



JOB TITLE:	Laboratory Technician
COMPANY:	Didion Milling, Inc.
LOCATION:	Cambria, WI
REPORTS TO:	Laboratory Supervisor

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Provide quality evaluation of the products manufactured during the dry corn milling and packaging process through various laboratory testing procedures. The position requires attention to detail and, adherence to laboratory procedures and performance of routine mathematical calculations. The technician will perform duties according to a shift schedule.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include, but are not limited to, performing quality testing of raw materials, in-process products and finished dry corn milled products. The technician will perform chemical, physical and microbiological procedures and communicate the findings to manufacturing and packaging personnel. This position also supports other functions of the organization such as the ethanol plant and raw corn receiving through various laboratory procedures.

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- Collect product samples and prepare them for laboratory analysis or testing
- Perform physical and chemical analyses including, but not limited to, moisture, fat, protein, viscosity, fiber, ash, granulation, and color.
- Use laboratory instruments that include moisture ovens, rapid moisture analyzers, near infrared analyzers (NIRA), Leco fat and protein analyzers, viscometers and color analyzers.
- Perform microbiological analyses of indicator bacteria, molds and yeasts. Pathogen testing is not performed in this laboratory.
- Perform investigative tests to support the business which may require learning new techniques or methods
- Inspect packaged product for integrity and accuracy of lot codes. Identify quality deficiencies.
- Provide accurate results and maintain accurate records both in written form and in computer databases
- Follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Gather information and problem solve
- Prepare laboratory documentation of finished products for customer shipments

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- Collect or prepare measurement, weight, or identification labels and attach them to products.
 - Store and label finished product samples
 - Maintain a clean work area

REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for this position, an individual must possess any combination of experience and education that would likely produce the desired job outcomes. Specific requirements include:

- High School Graduate or General Education Degree (GED). Prior industry lab experience is preferred but will train the right motivated individual.
- Ability to accurately collect and test product samples and analyze against standards to determine if corrective action is required.
- Effective written and oral communication skills and the ability to collaborate with internal stakeholders is required.
- Ability to read, write and speak English fluently.
- Computer capability. Ability to enter and retrieve data in Excel and communicate via e-mail.
- Ability to monitor product on the production floor and climb stairs.

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