

Job Situation

Farm and processing plants including abattoirs. Custom areas for imported food products. Irregular hours including weekends

Weekly Hours of Work

37.5

Overtime

Monthly Salary

\$2,200

Student Loan – Owing \$11,000

Student Loan – Monthly Payment \$190

Duties

Inspect farms for pesticide and herbicides. Inspect fresh fruit and vegetables. Check processing plants for sanitation.

Prospects

Food production facilities including large plants, restaurants as Agrologist, Animal Health Technologist, Food Scientist and Food Science Technologist.

Job Title

Organic Food Inspector

National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2123

Job Description

With everyone being more health conscious and wanting to be more earth friendly the word organic has got a lot of people reading labels and looking for that stamp of approval. You are in charge of deeming if a food product is indeed organic.

Your day starts off by visiting the farm of the day. Each inspection can last up to ten hours so you really only have time to inspect one farm. You arrive in your company leased vehicle and step out in your rubber boots and bug jacket. You never know what the fields and farm are going to be like so it's better to be prepared.

You look over the crops planted and talk with the farmer about the future plans. You determine what is going into the soil and onto the plants, making sure no pesticides are being used. You look over the farmer's equipment and products that they are using reading labels very carefully. You are making sure that only organic methods are being used by the farmer.

When that inspection is all done it isn't the end of the day for you. You go into the office and start the paper work. You examine the records of the farm and make your reports depending on your findings. Today's farm by your inspection is indeed organic. You finish the report and give the farm your organic seal of approval.