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TECHNICAL ADVISOR: STONE FRUIT

Working with their stone fruit farms and packhouses throughout the Western Cape, our client is recruiting for an exceptional Technical Specialist to join their Ceres team.

Our client based in Ceres, Western Cape, and have an exciting opportunity available for an experienced Technical Advisor in stone fruit. The primary focus of the role will be to provide specialist horticultural advice throughout the nectarine, peach, plum and cherry production cycle, ensuring that technical practices, product quality and cultivar decisions contribute to optimum production and market performance.

This is an opportunity for a technically driven individual to make a meaningful contribution to production performance while helping to advance horticultural practices within the stone fruit industry.

Responsibilities

- Provide technical and horticultural advice across stone fruit production units
- Develop and implement technical protocols, trials and improvement initiatives
- Advise on new plantings, cultivars, rootstocks and production practices
- Monitor fruit quality from orchard through packing, storage and export
- Analyse production and post-harvest results and recommend improvements
- Support cultivar and product development with breeding programmes and industry specialists
- Liaise with production teams, customers and relevant industry role players
- Facilitate technical training and knowledge sharing
- All other tasks related to the role.

Minimum Requirements

- BSc degree in Agriculture, Horticulture or a related field, MSc degree will be advantageous;
- Proven technical experience within stone fruit production;
- Willingness to travel regularly to relevant production regions;
- Valid driver's license.

Key Competencies

- Strong technical judgement and problem-solving ability
- Ability to build and maintain trusted relationships
- Genuine interest in research, innovation and continuous improvement
- Comfortable working closely with production teams and industry specialists
- Ability to translate new technical developments and research into practical, commercially viable solutions
- Practical, hands-on approach within a commercial production environment

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