

Class Concept

Work in this class involves inspection, regulatory, and service work in the State's Apiary Inspection Program. Employees inspect apiaries to detect diseases and assure that only disease free bees and equipment are allowed to be moved within the state or shipped out of the state. Honey processing and packing facilities are inspected to determine that honey is processed under sanitary conditions, is free of adulterants, and properly labeled. Technical expertise is required in the diagnosis of diseases and recommendations for control measures. Work is performed under the general supervision of an Apiary Inspection Supervisor. Work may include other duties as assigned.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Considerable knowledge of state and federal laws and guidelines pertaining to bees and beekeeping; and considerable knowledge of bee pests and diseases.
- Ability to identify bee pests and diagnose bee diseases and to prescribe treatment and control measures; Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with beekeepers and the general public; Ability to interpret applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- Ability to work independently; and the ability to complete required forms, reports, and records.

Minimum Education and Experience

High school or General Educational Development (GED) diploma supplemented by college-level coursework in biology, ecology, social insect behavior, or microbiology and three years of experience in beekeeping; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.