

Gorrell Dairy

Position Description – Mechanic

Job Title: Mechanic

Summary Description: At Gorrell Dairy, a Mechanic is responsible for all aspects of maintaining and repairing the farm's machinery and equipment and working with others on the mechanics/machinery maintenance crew to ensure the successful and efficient operation of the farm's shop. A Mechanic is required to use his or her specialized skills and experience to locate and diagnose issues with machinery and equipment and find cost-effective solutions and repairs. A Mechanic at Gorrell Dairy is also a member of the harvest crew, and must be willing and able to take part in all duties related to fieldwork during planting and harvest seasons.

Major Job Functions:

Maintenance of Farm Equipment

- Ensure that all equipment is in a constant state of readiness as assigned by the Head Mechanic.
- Follow the farm's maintenance schedule for routine servicing of all machinery and equipment.
- Have and maintain an ongoing operating knowledge of all farm machinery and equipment.
- Keep organized and up-to-date records of any maintenance you perform on farm machinery.
- When directed by the Head Mechanic, order parts as needed from suppliers, and be sure that the parts inventory is accurate and up-to-date at all times.
- Maintain the cleanliness and appearance of farm machinery.

Mechanical Duties

- Update and modify any used equipment purchased to best accommodate the farm, as needed and as assigned.
- Modify equipment to achieve greater levels of efficiency, when necessary.
- Perform repairs and tasks including, but not limited to brake jobs, engine replacements, clutch replacements, installations, calibrations, etc.
- Perform necessary repairs to the facilities and the shop as needed.

Equipment Operation and Fieldwork

- Able to operate any and all equipment as required in such a way that promotes safety and efficiency.
- As a member of the harvest crew, take part in all aspects of fieldwork during planting and harvest seasons.
- As directed by your supervisor, apply pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.
- Operate tractors, and self-propelled machinery to plow, harrow and fertilize soil, or to plant, cultivate, spray, and harvest crops.

Shop Responsibilities

- Help the farm maintain a professional image by keeping the shop and storages neat and tidy.
- Be sure that inventories of all shop materials are kept up-to-date.
- Return tools and equipment to their proper place daily before clocking out.
- Perform any and all routine maintenance and repairs to the farm's facility as needed.

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- Contribute towards operation efficiency and farm growth through performance of job duties and other tasks as assigned.

Qualifications Required:

- Prior experience with repair and maintenance of heavy machinery.
- Ability to operate heavy machinery.
- Ability to operate GPS-enabled equipment.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:

- Effective communicator.
- Assist Head Mechanic with special projects and tasks as requested.
- Desire and ability to work in a team environment.
- Ability to take direction.
- Ability to make decisions quickly as they relate to the (successful) daily operation of the farm.

Reports to: Head Mechanic