



**SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO  
RESEARCH CENTER**  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

**Position:** Research technician (non-student hourly/ student hourly employee)

**Location:** Southwestern Colorado Research Center

16898 Rd Z, Yellow Jacket, CO

**Pay rate:** \$13.00-\$15.00 per hour depending on experience

**Employment type:** Temporary/seasonal

**Hours:** 30-40/week

**Website:** <https://aes-swrcr.agsci.colostate.edu>

### **About this Job**

The Southwestern Colorado Research Center in Yellow Jacket, Colorado is looking for a hard-working, independent and detail-oriented non-student hourly/ student hourly employee. Duties will be split between assisting a PhD student with research focused on cover crop management and assisting SWCRC staff with crop research trials including alfalfa, legumes, dry beans, wheat, hemp and canola. Job responsibilities will include plot management; sample collection (biomass sampling); soil moisture and fertility sampling; soil sieving and processing; plot data collection; seed preparation for planting; assistance with plot harvest (with plot combine and by hand); and general farm maintenance (moving water and mowing). The employee will be trained on specific tasks and expected to perform them independently. Employee should enjoy working outside and have the ability to perform repetitive tasks with good attention to detail. Applicants must be able to lift 30 lbs. Prior experience working in an agricultural setting and demonstrated experience with farm machinery operation is preferred. Applicants should be able to commit to 30-40 hrs/week throughout the field season (June-September). Hours and start/end dates can be flexible depending on applicant's needs, position is not to exceed 9 months.

Interviews will be conducted over the phone and/or by videochat.

Reflecting departmental and institutional values, candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the Department's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

### **About Colorado State University - Southwestern Colorado Research Center**

The Southwestern Colorado Research Center (SWCRC) is a 155-acre research farm located 15 miles north of Cortez on County Road Z in Yellow Jacket, CO. Colorado State University and other land grant universities were established with the Morrill Act of 1862 which provided for public higher education by establishing colleges in every state and territory endowed through grants of public lands. The passage of the Hatch Act in 1887 provided research at these institutions by authorizing a state agricultural experiment station for each state to support the educational mission. The Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), an integral part of Colorado State University (CSU), was established in 1888

as a result of the Colorado General Assembly having ratified during the preceding year the provisions of the Hatch Act. Thus, creating the Colorado Agriculture Experiment Station that currently includes Southwestern Colorado Research Center and a total of 9 research center sites in Colorado. SWCRC was established in 1981 when the State Board of Agriculture purchased 155 acres in Yellow Jacket to establish the research center. Water from the Dolores Project was delivered to SWCRC for the first time in June 1987. Currently, 20 acres are maintained for dryland research and the remaining acres are irrigated with a 40-acre center pivot, side rolls and limited drip irrigation. At an elevation of 6,900 feet it is the second highest elevation research center in Colorado. SWCRC conducts research on a variety of crops including: alfalfa, beans, wheat, sunflowers, sorghum, cover crops, hemp and emerging specialty crops. A three-acre research and demonstration orchard was established in 1991 and is jointly maintained by CSU Extension-Dolores County, CSU Extension–Montezuma County and SWCRC.

SWCRC employs three full time staff, one part time administrative assistant, and between two to four seasonal employees.

**How to apply:**

Submit a cover letter and resume to Emily Lockard at [emily.lockard@colostate.edu](mailto:emily.lockard@colostate.edu)

Please email questions to [emily.lockard@colostate.edu](mailto:emily.lockard@colostate.edu)

Position is open until filled