Austin Lenssen



OBJECTIVE

Seeking vacant Agricultural Producer position on Agricultural Advisory Committee

EDUCATION

Washington State University

Bachelor of Science, Integrated Plant Sciences

Major: Landscape, Nursery, and Greenhouse Management

Minors: Horticulture & Agricultural Systems

3.88 Cumulative GPA, Graduated Magna Cum Laude

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Training & Certifications:

- Washington State Private Applicator's License
- Experience with safe operation of tractors, farm equipment, forklifts and hand tools.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills

Skills:

- Proficient in Microsoft Office as demonstrated by accurate and organized varietal and field record keeping at Ebe Farms.
- Adept customer service skills as demonstrated by experience working with growers and agronomy company representatives at Skagit Farmer's Supply.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills as demonstrated by open lines of communication with current and former managers and coworkers.
- Strong interpersonal skills as demonstrated by the positive relationship with current and former managers and co-workers.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Ebe Farms, Ferndale, WA

Farm Manager

- Oversee 1250 acres of potato seed production
- Manage 30 and up to 60 farm employees
- Oversee all agronomy and variety development, including multiple breeding projects
- Keep inventories and assist in sales and marketing

Ebe Farms, Ferndale, WA

Jan. 2020-Nov. 2022

Field Manager

- Oversee 225 acres of field year 1 and 2 seed potato operation
- Precise organization of 75 different potato varieties
- Effective management of ten-person harvest crew
- Facilitated planting, irrigating, and harvest of breeding plot of 400+ varieties in a single field
- Planted, irrigated, and sampled 225 acres resulting in high quality and high yielding crop

Nov. 2022-Present

Aug. 2017-Dec. 2019

USDA Western Wheat Quality Lab, Pullman, WA

Lab Technician

- Ran a variety of lab tests on wheat flour
- Organized and analyzed data

Skagit Farmers Supply, Pullman, WA

May 2019- Aug. 2019

Oct. 2017- Dec. 2019

Agricultural Intern

- Delivered fertilizers and pesticides to growers
- Conducted tissue and soil sampling of corn, potatoes, grass, and berries, for nutrient analysis
- Scouted fields for insect pests, crop damage, and disease

Smertenko Lab, Pullman, WA

Feb. 2018- May 2018

Lab Intern

- Performed undergrad research project on drought tolerance in wheat
- Interpretated and analyzed complex data
- Professionally presented concise findings of research

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Lynden Ag Advisory Board Member

2023-Present

WSU Horticulture Club:

2017-2019

Secretary (2018-2019)

Documented club members' volunteer hours, assisted in leading club meetings, recruited members, organized events and sales that grossed approximately \$40,000 per year.

Honors:

WSU's Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Events Novice Award	2019
American Society for Horticulture Science (ASHS) Collegiate Scholars Award	2019

