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Objective

I am seeking a full- time position in production agriculture management.

Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL December 2011
Bachelor of Science, Agriculture Operations Management, Horticulture Crop Production
Citrus Production Specialist

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL Spring
Associate of Arts Degree, Agriculture

Avon Park High School, Avon Park, FL Spring
High School Diploma, Agriculture Operations Management, 3.7

Professional Experience

Hill- Duke Ranch & Groves Inc., Avon Park, FL January 1999 - Present
Citrus Production Manager
Ordered and delivered material, applied materials, including fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, diesel fuel, equipment, and other chemicals necessary to a citrus operation. Duties include all aspects of commercial citrus grove caretaking for processing. Extensive knowledge of chemicals and their applications. Extensive knowledge and experience using caretaking equipment including air- blasts sprayers, boom herbicide applicators, tractors and broadcast spreaders. Identify nutrient deficiencies and pest problems of citrus trees. Ensure replacement trees are properly planted and cared for. Hauled equipment and cattle for day to day operations. Maintained an efficient irrigation system to ensure proper moisture control and nutrient management. Provided detailed information to owner to assist with management and marketing decisions of commercial citrus production. Compare costs of inputs to ensure greater profit margins.

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL September 2011
Feed Lot Manager/ Laborer May 2008 - September 2008
Performed duties required for successful commercial beef cattle feed lot. Duties included mixing and weighing high volume custom blends of grains to ensure adequate nutrition is delivered where it is needed for growth and development of commercial beef cattle. Identify and perform farm maintenance. Move, load and deliver cattle statewide with care to ensure minimum weight loss and stress. Monitor cattle closely and identify hazards to their well- being and administer anti- biotics when needed.

Mckenna & Associates Citrus Inc., Sebring, FL May 2006 - February 2008
Crew Foreman
Managed laborers and equipment doing various tasks for citrus production and beef cattle operation. Designed and oversaw construction of custom built pump houses, horse barns and various fences. Applied pesticides and fertilizer.

Honors and Awards

- 2010 New Century Farmer National Conference, Florida Citrus Industry representative
- 2008 American Farmer Degree. Highest level of achievement in National FFA Organization
- 2008 University of Florida Block & Bridle Club. University of Florida representative Florida Cattlemens Annual Conference

Licenses

- 2010 Restricted Use Pesticide Certified through Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services