

**agri benchmark Horticulture Project Manager** 

**position – full-time or part-time**

You are interested in understanding the production systems of fruits, vegetables, wine grapes, olives and nuts? You want to contribute to improving the sustainability of current farming practices? You enjoy talking to people and growing an international network of researchers, farm advisors and specialty crop producers? You enjoy travelling to meet partners and learn about production systems in the field? If at least some of your answers are yes, you should keep reading.

We are looking for a successful candidate to run our project on the international benchmarking of major players in the production of tree fruits, wine grapes, olives, nuts and vegetables. Your tasks will be to:

- (a) establish contacts to scientific partners in major producing countries and grow the *agri benchmark* Horticulture network,
- (b) train network partners in using the methodology of the typical farm approach and support data collection and focus group discussions,
- (c) establish typical farms for benchmarking production costs and profitability together with the network partners, according to priorities for the project partners,
- (d) develop and improve the results data base for the Horticulture network, in cooperation with partners and clients, and
- (e) present results to clients and the public.

Your ideal profile may look like this:

- (a) Solid understanding of specialty crop production systems and their economics (usually a related master's or doctorate degree).
- (b) High motivation to learn about production systems of a diverse sector in different countries.
- (c) Highly developed social and communicative skills to manage relationships with our global scientific partners and with clients.
- (d) Proficiency in Microsoft Office is required.
- (e) Experience in running analytical projects and writing related reports.

You will be closely linked to the Working group of Economics in Horticulture at the Thünen-Institute of Farm Economics, and the international team of the *agri benchmark* Networks. Travelling will be part of the job.

Of course, cooperating online and working remotely is a given. However, we are happy to host you for in-person meetings and joint work in Braunschweig.

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, we are happy to receive your application or inquiry until May 20 2024 via:

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*agri benchmark* Horticulture is a growing network of agricultural economists, advisors, and growers in specialty crop production. It is closely linked to the *agri benchmark* Networks for Cash Crops, and different branches of animal production. Since 2006, this global, non-profit, non-political network provides its clients in policy, industry and development aid with internationally standardized proprietary data on crop production systems and related farm economics.

By combining our site-specific farm knowledge with analysis of global commodity markets and value chains we help our clients make informed, scientifically based decisions and thereby grow their business.

We design and assess changes to crop-production practices to meet sustainability goals and the economics of technology changes.

Headquartered in Braunschweig, Germany, the network is coordinated by the federal research institution Thünen Institute and global networks.