

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

VETERINARIAN II

POSITION CODE: 47902
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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under direction, performs professional veterinary inspections, diagnosis, and final carcass disposition at several livestock slaughtering establishments necessary to execute the statewide meat and poultry inspection program. Performs professional veterinary inspections, investigations and diagnosis at stockyards and/or other markets and on livestock farms necessary to execute the statewide program of animal and poultry disease control and eradication.

Emphasis is placed on the integration of activities coordinated with those of lay inspection personnel and professional staff specialists.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Assists administrative staff in developing and planning area livestock disease control programs, recommends improvement for assigned program area; or the execution of more than one phase of the departmental disease control program or meat and poultry inspection program while utilizing division personnel on a recurring basis.
2. Performs antemortem and postmortem inspections of meat producing animals and poultry to determine diseased or abnormal conditions effecting the wholesomeness of such animals, carcasses, meat and/or their products; ensures disposition of inspected animals, carcasses, meat and/or their products in compliance with law and regulation, contacts necessary parties for disposition of animal(s) and completes necessary reports.
3. Enforces state and federal laws, rules and regulations for inspection and control of livestock disease; imposes quarantines of herds or areas necessary to isolate diseases; determines that authorized vaccines and proper equipment are used; confers with staff regarding condemnation situations that require application of knowledge other than that of veterinary medicine such as appraisals for the destruction of diseased carcasses.
4. Interprets applicable rules, regulations and statutes to plant management, veterinary practitioners; or recommends and enforces disposal and proper control measures for diseased livestock.
5. Provides technical assistance to field personnel in area of specialization; reviews, prepares, and files reports of operations.

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6. Performs required tests and inspections related to animal health programs in stockyards and livestock auction markets.
7. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope and duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires a degree of doctor of veterinary medicine from a college of veterinary medicine and two years professional experience in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of animals and poultry for disease and parasite infestation, or the inspection and determination of the wholesomeness of meat and poultry.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires thorough knowledge of veterinary medicine with particular reference to infections and contagious diseases and abnormalities of animals and poultry.

Requires extensive knowledge of state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to animal and poultry disease control and eradication, or slaughter, processing and storage of meat and poultry.

Requires working knowledge of the value of purebred and grade animals to make appraisals relative to indemnity payments to owners of condemned livestock.

Requires working knowledge of epidemiological procedures applicable to the control and eradication of animal and poultry diseases.

Requires ability to conduct antemortem and postmortem examinations.

Requires ability to exercise sound professional judgment in analyzing and determining type, nature and extent of disease, infestation or abnormal conditions affecting animals and poultry.

Requires ability to supervise and direct the work of professional and paraprofessional staff on a regular or intermittent basis.

Requires ability to make accurate value appraisals of livestock for indemnity purposes.

Requires ability to prepare, maintain, and review, if warranted, records and reports relative to the functions and operations conducted.

Requires ability to use instruments of the profession and related methods and techniques.

Requires ability to establish and further acceptable working relationships with veterinary practitioners, regulatory personnel, county personnel, plant personnel, herd owners, and members of related industries.

Requires an appropriate valid driver's license.