

COMMODITY INSPECTOR I

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is routine technical field work in the inspection and certification of agricultural produce.

Employees in this class perform routine technical duties independently after initial training and work under closer supervision on a variety of more complex developmental assignments.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties which may be performed.)

Performs routine inspections of wholesale and retail establishments to ensure that the sale of all agricultural produce are in compliance with established federal and local laws and regulations; checks for required license.

Examines fruits and vegetables to determine quality, grade and condition; keeps log of samples taken and maintains inspection records.

Inspects containers for rusts, dents, swells, leaks and other damages affecting the product or its market value.

Examines labels, brands, and kinds of economic poisons exposed for sale; verifies if appropriate licenses have been obtained by wholesalers and dealers, and keeps data of unregistered economic poisons found.

Examines vegetables seeds and mixed feeding contents for unregistered brands, improper labeling, and presence of weevils and other detrimental insects.

Prepares or assists in preparing inspection certificates and refers complex inspection and certification problems to superiors for appropriate disposition.

Records all inspection and certification data relative to quantity and value of agricultural commodities stored and sold at various business establishments.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Ability to learn, interpret and apply federal and local laws, rules, regulations, and standards as applied to the inspection, certification, labeling and grading of agricultural commodities.

Ability to learn the principles and practices involved in the production, harvest, storage and preparation of a variety of farm products or market.

Ability to enforce pertinent laws and regulations with tact, firmness and impartiality.

Ability to learn the causes and common characteristics of the common disease of fruits and vegetables and their effect on grade determination.

Ability to secure facts through observation and inspection and to make accurate judgments based on such facts.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

Skill in the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:


(A) Two years of public contact work and successful completion of 22 semester hours in food technology, agriculture, chemistry, or closely related field; or

(B) Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION:

Possession of a valid driver's license.

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