

Employment Opportunity

Entomology Field Assistant

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Division of Animal and Plant Health
Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Program

Position Description: The Division of Animal Health is seeking a qualified candidate to assist with field surveys of exotic and invasive plant pests, primarily insects. Duties include preparing for surveys, contacting growers and landowners, assembling equipment, mapping routes, gathering and disseminating pest information, and producing data sheets; driving a State of Maine vehicle throughout the state conducting fieldwork; servicing insect traps; specimen sorting; data entry and management; assisting with outreach and education; as well as other miscellaneous duties. The employee must be able and qualified to drive a vehicle leased by the State of Maine. Work requires candidate to carry light equipment (up to 10 lbs.) across uneven terrain on farms and in wooded settings. Work also involves bending over crops to look for insects and crop damage, as well as working in inclement weather.

Minimum Qualifications: Work requires at least 2 years of college education or equivalent work experience in the field of entomology or biology. The ability to use a microscope and taxonomic keys to identify target pests is preferred. Experience with global positioning devices, iPads, computer data entry, spreadsheets, e-mail and word processing software is highly desirable. The employee is expected to work between 20 and 40 hours per week, for approximately 30 weeks, with the majority of time spent during the summer months. The position may start in early May 2016, and pays between \$13 and \$14 per hour depending on experience.

Special Requirements: Must possess a valid Class C State of Maine driver's license.

How to Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references by April 22, 2016 to:

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