

Specification for Class of

SEED INSPECTOR 2

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Definition: Performs field inspections in an assigned area, investigates more difficult complaints such as off-type plant evaluation rejection disputes or claims resulting from disagreements over excessive weed clean out percentage at processing plants; inspects seed crops for diseases; inspects foundation seed fields and seed lots for compliance with laws and regulations; trains and instructs Seed Inspectors; receives training in and performs germination and purity analysis on a variety of seeds.

Typical Work

Performs pre-harvest field inspections similar to those conducted by a Seed Inspector 1, but under limited supervision; investigates and performs inspections in special and/or difficult cases, such as disputed field rejections or unique crops; helps instruct Seed Inspector is and trainees in Seed Branch programs;

Performs seed dealer inspections similar to those done by a Seed Inspector 1, but under limited supervision; investigates complaints from dealers and the public regarding seed law;

Helps maintain seed certification records;

Performs routine purity and germination analysis in the State seed lab;

Performs other duties as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: State Seed Law and Federal Seed Act and related laws, court decisions and Department regulations; varieties and strains of weed and crop seeds; principles, methods and techniques used in sorting, identifying, germinating and analyzing agricultural seed for certification purposes; agricultural laboratory equipment and techniques; Department standards and procedures for enforcement of seed laws.

Ability to: inspect seed fields and harvesting and processing equipment for compliance with certification standards; determine

viability; deal tactfully and effectively with other people; write and speak clearly, concisely, accurately and informatively; travel frequently and for extended periods; compose letters; prepare reports; explain State and Federal regulations governing seed certification and labeling.

Minimum Qualifications

A Bachelor's degree with major study in Agronomy or closely allied field and two years of experience as a Seed Inspector or equivalent experience.

Additional qualifying experience or experience in a seed testing laboratory or in seed industry production, processing, marketing and testing may be substituted, year for year, for the required education.

New class

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