

I. Duties and Responsibilities:

Incumbent serves as an Animal Health Aid responsible for the performance of a variety of inspection duties designed to provide a working knowledge of animal disease control or eradication programs being carried on within an assigned Section. Incumbent receives instructions and on-the-job training in the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, policies, and inspection methods associated with animal disease control and eradication programs.

Typical duties are illustrated as follows: Conducts work relating to programs such as: screwworm eradication, animal welfare (including horse protection), brucellosis eradication, tuberculosis eradication, scabies eradication, and poultry disease control and eradication involving: (1) visiting farms, garbage feeders, quarantine stations, and others for the purpose of testing and inspecting livestock for evidence of the above-mentioned diseases; (2) collection and submission of larvae and/or egg specimens having the possibility of being specimens for laboratory examination; (3) dipping and spraying of livestock in connection with the screwworm eradication program and, for tick and scabies eradication programs the incumbent may, as occasion requires, apply sprays and disinfectants and collect ticks and/or mites for laboratory examination; (4) observing the application of proper sanitary procedures; disinfects premises and vehicles used in transportation of diseased livestock and poultry; (6) submitting reports of his activities to superiors.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

II. Supervision Received:

The incumbent works under the supervision of a Veterinarian or a higher grade Animal Health Technician, who makes assignments, provides instruction and training as required, and specifies procedures to be followed. Completed work is reviewed for adherence to policies and compliance with procedures, instructions, and precedents. New assignments are performed under close supervision until the incumbent demonstrates competence. Guidelines consist of Federal and State regulations, laws, and orders, instructions and directives issued by the Service, Station, and State.

(This standard job description cites the primary and typical but not all-inclusive duties of the position.)