



Position Title: Field Epidemiologist

State Classification/Title/Salary Group: 4129 / Veterinarian III / B27

Monthly Salary: \$6,363.00 – 8,562.25 / month plus state benefits

Position Location: Position headquarters will be determined upon hire. Duties will cover the northern portion of the State of Texas.

Job Requisition #: 00019264 **FLSA Status:** Exempt

Opening Date: November 18, 2021 **Closing Date:** ~~December 2, 2021~~ **Open Until Filled**

Veterans, Reservist or Guardsmen with an MOS or additional duties that fall in the fields of 68T- Animal Care Specialist or other related fields pertaining to the minimum experience requirements may meet the minimum qualifications for this position and are highly encouraged to apply. Additional Military Crosswalk information can be accessed at: https://hr.sao.texas.gov/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_MedicalandHealth.pdf

General Description:

The Field Epidemiologist (Epidemiologist) reports to the State Epidemiologist. This position is responsible for performing risk analyses to support Texas livestock industries as related to Texas livestock health issues; advising on trends in disease control and eradication efforts; monitoring surveillance methods; conducting epidemiological investigations; determining disease classifications and diagnostic procedures; and aiding field personnel.

Essential Job Functions:

- Coordinates and directs multiple risk analyses in collaboration with agency personnel, USDA, and other entities to evaluate and analyze safeguards to mitigate disease risks to an acceptable level.
- Generates epidemiological and statistical reports on specific diseases, using contemporary statistical methods and software, as assigned.
- Coordinates interagency projects with project managers of the cooperating state and federal agencies.
- Advises agency staff, Commission, and industry leadership on emerging and re-emerging livestock disease issues, including recommendations regarding implementation of control and eradication methods.
- Prepares routine status reports to inform TAHC, industry, and the Texas Legislature regarding risk analyses on specific diseases, as assigned.
- Assists agency personnel in developing and achieving surveillance, herd management, educational, and diagnostic evaluation objectives.
- Facilitates specific disease work groups charged with advising the Commission on the needs of industry regarding risk analysis issues.
- Creates and delivers presentations on status of disease control and eradication programs to industry groups, practitioner associations, animal health organizations, and other agencies.
- Consults with area personnel and herd owners to address problem herds.
- Consults with Field Veterinarians and Region Directors regarding interpretation of standards and guidelines for classification of test results and disease management procedures in program herds.
- Identifies and offers recommendations on areas of deficiencies in surveillance, diagnosis, control, eradication, or prevention activities.
- Develops epidemiological expertise on emerging diseases, as assigned.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from an accredited college or university; Texas veterinary license, or eligibility for Texas license, required

Note: *An applicant must have taken and passed the NBE and the CCT or the NAVLE prior to being eligible to take the State licensing examination.*



Preferred Qualifications:

- Board certification recognized by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is preferred
- An advanced degree in epidemiology or other relevant is preferred.
- Experience in state or federal animal health programs or regulatory work is desired.

Other: Ability to be “on call;” travel extensively within Texas and occasionally outside Texas; and, to work occasional overtime and non-standard work hours. Travel by personal vehicle is reimbursed at the rate set by agency officials.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of basic research methods, principles, techniques, and philosophy of disease management; of statistical concepts, methods, and their application to research analysis; of measurement and evaluation; principles and methods of epidemiology and biostatistics related to infectious diseases. Strong skills in both oral and written communication required. Demonstrated experience and skills in project management. Skilled in use of personal computer software for various reporting and analysis responsibilities. Ability to operate in a team environment, establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with agency staff, associates, and industries. Proficiency in the Spanish language is desired. Knowledge of the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program is desired.

IMPORTANT: The TAHC is an emergency response agency. This position is subject to participate in rotating duty assignments away from its regular headquarters for up to two weeks at a time. This duty may involve working in adverse conditions; may require irregular working hours and overtime; and may include duties other than those specified in the standard position description.

Other:

Must have a valid Texas driver’s license and safe driving record.

Applicants may be subject to a driving record and criminal background check.

Employment of selected candidate is contingent upon the receipt of an acceptable criminal background check and an acceptable moving violation record from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Note: Must have reliable transportation. Mileage reimbursed at current allowance rate.

How to Apply:

To submit your application for employment, follow the link provide below, then select Apply Online. Create and/or Login to your on-line applicant profile and electronically submit your State of Texas Application for Employment.

All applications must contain complete job histories, which includes job title, dates of employment, name of employer, supervisor's name and phone number and a description of duties performed. If this information is not submitted, your application may be rejected because it is incomplete. Resumes do not take the place of this required information.

<https://capps.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=00019264&tz=GMT-06%3A00&tzname=America%2FChicago>

Only interviewed applicants will receive notice of the final disposition of the selection process.

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