

I. Duties and Responsibilities:

Incumbent serves as an Animal Health Technician responsible for the performance of nonprofessional duties in connection with one major animal disease control and/or eradication program such as brucellosis eradication, tuberculosis eradication, scabies eradication, poultry disease control and eradication, tick eradication, or screwworm eradication.

Typical duties are illustrated as follows: (1) visits farms, garbage feeders, and others for the purpose of inspecting livestock to detect abnormal conditions which may indicate the presence of disease; (2) collection and submission of larvae and/or egg specimens having the possibility of being screwworms for laboratory examination; (3) personally performs or supervises the testing, dipping, and spraying of livestock in connection with an eradication program; (4) collection and submission of ticks and mites for laboratory identification; (5) inspecting facilities and methods used to insure that they conform to the regulations; (6) advising on proper sanitary procedures and assuring their application; (7) issuing permits for the movement of livestock; (8) supervising and performing the disinfection of premises and vehicles used in the transportation of diseased or exposed livestock and poultry; (9) appraising animals for indemnity purposes; (10) enforcing State and Federal laws and regulations; (11) submitting reports of activities to superiors; (12) tracing origin of infected and exposed livestock and poultry; (13) meeting with and advising officials, farriers, and others with respect to the prohibitions and restrictions imposed by governing statutes and regulations; and (14) performs other duties as assigned.

II. Supervision Received:

The incumbent works under the direct supervision of a Veterinarian or a higher-grade Technician, who makes assignments, provides instruction and training as required, and specifies procedures to be followed. Completed work is reviewed for adherence to policies and compliance with procedures, instructions, and precedents. New assignments are performed under close supervision until the incumbent demonstrates competence. Guidelines consist of Federal and State regulations, laws, and orders, instructions, and directives issued by the Service, Station, and State.

(This standard job description cites the primary and typical but not all-inclusive duties of the position.)