

CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

FLSA:	NEXP	Job Code:	ACV37003
Job Class Code:	030	Salary Schedule:	AREG
EEO Category:	03	Grade:	14
Workers Comp Code:	7720		

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JOB CODE SERIES: Consumer Protection and Environmental Control Series

JOB CODE TITLE: AGRICULTURE INSPECTOR I

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Close supervision and/or lead during designated learning period. Has the authority to conduct inspections under supervision and/or lead; detect presence of harmful insects or diseases of plants and recommend actions. Learns, by assisting agriculture inspectors, to perform agriculture and horticulture inspections at border stations inspecting vehicles, at shipping terminals or nurseries, or in orchards, fields and apiary operations; learns to identify and apply controls to harmful insects and diseases of plants. Work product consists of completed inspections and reports prepared and submitted. Responsible for conducting inspections in a timely and efficient manner; maintaining a positive image with the public and agricultural community. This class may be used as underfill for training purposes.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Integrated into work routine, or in time set aside for training, acquires knowledge and skills needed for advancement to journey worker level in the work system. Reads and studies state laws, rules and regulations to gain knowledge and understanding of agency responsibilities; utilities acquired knowledge in work activities or to prepare reports. Confers with superior, presenting and resolving difficult problems or questions, discussing plans and actions to be taken, making decision. Learns to inspect private vehicles at ports-of-entry for illegal, diseased or insect-infested plants or produce; approves or rejects and holds produce for further analysis and/or destruction. Learns to inspect, at ports-of-entry, commercial vehicles which are transporting nursery stock or produce, for illegal, diseased or insect-infested plants or produce; recommends approval or rejection. Identifies products, and learns to determine need for treatment, of produce or nursery stock being transported in commercial vehicles; learns to discern and apply appropriate chemicals; seals vehicle following chemical application. Learns to inspect crops in field and to discern symptoms of crop diseases, weed and/or insect infestations, illegal pesticide applications; collects samples of analysis at state laboratory. Learns to inspect orchards and produce farms to discern symptoms of disease, illegal pesticide applications, insect infestation; collects samples for analysis at state laboratory. Learns to inspect apiaries for signs of disease (American Foulbrood, European Foulbrood, Chalk Brood) and pesticide damage; collects samples of bees and honeycomb and sends them for analysis at state laboratory. Learns to inspect commercial vehicle transporting nursery stock of produce, at destination (shipping terminals); unseals trucks; inspects produce for illegal, diseased or insect infested plants or produce; recommends actions. Learns to compose detailed inspection reports. At ports-of-entry, learns to explain agency laws, rules and regulations to the public who are bring plants and/or produce into the State. Drives automobile to various locations within a specified district of the State, carrying out business of the work system. Performs related work as required.

WORK CONDITIONS: Frequent travel; work can encounter extremes of cold and heat, and potentially hazardous conditions from exposure to toxic chemicals; requires ongoing interaction with the public, some of whom may be irate. May require irregular work hours to support 24 hour/7 day operation at ports-of-entry.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of: Federal, State and agency laws, rules and regulations governing inspections; the principles and practices of inspection; the techniques of identifying and controlling harmful insects and diseases of plants; the practices and procedures of the work system.

Skill/Ability to: applying Federal, State and agency laws, rules and regulations governing inspections of agriculture and horticulture items; conducting inspections under supervision and/or lead; identifying harmful insects and diseases of plants; oral and written communications; interpersonal relationships.

Experience and Education: Typical ways to obtain the KSAs would be: Two years of experience in agriculture, or horticulture work, e.g., crop producing, commercial flower growing or related. College courses from an accredited college or university in agriculture, plant, crops or related field may substitute for one year of the required experience on a month-for-month basis. Any combination of training and experience that meet the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) may be substituted.

SPECIAL SELECTION FACTORS: A current and valid Arizona driver's license may be required at time of appointment. A medical/physical evaluation is required prior to appointment.