

## **PRECISION AG ASSOCIATE**

Location: Mower SWCD, 1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW Austin, Minnesota  
Classification: Part Time, approximately 1,040 to 1550 hours per year  
Grade 9 Salary Range: \$21.75-\$30.72 per hour

### ***POSITION PURPOSE:***

This position exists to support the development and implementation of sustainable agriculture through technical support to landowners as well as public and private partners within the Cedar and Root River Initiative area.

### ***REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:***

- Background – agricultural, ag business, soils with an interest in natural resources and conservation, and precision agriculture
- Minimum 2-year degree/experience in agronomy and soils, biology, environmental science OR equivalent experience in a related field working with agricultural and natural resources.
- Working knowledge of basic computer skills
- Ability to manage on farm trials using precision agriculture
- Valid driver’s license

### ***REPORTS TO:***

Mower SWCD District Manager, with coordination from various initiative partners.

### ***DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES***

1. Provides point of contact support to the public/private interests of the collaborative partnership. Develop partnership improvement methods to grow the current project and assure that partners are being supported in their independent and collaborative goals.
2. Provide technical assistance to local ag retailers and agronomy managers through the support of demonstration plots, conservation programs or initiatives, facilitation of education workshops and implementation of new program opportunities that add value to the public/private partnership.
3. Promote the MDA Ag Water Quality Certification Program through coordinated support of various program staff. Promote the program and be a liaison for MDA, Soil Conservation Districts, Ag business and local producers.

4. Provide field level support of the Land O' Lakes SUSTAIN Program. Support partners use of the Truterra tool and share opportunities for expanded use of the product to advance stewardship practices in the watershed initiative areas.
5. Work alongside Hormel Foods to demonstrate sustainability action in the initiative area. Coordinate with Hormel sustainability staff and utilize input to message the localized work into the global food supply market connected to Hormel Foods.
6. Coordinate partnership activity with Environmental Initiative to effectively communicate and implement the partnership events

**Work Environment:**

The Mower SWCD is an active work environment with staff who enjoy being busy and working in a team environment. This position will support current work of the district, but also work closely with private business in the partnership. This individual will be tasked to work with several entities and foster relationships while adding value to each partner. Work is performed in the office, outdoors and various sites throughout Mower County. Lifting requirements is 75 pounds on an occasional basis. Position also includes exposure to outdoor conditions such as walking cropland fields in all temperatures and humidity and exposure to construction noise.

**Application Procedure:**

Application can be found on the Mower SWCD website at [mowerswcd.org](http://mowerswcd.org). Please submit applications to Mower SWCD. Resume and cover letter accepted but not required. Only complete applications will be considered.

Applicants can mail information to:

Justin Hanson, District Manager  
Mower Soil and Water Conservation District  
1408 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW  
Austin, MN 55912

Or email to:

[justin.hanson@mowerswcd.org](mailto:justin.hanson@mowerswcd.org)

**Application period will close on Friday, August 16th, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Condition of Announcement** – The Mower SWCD reserves the right to make changes to the content of this position without notification and may at any time withdraw the announcement or extend the application period.