilities include:

- Providing leadership and direction to hybrid research team
- Developing popcorn breeding populations
- Overseeing inbred line development
- Utilizing technologies and new breeding techniques to maximize efficiency and productivity of the breeding program; including DHs and molecular markers
- Developing new popcorn hybrids for testing
- Managing multi-year, multi-environment yield trials
- Providing input into other areas where the genetic component is relevant
- Maintaining the highest level of confidentiality, and professionalism
- Traveling as needed in support of your breeding and testing program; including but not limited to winter nurseries
- Other duties as assigned

The Requirements

The applicant must have a PhD in plant breeding or related degree and preferred 3-5 years of experience with the following:

- Juggling multiple projects simultaneously
- Comprehensive knowledge of agronomics and production processes
- Experimental design and statistical analysis
- Application of molecular markers to breeding programs
- Operating farming equipment

The Location

Operations are based out of New Richmond, IN, just south of Lafayette, IN.

The Company

Weaver Popcorn Company was founded by Reverend Ira Weaver in 1928. Weaver started developing popcorn hybrids in 1979. Today, Weaver Popcorn Hybrids, an independent operating company, is a popcorn breeding and seed production company.

Weaver Popcorn Hybrids is a leader in enhanced breeding and hybrid seed quality, benefitting from over 40 years of experience and a seasoned team of PhD scientists and professional agronomists. The team at Weaver Popcorn Hybrids is dedicated to developing specific varieties of popcorn to meet the ever-changing needs of its customers and delivers industry-leading popcorn hybrids, all of which are genetically pure and non-GMO.

For the first time, Weaver Popcorn Hybrids is making its top performing hybrid seed available to others for sale in domestic and international markets. This is an exciting time to work for Weaver Popcorn Hybrids and would be a great opportunity to strengthen a breeding program in the growing industry of one of America's favorite snacks.

The Application

To be considered, please send resume and cover letter to careers@weaverhybrids.com