

COMMODITY INSPECTOR II

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is moderately complex technical work involved in the implementation and enforcement of agricultural commodity laws, standards and regulations.

Employees in this class perform the full range of technical commodity inspection duties.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (These examples do not list all the duties which may be performed; any one position may not include all the duties listed.)

Inspects agricultural fields, wholesale and retail establishments, processing plants and handling facilities to ensure that the production and marketing of agricultural produce conform to established federal and local laws and regulations; investigates violations, prepares case findings and testifies in court, as required.

Examines fruits, vegetables and related commodities to detect unclean or diseased products.

Selects random samples of questionable products; and tests or examines them to determine quality, condition, color, size and grade, using gages, scale and other devices to cut, measure, weigh and otherwise determine conformance to standards.

Issues egg permits and inspects shipment on arrival; conducts visual inspection of eggs for sale, in storage and display facilities and notes violations and the need to take corrective action in accordance with established requirements.

Assists farmers in marketing activities, the processing of necessary documents and forms for financial assistance, and in obtaining other available services and programs.

Monitors local production of fruits and vegetables and market prices periodically for forecast activities.

Prepares crop damage reports and other appraisal required relative to agricultural commodity.

Explains to farmers, grocers, wholesalers, retailers, and the general public pertinent federal and local laws, rules, regulations and available farm services programs.

Maintains records and prepares reports.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of agricultural commodity inspection techniques and practices.

Knowledge of crops and growing conditions and common diseases as relevant to quality, condition, color, size and grade determinations.

Ability to interpret, apply and make decisions in accordance with pertinent laws, regulations and standards governing the production and sale of agricultural commodity.

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

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

Ability to use gages, scale and related commodity inspection devices.

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 experience as a Commodity Inspector I or equivalent work and successful completion of 22 semester hours in food technology, agriculture and related fields; or

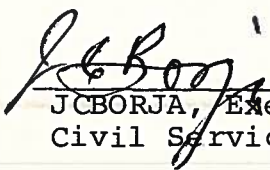
b) Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION:

Possession of a valid driver's license.

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