Brianna Kessler

Seed Technician

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SUMMARY

Seed Technician with a crop sciences degree and 2 summers of hybrid seed corn field work. Run germination testing, seed purity analysis and quality control checks for a seed company shipping 180,000 units a year.

SKILLS

Germination Testing • Seed Purity Analysis • Seed Conditioning • Seed Treatment • Seed Inventory
Quality Control • Field Inspection • Forklift Operation • Data Entry • Attention to Detail

EXPERIENCE

Seed Technician 07/2025 - Present

Kaskaskia Seed Genetics Champaign, IL

Regional corn and soybean seed company with its own conditioning plant.

- Perform germination testing on **1,100** seed lots a year, including warm and cold tests, with results posted within 7 days.
- Complete seed purity analysis and seed counts on every bagged lot before it ships to 260 dealers.
- Monitor seed conditioning lines for cracked and off-size kernels, reducing returned bags 15% this season.
- Verify seed treatment rates on 40 batches a week and track seed inventory by lot in the warehouse system.

Detasseling Crew Lead 06/2023 - 08/2024

Sangamon Hybrid Seed Monticello, IL

Summer seasons in hybrid seed corn production while in college.

- Led a crew of 25 detasselers across 600 acres of seed corn, passing every field inspection on purity.
- Checked 50 fields a week for shedding tassels and recorded findings for the field manager.
- Trained 15 first-year workers on heat safety and field rules, with no lost-time injuries over 2 summers.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2025

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Urbana, IL

Crop Sciences

CERTIFICATES

Forklift Operator Certification

Kaskaskia Seed Genetics

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