

#### ORGANIC PROGRAM INSPECTOR

# Agency

The Department of Agriculture serves the people by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection.

#### Duties

Inspect organic food producers, processors and handlers for compliance with National Organic Standards. Inspections involve an examination and evaluation of soil management, crop rotation, seeds, pest management, and records. Inspectors evaluate Organic Crop, Livestock and Handling System Plans and write reports that describe compliance with organic standards. Violations of organic standards are documented through reports, samples, photos, and audits of records. Inspections of farmers markets and retail stores that sell organic food products are also conducted. Inspectors also collect samples of organic food products for analysis of possible contaminants. Inspectors evaluate materials and labels to determine compliance with organic standards, make field observations of soil and crop conditions, review organic system plans to ensure the integrity of organic food products, and conduct audits of production and sales records.

# Requirements

A Bachelor's degree or college diploma involving major study in environmental, physical, or one of the natural sciences, environmental planning or other allied field. Additional qualifying experience will substitute, year for year, for education. Driver's license.

# **Desirable Qualifications**

A Bachelor's Degree involving major study in agriculture or other closely allied field, and one or more years of experience in commercial food production and handling. (Additional qualifying experience will substitute, year for year, for education.)

Knowledge and experience conducting organic inspection or equivalent inspection work.

#### Note

Using a rating guide, only top 20 candidates may be considered for interview in front of a panel.

# Who May Apply

This recruitment is open to anyone who meets the required qualifications, and has the same or similar qualifications as listed under the desirable qualifications.