

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Consultant



WHAT IS AN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT?

Integrated Pest Management Consultants work with farmers to help make pest management decisions that are the best for their businesses. IPM specialists work on farm sites to help monitor field and greenhouse crops and work in laboratory environments to assess data and produce reports.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Rewarding
- Working with a team
- Problem solving
- Continuous learning
- Working with hands-on tasks
- Helping to improve and/or protect the environment



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Post-secondary education in Entomology, Plant Science, Agronomy, or Agribusiness
- BC requires a Provincial Pesticide Applicator Certificate or an IPM certification
- Typically 5+ years of fieldwork with ongoing and relevant Continuing Education Credits (CECs.) Internship and co-op positions may be available
- **Related School Subjects:** Agricultural Education, Biology, Chemistry, and Plant Sciences

CORE DUTIES

of an Integrated Pest Management consultant

Fieldwork

IPM monitoring, field research

Administrative work

professional development, company improvement, research data analysis and reports

Interact with the agricultural community

teaching summer staff about farming and IPM

Help farmers with pest management decisions

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WORKPLACE

Indoor/Outdoor with seasonal variation

SALARY RANGE

Approximate Starting Salary Range:
\$22.00-\$29.00/hour

STAND OUT SKILLS

- **Adaptability:** Adjust to different farms, staff, and conditions each day
- **Leadership:** Supervise summer staff and guide farm teams
- **Resilience:** Manage unpredictable conditions and challenges
- **Verbal communications:** Communicate effectively with growers, colleagues, and students

SIMILAR AND RELATED CAREERS

- Horticulturalist
- Greenhouse Technician



LOCATION

Various locations in
Metro Vancouver
and Fraser Valley



"I am continually learning and developing skills through all of the people I work with. The growers want to improve their practices, which leads to research questions being asked. The summer staff bring in outside opinions and ask good questions based on their academic background that make me think! Every summer is different and no two days are the same."

– Megan Gray

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