

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION**CLASSIFICATION SERIES**

Pesticide/Fertilizer Inspector

SERIES NUMBER

2117

MAJOR AGENCIES

Agriculture only

EFFECTIVE

12/29/2013

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the pesticide & fertilizer inspector occupation is to inspect pesticide & fertilizer for compliance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 921, ORC 905 & the Federal Insecticide Fungicide & Rodenticide Act & the Administrative Codes (OAC) under these chapters.

This classification is to be utilized by the Ohio Department of Agriculture only.

JOB TITLEPesticide/Fertilizer
Inspector**JOB CODE**

21172

PAY GRADE

30

EFFECTIVE

10/03/2004

CLASS CONCEPT:

The full performance level class works under direction & requires considerable knowledge of agriculture or related field of study in order to independently conduct inspections of potential problems with manufacturing, use/misuse, storage or distribution of pesticides or fertilizers, determine compliance with United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) law & regulations & Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) & state rules, regulations & applicable laws & take necessary action.

<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>JOB CODE</u>	<u>B. U.</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>PAY GRADE</u>
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JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Independently conducts inspections of potential problems with manufacturing, use/misuse, storage or distribution of pesticides or fertilizers, conducts inspections under authority of USEPA in reference to Federal Insecticide Fungicide & Rodenticide Act, determines compliance with Revised Code 921 & 905 & administrative codes, inspects pesticide manufacturers, pesticide application businesses, restricted use pesticide dealers & pesticide distributors, (performs duties by interviewing company officials, collecting records & photographs & writing reports based on information gathered & observed, inspects pesticide users [e.g., farmers & commercial applicators] to assure proper pesticide applications & record keeping, inspects fertilizer manufacturers, distributors to assure proper labeling & production process are followed, inspects large fertilizer storage facilities & anhydrous ammonia installations for compliance with containment & design regulations while checking for proper maintenance of facilities, performs tasks to assure cross contamination of fertilizer or environmental damage does not occur, collects records or other documents & writes reports to support administrative, civil or criminal actions, collects samples of liquid & dry fertilizer products for analysis by Ohio Department of Agriculture's analytical laboratory), operate state owned vehicle (e.g., car, pick-up, van) to transport inspection & sampling equipment to inspection sites & transport samples to analytical laboratory.

Investigates citizen complaints involving use/misuse of pesticides ranging from human health, environmental damage, crop injury, personal property damage, wildlife & domestic animal poisonings; completes task by interviewing involved parties, collecting samples of pesticides or environmental media & reports findings.

Monitors pesticide examinations of farmers & commercial applicators; collects samples of liming materials for analysis at Ohio Department of Agriculture's analytical laboratory; issues stop sales, withdraw from distribution orders as necessary when fertilizer or pesticide products are out of compliance; reviews product labels for compliance, applicable laws & regulations; presentation of regulatory issues & related topics.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of agriculture or related field of study; state & federal laws, rules & regulations regarding manufacture, storage & use of pesticides & fertilizers; public relations; human relations; interviewing. Skill in word processing*; personal computer*; digital camera*; operating a motor vehicle. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; write meaningful, concise & accurate reports; gather, collate & classify information about data, people or things; answer routine inquiries from public & lift up to 50 lbs.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Completion of undergraduate core program in agriculture or related field of study (e.g., agronomy, botany; crop science; horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, public health science); 1 yr exp. in agricultural field; valid driver's license.

- Or equivalent of Minimum Qualifications For Employment noted above.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

Satisfactory completion of USEPA inspector training within two years of employment.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

Requires travel; works outside exposed to various weather conditions; exposed to pesticides, chemicals & fumes (e.g., anhydrous ammonia; wastewater facilities) exposed to irate complainants; required to climb when conducting inspections; works in crawl spaces when conducting some inspections.