

# VANDEMARRK SOD FARMS

## **SPRAY TECHNICIAN – SOD PRODUCTION**

Starting in 1988 with just a few acres, Vandemark Sod Farm has expanded greatly and is now a primary sod supplier to Wake County and the surrounding area. For 32 years, our family-owned business has enjoyed a reputation for the best sod quality, selection and service to the Triangle. Our main product is turf, which we provide to the landscaping industry, as well as, athletic fields and golf courses across North Carolina. We grow, harvest and ship 5 types of sod from our Whitakers and Spring Hope locations, located less than an hour east of Raleigh. The Spray Technician position is full time, year round position. If you meet the following job qualifications, please fill out an application online, stop by the farm, or email a detailed resume.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Spray Technician is responsible for the day to day spray operations at our 600 acre Whitakers farm and other Vandemark Farm locations in the area. Applicants must have a strong work ethic, willingness to learn, and be dependable. This position will work closely with the Production Foreman. The Spray Technician will be exposed to all aspects of sod farm operations including but not limited to sod production, fertilizing, spraying, calibration, and irrigation. The Spray Technician will be responsible for completing tasks that are assigned. The primary tasks of the position include:

- Operates all spray equipment
- Operates computers on equipment
- Sprays and calibrates crop protection products
- Mixing, loading and application of crop production products according to label
- Spray prescribed amounts of fertilizer, insecticide, herbicide and fungicide
- Filling tank with chemicals and water according to formula
- Assist production manager in planning current and long term spray programs
- Maintain chemical inventory
- Maintain chemical mixing and storage area in compliance with regulations
- Performs daily vehicle inspections
- Cleans and maintains equipment
- Assists mechanic
- Maintains accurate application/spray records
- Communicating effectively with managers
- Read maps, follow directions, and operate equipment with computer assisted operations
- Any other duties assigned

## **REQUIRMENTS**

- NC Pesticide License **required**
- Valid and Clean Driver License **required**
- At least 3 years' experience as a spray technician **required**
- Farm experience required
- Turfgrass management experience preferred
- Knowledge of sod farming is a plus
- Ability to operate tractors (60-125 Horsepower)
- Able to work in various weather conditions – Your office is outdoors, and you can enjoy a new view every day!
- Willingness and ability to be trained in all phases of company operations
- Must be a motivated self-starter
- Sense of ownership and accountability
- Strong attention to detail
- Able to work independently and be very self-motivated
- Able to lift 50 pounds
- Show up on time every day
- Ability to multi-task and solve problems
- Basic math skills are required to be successful in this role
- Be able to perform numerous physical work tasks required by this position

**SALARY: DOE BASE PAY \$40,000+**

## **BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Major Medical Benefits provided
- Life Insurance Provided
- Dependable Wages
- Reliable equipment to operate
- No seasonal layoff, we are a year round operation
- 1 week paid time off after 1 year of employment
- 5 paid holidays per year after 90 days of employment
- Weather pay