



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary W. Black, Commissioner

- Leave Benefits
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JOB TITLE:	AGRICULTURE INSPECTOR 1
POSITION NUMBER:	00052307
LOCATION:	PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION –AGRICULTURAL INPUTS FIELD - THIS POSITION WILL COVER BARTOW, CATOOSA, CHATTOOGA, DADE, FLOYD, GORDON, MURRAY, POLK, WALKER AND WHITFIELD COUNTIES
POSTING DATE:	OCTOBER 27, 2016
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	OPEN UNTIL FILLED
WHO MAY APPLY:	ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
PAY GRADE:	E
ENTRY SALARY:	\$31,000.00

We at the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) take our responsibilities to you very seriously and are committed to protecting and promoting Georgia's agriculture through superior service and leadership. The mission of the GDA is to protect consumers, promote agriculture, both locally and globally, and assist our customers using education, technology and a professional workforce. The vision of the GDA is to continue to be a globally recognized leader in agricultural excellence through a commitment to safety, quality, growth and innovation.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Applicant must reside in BARTOW, CATOOSA, CHATTOOGA, DADE, FLOYD, GORDON, MURRAY, POLK, WALKER, OR WHITFIELD counties or be willing to relocate.

The Ag Inputs Section of the Georgia Department of Agriculture is comprised of two regulatory programs: Pesticides and Seed, Fertilizer & Feed. The pesticide program enforces rules and regulations governing pesticides. The seed, fertilizer and feed program administers all state and federal regulations related to seed, fertilizer and animal feed products. Inspectors in Ag Inputs have the following job responsibilities:

- Under general supervision, performs routine inspections and comprehensive investigations to determine compliance with state and federal regulations and laws related to feed, fertilizer, pesticides and seed;
- Writes technical reports, and correspondence;
- Provides technical expertise to the regulated community and public;
- Enforces laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the processing, labeling, transporting, storing, distribution and selling of products;
- Ensures that the product is healthy, safe, and free of harmful chemicals and drug residues;
- Inspects and investigates for compliance with applicable health and sanitation laws and regulations;
- Investigates suspected violations;
- Reports compliance findings to EPA, FDA, USDA, and others;

- Serves as technical expert within program of assignment; and
- Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Vocational or technical degree in agriculture, horticulture, environmental science, pest control, entomology or a closely related field from an accredited college; OR completion of a high school diploma or GED and one year of experience in the area of assignment; OR two years of college which included 12 semester/20 quarter hours in chemistry or life sciences.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Preference will be given to applicants, who, *in addition to* meeting the Minimum Qualifications, possess knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:

- Post graduate work or degree in agriculture, horticulture, environmental science, pest control, entomology or a closely related field;
- Prior experience conducting regulatory compliance inspections and investigations with local, state or federal agency; and
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.

NOTE: THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONDUCTS BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL FINAL CANDIDATES.

HOW TO APPLY: WE ACCEPT STATE APPLICATIONS BY ANY TRANSMISSION LISTED BELOW. RESUMES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE STATE APPLICATION.

- Mail a completed State of Georgia application to Georgia Department of Agriculture, Personnel Office, Room 300, Agriculture Building, 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334; or
- Fax a completed State of Georgia application to (404) 463-8196; or
- Via Team Georgia Careers <http://team.georgia.gov/careers/>; or
- E-mail a completed State of Georgia application to GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov.

Please reference the job title and position number when submitting paper applications. Applications received without a job title or position number will be considered unsolicited and will not be reviewed. For a copy of the State Application, please visit http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf or contact the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Human Resource Administration at (404) 656-2705.

The GDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. No notification will be sent to applicants except those who are selected for interviews. Due to the large volume of submissions received by this office, information concerning application and/or interview status cannot be provided. This position is subject to close once a satisfactory applicant pool has been identified.

IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT (404) 656-3615.