



West Virginia Department of Agriculture

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Walt Helmick
Commissioner

TEMPORARY POSITION

Title: ANIMAL HEALTH INSPECTOR

Salary: \$ 10.00 - \$ 13.50 per hour Based on Skills and Experience

Headquarters: Gus R. Douglass Agricultural Center—Charleston, WV

**This position will have responsibilities in the following counties;
Kanawha, Roane, Clay Calhoun, Wirt, Boone, Logan and Mingo**

**Send Application,
Resume &
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Closing Date: Until Filled

NOTE: This is a TEMPORARY position. A person assigned to a Temporary position may work up to 1000 hours per calendar year. Work schedules will be established based on organizational workload and needs. Employee Benefits are NOT extended to temporary positions.

Nature of Work: Responsible for implementing division/department policies by enforcing livestock transportation, disease control, and identification laws. Inspects multiple species of livestock at fairs and festivals, sales, livestock markets, flea markets, farms, and other locations where livestock, exotics, and poultry are gathered for compliance according to State and Federal standards. When observing these animals, a quick determination of a potential disease can help prevent further spreading of the disease, protecting both animal and human health. Works closely with livestock and poultry producers. Takes swabs and samples from animals to send to the Animal Health Laboratories for disease control testing. Issues quarantines and other livestock

control measures to help curb the potential emergence of diseases. Work also involves providing informational services to the area or region including the preparation of presentations for livestock producers and 4-H and FFA youth meetings. May also assist private practitioners in the field.

Examples of Work:

- Works with multiple state and federal agencies.
- Responds on a daily basis to industry and public inquiries.
- Collects swabs and blood samples from animals at livestock markets and farms for disease surveillance.
- C&D trucks and catch crew equipment in event of disease outbreak.
- Collects heads of deceased sheep/goats on WV farms for USDA Scrapie Surveillance Program.
- Performs flock and herd inspections during fair and festival season.
- Provides informational services to farmers/producers.
- Promotes and educate producers and livestock markets about the Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) program.
- Promotes and practices biosecurity.
- Enforces of State and Federal rules and regulations.
- Compliance issues (related to disease traceback)
- Testing of backyard poultry flocks.
- Trains and certifies pullorum typhoid (PT) testers for fairs.
- Applies and/or records official ID on livestock at Livestock Markets.
- Performs livestock market inspections and collects data for USDA scrapie surveillance program.
- Collects and records information at livestock markets as required by USDA to help state maintain disease free status.
- Testing of swine for pseudorabies and brucellosis at livestock markets and farms for disease surveillance.
- Checks health papers and helps distribute CVI's at purebred sales.
- Responds to calls about neglect (or cruelty) to livestock.
- Performs related and other work as required.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- ◆ Ability to work a non-traditional work week and overtime as needed.
- ◆ Must understand, abide by, and enforce the laws and rules of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.
- ◆ Must meet deadlines as imposed by supervisors.
- ◆ Skilled in keeping detailed records, hand held data collection devices, global positioning devices, and other equipment necessary to perform job duties.
- ◆ Will have occasional overnight travel.
- ◆ Must be able to respond within a few hours' notice to any WVDA emergency.
- ◆ Ability to be deployed to another state for an extended period of time in the event of a national disaster.
- ◆ Must possess strong people skills.
- ◆ Be willing to work outside in inclement weather.
- ◆ Must be able to work alone and/or in a group.
- ◆ Maintain currency on emerging disease situations through continuous education.

Minimum Qualifications:

Training: Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with a major in agriculture or related field.

Experience: One year experience in working with livestock or related field.

Substitution:

- Associate degree in a related field plus experience in working with livestock and related fields may be substituted on a year-for-year basis.

Additional Requirements:

Willingness work hours other than normal, as needed, in order to accomplish Division or Department tasks.

Willing to travel 90% within assigned region.

Ability to lift up to 50 pounds and to function in proximity of working machinery and livestock, use of computer and data collection devices, and possible use of personal protective equipment.

The WVDA is an emergency response agency. The Animal Health Inspector position plays a key role in the agency's emergency management activities. As a first responder, this position is subject to participating in rotating temporary duty assignments away from the regular designated headquarters for up to two weeks at a time. This duty may involve working in adverse conditions, may require irregular work hours and overtime, and may include duties other than those specified in the standard position description. Training will be required for this position and will be provided by the WVDA.

Must maintain a positive image of the Commissioner, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the State.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT www.agriculture.wv.gov