

TITLE: Livestock Technician

CLASSIFICATION: Classified

SALARY GRADE: C08

SCOPE OF POSITION:

Under general supervision, oversees the daily operations, maintenance, and care of livestock, equine, and related facilities. This position designs, constructs, maintains, and repairs livestock and equine production systems and equipment; serves as a lead worker providing work direction and technical assistance to student assistants and short-term non-continuing employees; assists students and faculty with classes and projects; maintains proper inventory of livestock, feed, tools, and supplies; and performs other related duties.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Examples of key duties are interpreted as being descriptive and not restrictive in nature. Incumbents routinely perform approximately 80% of the duties below.

1. Designs, creates and maintains livestock operational and production systems.
2. Performs and oversees the routine health care, feeding, watering, breeding and harvest of all livestock. May also work with horses.
3. Coordinates assistance and works directly with livestock specialist, veterinarians, and other vendors to provide and administer prescribed treatments.
4. Operates, maintains, and repairs a variety of small tools and large equipment, such as tagging, docking, and breeding tools, sorting facilities, utility vehicles (ATVs), forklifts, and tractors.
5. Implements and maintains pasture management plans that include irrigation, fertilization, and weed control procedures.
6. Provides laboratory and classroom assistance with livestock to faculty and students.
7. Performs evaluations of livestock for the purpose of training, class utilization, purchase, or donation.
8. Maintains recordkeeping systems, including livestock and equine inventory, and feed, breeding, and health records.
9. Performs demonstrations and trains staff on the safe and proper use and maintenance of all livestock and equine equipment.
10. Maintains supply inventories and makes approved purchases.
11. Provides technical support and technical information, and serves as a resource for livestock sales, livestock transport, public tours, and department activities.

KNOWLEDGE OF:

1. Sustainable livestock management principles and methods.
2. Livestock maintenance and general equipment safety.
3. Subject matter and theoretical principles of livestock and equine science.

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4. Care and maintenance of sheep, cattle, and horses.
5. Principles, practices and environmental health and safety regulations necessary to use and dispose of hazardous or bio-hazardous materials.
6. Knowledge of terminology, tools, and equipment used in livestock and equine handling.
7. Relevant local, state, and federal rules and regulations.
8. Applicable technology usage, including standard office productivity software and other appropriate technology.

ABILITY TO:

1. Perform physical labor with a variety of hand tools.
2. Work with and perform various duties involving large production animals and horses.
3. Understand the function of, operate, demonstrate, maintain, troubleshoot, repair and calibrate livestock equipment.
4. Organize, plan, and prioritize activities for the designated livestock areas.
5. Observe and evaluate behavior and health of current livestock and potential new animals.
6. Administer prescribed treatment to livestock, including injections, drenches, and other technical procedures.
7. Transport livestock using a truck and trailer.
8. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
9. Exercise appropriate judgement in interactions with others and with work processes.
10. Interact with the public in a helpful, courteous, and friendly manner.
11. Demonstrate sensitivity to, and respect for, a diverse population.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates/incumbents must meet the minimum qualifications as detailed below, or file for equivalency. Equivalency decisions are made on the basis of a combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities. If requesting consideration on the basis of equivalency, an Equivalency Application is required at the time of interest in a position (equivalency decisions are made by the supervising administrators, in coordination with the department where the vacancy exists, if needed.)

EDUCATION:

High school diploma and related vocational training required.

EXPERIENCE:

1+ years of related experience with livestock operations, including operating agricultural equipment.

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OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- This classification requires the use of a personal or District vehicle while conducting District business. Must possess a valid (Class C) California driver's license and an acceptable driving record.
- Must be able to perform physical activities, such as, but not limited to, lifting (up to 50 lbs. unassisted), bending, standing, climbing, or walking.
- Occasionally required to work under inclement weather conditions.
- Must be able to work safely in an environment requiring frequent exposure to hazardous chemicals and conditions.
- Must be able to safely operate a variety of mechanically powered rolling equipment, and manual and electric hand tools used in livestock production, farming, land management, and agriculture.
- Ability to complete the following trainings: forklift operations and certification, in-house OSHA and respirator training, pesticide use and application.

SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE COMMITMENT:

All classifications require a commitment to the District's Vision, Mission, Values, Goals and Objectives as articulated in the [Strategic Plan](#).