



## TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Serving Texas Animal Agriculture Since 1893

### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Position Title:** Livestock Inspector – Laredo / Webb/Zapata Counties

**Job Code/Classification/Salary Group:**

**\*Career Ladder Opportunity\***

1322 / Inspector II / B13; 1323 / Inspector III / B15; 1324 / Inspector IV / B17; 1325 / Inspector V / B19

**Monthly Salary:** \$3,480.13 – \$4,380.13 per month, plus state benefits

**Position Location:** Position headquarters will be in Laredo, Texas covering Webb/Zapata counties.

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

**Job Requisition #:** 00043135

**Closing Date:** Open Until Filled

*Veterans, Reservist or Guardsmen with an MOS or additional duties that fall in the fields related to the minimum requirements may meet the minimum qualifications for this position and are highly encouraged to apply. Additional Military Crosswalk information can be accessed at: [Texas State Auditor's Office - Job Descriptions](#)*

#### **General Description:**

Performs technical and specialized work related to the Texas Fever Tick Eradication Program. Duties include tracing, inspection and/or treatment of animals for fever ticks, scabies, screwworm or other parasitic infestations; conducting complex investigations of possible illegal movement or smuggling of livestock; and other conditions or programs of particular interest to the Texas Animal Health Commission, including, but not limited to cattle fever ticks, brucellosis, tuberculosis and bovine trichomoniasis. May be asked to perform inspections at livestock markets, feedlots, slaughter plants, flea markets, farms and ranches, and at other places where livestock, exotics, and poultry are gathered and or to conduct livestock shipment inspection activities, as assigned.

#### **Essential Job Functions:**

- Performs weekend inspections and treatments of livestock for the purpose of locating and inspecting livestock which might be carrying cattle fever ticks or other exotic ticks, scabies mites, screwworm, or other foreign animal diseases.
- Performs apprehension, inspection, and treatment of unpredictable livestock in the tick infested or exposed areas of Texas.
- Performs treatments at the temporary tick vats.
- Performs wildlife inspections and treatments, as needed, during hunting season.
- Inspects premises in areas that may be impacted by fever ticks or other parasitic infestations.
- Investigates additions to or removal of livestock from herd in and around the fever tick areas.
- Collects and makes tentative identification of ticks according to genus, species, stages of life cycle, sex, and sexual maturity.
- May conduct inspection, testing or treatment of livestock for diseases or conditions of animal health importance in Texas.
- May perform inspections at livestock markets, feedlots, slaughter plants, flea markets, farms and ranches, and at other locations where livestock, exotics, and poultry are gathered.
- May collect samples for testing from cattle, swine, equine, exotics, sheep, goats and poultry.
- Enforces quarantines and other livestock disease control measures, including livestock shipment activities.
- May perform periodic public education contacts with community media resources and organizations.
- May participate in emergency management activities and responses to disease outbreaks as assigned.
- Maintains accurate and detailed work activity records.
- Performs other duties as assigned.



## Minimum Qualifications:

Graduation from standard senior high school or GED (+):

- Inspector II – Must have general experience working with livestock;
- Inspector III – Must have at least one year of livestock experience working as a TAHC Livestock Inspector or USDA Animal Health Technician;
- Inspector IV – Must have at least two years of livestock experience working as a TAHC Livestock Inspector or USDA Animal Health Technician.
- Inspector V - Must have at least two years of livestock experience working as a TAHC Livestock Inspector or USDA Animal Health Technician.

**Career Ladder:** *This is a career ladder position. Unless a previous TAHC Inspector, newly hired inspectors will come in at the Inspector II classification and pay.*

**Notes:** TAHC Animal Health Inspectors cannot have personal involvement with livestock or poultry/fowl to the extent that it creates an actual or perceived conflict of interest in executing regulatory enforcement duties or in any way restricts ability to carry out disease program activities.

**Testing:** Cholinesterase testing will be required monthly. Inspectors will be required to be fit tested with a respirator.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with livestock producers, market owners/operators, local area emergency management coordinators, coworkers, and others involved in animal agriculture.

Skill in keeping detailed written records.

Skill in operating a laptop computer, hand-held data collection device, global positioning system (GPS), and other equipment necessary to perform job duties.

Skill in effective oral and written communication skills; legible handwriting; and, ability to follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to safely handle livestock; to acquire knowledge of the laws and regulations governing livestock markets, brucellosis, and other regulatory programs and to apply regulations to work activities.

Ability to travel extensively (some overnight) and to work occasional overtime as required. Regular days off fluctuate depending upon workload.

**Physical Requirements:** Must have arm, hand, shoulder and back strength and dexterity to be able to handle and restrain livestock, including cattle, horses, swine, small ruminants, exotic forms of livestock, and poultry. Must be able to lift and maneuver equipment such as chutes, portable pens, spraying equipment, trailers, and instruments weighing up to 50 pounds used for restraining and testing large animals. Must also be able to lift 50 pounds overhead to fill corn feeders.

## Other Requirements:

Must have a valid Texas driver's license and safe driving record. 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. Must have reliable transportation. Mileage reimbursed at current allowance rate.

At time of hire, selected applicants must show proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act. Proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. will be confirmed using E-Verify. All males who are age 18 through 25 and required to register with the Selective Service must present proof of registration or exemption from registration upon hire.



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**IMPORTANT: The TAHC is an emergency response agency.** This position plays a key role in the agency's emergency management activities. As a first responder, this position is subject to participate in rotating temporary duty assignments away from the regular designated 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.

**How to Apply:** To submit your application for employment, click on CAPPs Job Search, 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 work experience, including job title, dates, employer, supervisor's contact information and a description of duties performed. If this information is not submitted, your application may be rejected and be considered incomplete. Resumes do not take the place of this required information, however, may serve as supplemental information.

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