

# Career Opportunities

## Matching Job Seekers With Ag, Food, Science Companies

(NAPSA)—As many companies cut back, professionals and upcoming graduates seeking jobs may feel that they are out in the cold. But jobs in the agriculture, food, life sciences and natural sciences industries are out there for those looking.

This year has been challenging for job seekers, according to Mike Gaul, director of agriculture career services at Iowa State University. During the past few months, Gaul has recommended a variety of career location services to students, including Internet resources. Industry-specific Internet sites can be effective when searching for jobs, he said.

"Narrowing down searches to be industry specific is beneficial to anyone seeking a job in agriculture, and that's what jobhog.net does," Gaul said.

Until recently, no Internet sites catered to job seekers in agriculture. Jobhog.net, launched in 2001, boasts a large network of partnerships with companies that need professionals in the agriculture, food, life sciences and natural sciences industries.

For employers, jobhog.net offers a service for posting open positions that's more economical than alternatives with the benefit of a targeted applicant pool. For job seekers, the site provides a free job search agent, resume posting and, after registering, e-mail alerts when job matches are found.

Visitors to the site can search for jobs in more than 20 categories, ranging from agribusiness to genetics to engineering.



**People looking for jobs in agriculture and natural sciences now have a place to check online.**

"Even if your background is not ag based, your dream job may still be found at jobhog.net," said Eric Spell, jobhog.net president. "Our client partners are searching for more than only scientists. They need communicators, computer specialists, educators, finance experts and all sorts of other professionals."

Carla Cain, Pioneer Hi-Bred International manager of employment services, is a loyal user of jobhog.net. Pioneer, the world's leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics, has posted many job listings on the site since its inception.

"The real benefit I see with the Internet and especially jobhog.net is the speed. By posting online, I can get in touch with qualified candidates faster, which saves me time and money," Cain said.

That's exactly what jobhog.net aims to do, Spell said. "We are committed to listening to our clients so we know what types of employees they need. Then we tailor our efforts to help them find those specific people."

Other companies that utilize jobhog.net to find professionals include Hormel Foods Company, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Land O'Lakes and Seaboard Farms Inc.