# CAREER PATHS with the Oregon Department of Agriculture

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### PROGRAMS
- Agricultural Water Quality: (503) 986-4700
- Animal Health: (503) 986-4680
- Cannabis Coordination: (503) 986-4565
- Commodity Inspection: (503) 986-4620
- Confined Animal Feeding Operations: (503) 986-4700
- Development & Marketing: (503) 872-6600
- Food Safety: (503) 986-4720
- Insect Pest Prevention & Management: (503) 986-4836
- Laboratory Services: (503) 872-6644
- Motor Fuel Quality: (503) 986-4670
- Native Plant Conservation: (503) 986-4636
- Noxious Weed Control: (503) 986-4621
- Nursery & Christmas Tree Programs: (503) 986-4544
- Pesticide & Fertilizer Programs: (503) 986-4635
- Plant Health: (503) 986-4620
- Soil & Water Conservation Districts: (503) 986-4700
- Smoke Management: (503) 986-4701
- Weights & Measures: (503) 986-4670

### JOBS
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## AREAS OF STUDY

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OUR MISSION

Ensure healthy natural resources, environment, and economy for Oregonians now and in the future through inspection and certification, regulation, and promotion of agriculture and food.

We value...
• Honesty, integrity, and fairness
• Diversity, equity, and inclusion
• Respect for people and property
• Practical collaborative approaches to problem solving
• Science-based approaches: Technical and professional competence
• Transparency

ADMINISTRATION

WHAT THEY DO:
Provide agency leadership • Develop agency policies • Lead legislative agenda • Develop budgets • Support agency employees • Develop information systems • Set up contracts for services • Provide tech support • Complete monthly payroll • Manage financial services • Work with media • Create videos • Design publications • Meet with stakeholders

Career opportunities
Agency or Program Area Director
Cannabis Policy Coordinator
Financial Services Manager
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Analyst
Human Resources Analyst
Information Systems Support
Policy Analyst
Procurement & Contracts Specialist
Public Affairs Specialist

FOOD SAFETY & ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

WHAT THEY DO:
Respond to animal disease issues • Perform laboratory tests • Educate and advise veterinarians and animal owners • Trace and record animal brands • Ensure animal feeds are labeled correctly • Monitor Oregon’s food manufacturers • Perform inspection • Help businesses design spaces for producing and handling food safely • Track food recalls • Measure shellfish biotoxin levels

Career opportunities
Animal Identification Supervisor
Brand Inspector
Food Safety Inspector
Feed Specialist
Field Operations Manager
Lab Technologist
Microbiologist
Veterinarian

NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS

WHAT THEY DO:
Enforce the legal use and sale of pesticides • Oversee licensing for pesticide applicators • Register pesticides and fertilizer products • Assist local soil and water conservation districts • Use geographic information system (GIS) mapping to support program work • Help landowners protect water quality • Visit and assess confined animal feeding operations • Support the protection of farmland

Career opportunities
GIS Specialist
Grants Administrator
Land Use Specialist
Pesticide Investigator
Registration & Outreach Specialist
Water Quality Specialist

INTERNAL SERVICES & CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAMS

WHAT THEY DO:
Test scales for accuracy • Investigate complaints of weighing and measuring devices • Provide metrology services in mass and volume • Test the quality of motor fuel • Perform chemistry and microbiological testing for agency programs • Inspect commercial egg farms • Manage Wolf Depredation Grant Program

Career opportunities
Chemist
Laboratory Support Metrolgist
Microbiologist
Weights and Measures Inspector

MARKET ACCESS & CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

WHAT THEY DO:
Promote food and agricultural products in Oregon, the U.S. and overseas • Assist with trade and business development • Host buyers and businesses from other countries • Perform third party inspection and certification of agricultural products • Conduct field surveys • Sample seed and plant materials • Test plants and seed for pests and diseases • Manage grant program to support specialty crops • Provide oversight to commodity commissions

Career opportunities
Certification Specialist
Commodity Commission Program Manager
Grant Program Manager
Marketing Program Manager
Plant Pathologist
Shipping Point Inspector
Trade Development Manager

PLANT PROTECTION & CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

WHAT THEY DO:
Identify pests and diseases in plants and Christmas trees • Ensure plant businesses are licensed and pest-free • Help protect and restore habitat for native plants • Survey for invasive pests • Develop plans to manage weeds to protect natural and agricultural resources • Create pest distribution maps • Create plans to remove invasive species • Identify and photograph insects and spiders • Perform research and provide education

Career opportunities
Biological Control Specialist
Education Outreach Specialist
Entomologist
Conservation Biologist
Digital Imaging Specialist
Horticulturist
Grant Program Manager