

Class Concept

This is basic research support work in an agricultural research environment. Duties involve working with field crops, horticultural crops, soil, and/or animals in a laboratory or field setting. Responsibilities with crops may include the routine calibration, operation, and maintenance of equipment as well as general facilities maintenance responsibilities. Employees perform a variety of routine tasks in the growth of crops; assist in the layout of plots; apply special spray treatments, chemicals, or fertilizers; harvest crops; and collect and record data. Responsibilities with animals may include observing for disease; performing routine treatments for injured or sick animals; recording data regarding breeding dates, births, weight, and health condition; feeding; and/or milking dairy cows. Responsibilities with working with soil may include receiving and labeling soil samples; preparing samples for testing; storing samples; and following protocol for disposing of soil samples. Work may include other duties as assigned.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to operate equipment pertaining to the work area.
- Ability to read and understand labels on chemical containers.
- Ability to follow safety procedures.
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions.

Minimum Education and Experience

Demonstrated ability to perform the work as described.