Primary Function:

The Commodities Intern will assist in the collection of Ingredion grower sustainability data via the MyFarms software for the Kansas City, Indianapolis and Argo wet milling facilities. This includes assisting in grower training for MyFarms software, collection of sustainability data from growers via one on one interactions, managing relationships with growers, educating growers on Ingredion’s corporate policy towards sustainability and identifying and reporting any issues with the software or data collection process.

This work is critical to Ingredion’s business success in North America, as many major food companies are requiring their suppliers to meet their sustainable sourcing requirements. Examples of food and beverage companies with such requirements include Coca-Cola, Heineken, Mars, Nestle, PepsiCo, Unilever, and Walmart. This internship will have the opportunity to not only engage with senior personnel at Ingredion, but also potentially with customers interested in sustainable sourcing.

Key Deliverables:

- Assist Field Agents, local plant personnel and 3rd party vendors in the training of MyFarms software via group meetings or one-on-one interactions with growers
- Work with local personnel at Kansas City, Indianapolis and Argo plants to develop a list of key growers to schedule meetings with to collect sustainability data in order to meet 2016-2017 goals for sustainably sourced bushels.
- Act as the subject matter expert for growers as they utilize MyFarms software for data entry
- Convey the goals of this data collection process to growers in a clear and concise manner and handle any resistance in a professional manner that emphasizes the growing
importance of sustainably sourced grain to the grower, Ingredion and the industry as a whole.

- While working with Field Agents, develop a basic understanding of the Specialty Grains contracting system
- Prepare a presentation towards the end of the program and deliver it to Ingredion management on key learnings, issues and future opportunities to streamline and improve the data collection system

Knowledge, Skills, and Requirements:

- Progress towards a bachelor’s degree in agribusiness or related field. Candidates must have completed at least 2 years of college and have a GPA of at least 3.0/4.0.
- Knowledge and understanding of basic agronomic principles used in modern day agriculture. Knowledge of precision farming data collection is a plus.
- Strong communication skills
- Must be able to interact with a diverse group of individuals and communicate Ingredion’s sustainability goals in a clear and concise manner.
- Demonstrated high proficiency with Microsoft programs (i.e. Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Qualified candidates must currently possess unrestricted authorization to work in the US. These internships are not provided under CPT or OPT.

Success Drivers and Competencies:

- Commitment to become an Agribusiness or Sustainability Professional.
- Demonstrated ability to perform well in a team environment. Must successfully demonstrate the desire to share ideas, be cooperative, and express a positive and supportive attitude.

About Ingredion:

Ingredion is a Fortune 500 global ingredient solutions provider. We turn grains, fruits, vegetables and other plant materials into ingredients that enhance our customer’s products. Our ingredients make yogurts creamy, candy sweet, crackers crispy, paper strong and add fiber to nutrition bars. Headquartered outside Chicago, Illinois, we serve more than 60 diverse sectors in the food, beverage, paper and corrugating, brewing, and other industries.