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Maintenance/Service Technician

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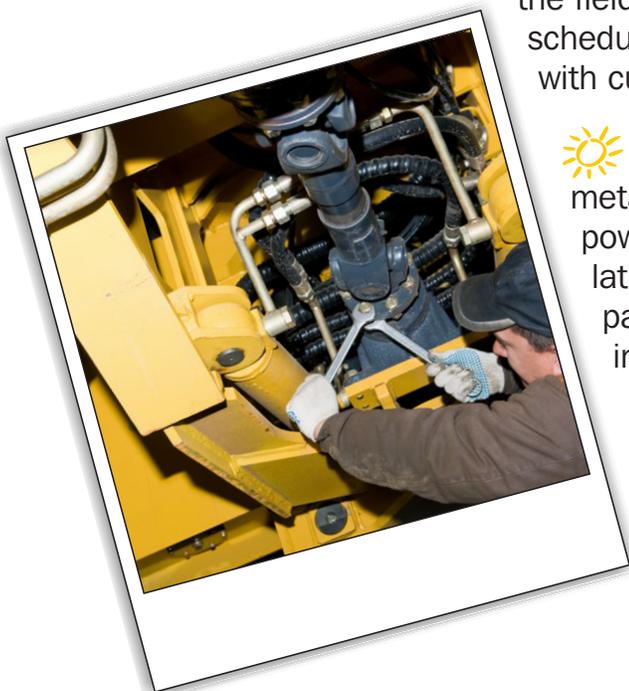
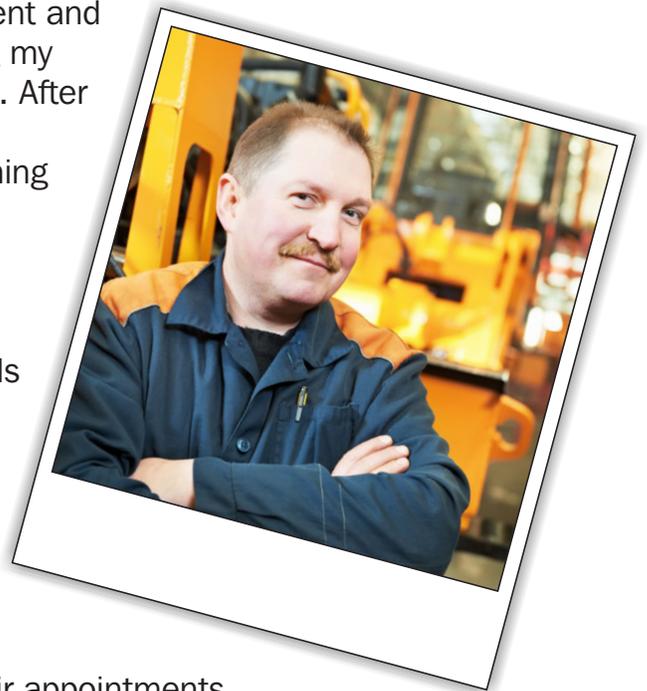
Name: Phillip Jackson
Job Title: Maintenance
Service Technician

Employer: Louisiana Equipment

Education: High School Diploma,
Quitman High School; Ruston, Louisiana

 I've always been interested in farm equipment and engines. Even when I was a kid I enjoyed helping my dad take apart and repair machinery on the farm. After high school, I was hired by a local equipment dealership. I then completed the company's training program.

 My responsibilities at the dealership are to assemble, maintain, and repair mechanical equipment. I read and interpret technical manuals associated with the equipment. I use computers and other technologies to investigate and repair mechanical equipment. I perform preventative maintenance on mechanical systems. Although much of my work is done in the shop, I am sometimes required to work on equipment in the field. I also schedule repair appointments with customers.



 I do a variety of related tasks, such as welding, metal fabrication, and electrical assembly. I operate power tools, including drill presses, grinders, engine lathes, and other machines, to modify or fabricate parts. I also maintain the condition of vehicles, inventory, tools, and equipment in the dealership.

 My job is great. I'm paid for doing what I like to do. While I really enjoy working on old pieces of equipment, I still have to keep my skills up-to-date. Because of constantly evolving technology and designs, my job never gets old.

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overview



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suggested high school courses



[agricultural mechanics](#), science, and mathematics

experience needed



Gain experience on the job. Plan and implement a related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

degree(s) required



A high school diploma is required. An associate's degree in industrial equipment technologies, mechanics, heavy equipment, and transport technology is preferred.

potential employers



equipment manufacturers, farm equipment dealers

salary range



\$35,790 to \$38,703

employment outlook and trends



The future demand for maintenance/service technicians is **very good** depending on skills, certification, and location.

professional organizations



International Fluid Power Society www.ifps.org/
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association www.farmequip.org/
Midwest Equipment Dealers Association www.medaassn.com/



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