

### Class Concept

Work in this class involves the technical supervision of Animal Health Technician I's assigned to a district in the State that are responsible for the inspection of poultry flocks for conformance to the rules, laws, and regulations of the State of North Carolina, the National Poultry Improvement Plan, and the Uniform Standards for Prevention and Control of H5 and H7 Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza in the Live Bird Marketing System. Employees serve as chief technician on a team responsible for the detection of any disease or abnormality in a variety of poultry flocks which could infect flocks or reduce the wholesomeness of poultry products. Employees are responsible for ensuring that proper inspections of poultry on farms and in markets are conducted to guarantee compliance with applicable requirements for disposal of dead poultry, for placement of quarantine or Hold Orders of infected poultry, and for disinfection of depopulated premises. Employees supervise the collection of blood, swab, and/or tissue samples to insure that proper techniques are followed and that samples are handled appropriately. Employees provide the necessary interpretation and consultation concerning rules and proper sample collection to plant management and to industry personnel. Work may involve the inspection of turkeys, chickens, and exotic birds to diagnose disorders or diseases; inspection of hatchery premises, incubators, and other equipment for proper operation and maintenance; and the collection of blood samples for various laboratory testing. Responsibilities include issuance of quarantines and shipping permits, tracing diseased livestock back to the farm of origin, and providing assistance to veterinarians involved in field regulatory activities. Work may include other duties as assigned.

### Recruitment Standards

#### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Considerable knowledge of State and Federal regulations pertaining to the control and eradication of livestock/poultry diseases.
- Basic Knowledge of the principles of animal production such as breeding, testing, culling, and marketing; Knowledge of nutrition, soils, and forages related to animal production.
- Basic Knowledge of animal husbandry.
- Basic Knowledge of the basic principles regarding the spread of contagious disease regarding livestock and/or poultry.
- Ability to detect signs and symptoms of diseases in livestock and/or poultry.
- Ability to instruct livestock and/or poultry owners and market operators in the proper methods of sanitation and management as means of preventing the occurrence of disease.
- Ability to operate equipment used by Animal Health Technicians such as animal restraining devices, animal identification instruments, tissue sampling equipment; euthanasia equipment, laboratory diagnostic equipment, and related devices.
- Ability to read, understand, and interpret applicable laws, administrative codes, regulations, and policies; Ability to communicate verbally and in writing with a variety of groups in a variety of settings.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with livestock and/or poultry owners, buyers, market operators and State and Federal officials.
- Ability to supervise, train, and plan the work of others; ability to work independently; and the ability to complete required records and reports.

#### Minimum Education and Experience

High school or General Educational Development (GED) diploma and four years of experience in the production, husbandry, management, regulation, or sale of poultry; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.