

Illinois Foundation Seeds, Inc.

Sweet Corn Division

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Sweet Corn Breeder

Job Posting

Illinois Foundation Seeds, Inc. is seeking a highly motivated Sweet Corn Breeder to lead the sweet corn research department's efforts at Plover, WI in the responsibilities associated with breeding, evaluating and developing proprietary sweet corn hybrids and inbreds for commercial sales and licensing to wholesale vegetable companies worldwide.

The Sweet Corn Breeder's responsibilities will include the following:

- Responsible for all aspects of planning and implementing a sweet corn line development and hybrid testing program.
- Develop an innovative and successful sweet corn product portfolio suited for target markets.
- Develop and implement new technologies with appropriate allocation of resources.
- Coordination of breeding trials including seeding, transplanting, harvest and evaluation ensuring appropriate data collection and entry.
- Play an integral role in the product development team through hybrid evaluation, the organization and leading of customer visits, developing product data reports, and participation in product advancement decisions.
- Lead and organize the maintenance and increase of inbred lines advanced within IFSI's hybrid testing program.
- Responsible for providing project status updates, reviews and evaluation and full reports for all research activities to appropriate individuals.
- Support the supply team through the delivery of high quality breeder seed, organization of production trials, and germplasm/technical expertise.

REQUIREMENTS:

- M.S. or Ph.D. in Plant Breeding, Crop Science, or related field.
- Evidence of ability to lead and manage a plant breeding program.
- Knowledge in pathology, plant physiology, experimental design and statistics, and molecular markers.
- Capable of working as a member of a team sharing responsibilities, ideas, inputs and coordinating for a meaningful and thorough outcome. Great temperament for working with growers, nurseries and various individuals outside of the company.
- Capable of differentiating information or materials that are confidential and sharing information appropriately within and outside the IFSI organization.
- Strong written and oral communication skills, and very good knowledge of computer applications, including database management.
- Ability to work independently along with good team leadership and management skills.
- Travel to off-site trial locations and contra-season nurseries, company vehicle provided. A valid driver's license and passport will also be required.

REPORTING: The Sweet Corn Breeder will report to the Vice President/Director of Research of the Sweet Corn division in Tolono, IL.

LOCATION: Plover, WI

BENEFITS: Salary commensurate with experience
Health Care Plan
401k Plan

CONTACT: Send resume to the Sweet Corn Division's Vice President/Director of Research, Charlie Thompson, cthompson@ifsi.com

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