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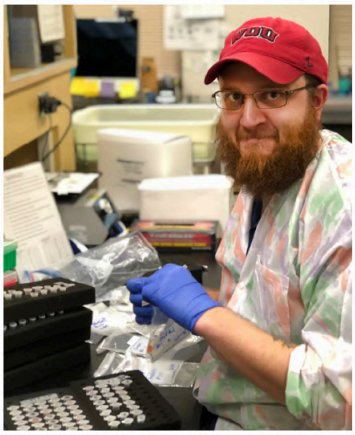

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OUR MISSION

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
- Quality customer service

ADMINISTRATION

Career opportunities

Agency or Program Area Director
Cannabis Policy Coordinator
Financial Services Manager
Fiscal Analyst
Human Resources Analyst
Information Systems Support
Legislative Coordinator
Licensing Specialist
Payroll and Benefits Coordinator
Public Records & Rules Specialist
Procurement & Contracts Specialist
Public Affairs Specialist

WHAT THEY DO:

Provide agency leadership • Develop agency policies • Lead legislative agenda • Track current industry issues • Develop budgets • Support agency employees • Set up contracts for services • Develop technology solutions • Coordinate training • Hire new employees • Manage financial services • Provide licensing • Work with media • Oversee website • Design publications • Meet with stakeholders

LABORATORY SERVICES

WHAT THEY DO:

Identify agricultural pests and diseases • Identify and photograph insects and spiders • Perform diagnostic testing to monitor health status of production animals • Sample seed and plant materials • Test plants and seed for pests and diseases • Test seed for quality and condition • Provide metrology services in mass and volume • Test the quality of motor fuel • Perform chemistry and microbiological testing for agency programs • Measure shellfish biotoxin levels

Career opportunities

Entomologist
Chemist
Digital Imaging Specialist
Laboratory Support
Lab Technologist
Metrologist
Microbiologist
Taxonomist
Quality Assurance Officer

FOOD SAFETY & ANIMAL HEALTH

WHAT THEY DO:

Respond to animal disease issues • Educate and advise veterinarians and animal owners • Inspect animal rescue entities • Trace and record animal brands • Ensure animal feeds are labeled correctly • Monitor Oregon's food manufacturers • Perform inspections • Help businesses design spaces for producing and handling food safely • Track food recalls • Sample shellfish for biotoxins

Career opportunities

Animal Identification Supervisor
Animal Rescue Entity Coordinator
Brand Inspector
Food Safety Inspector
Feed Specialist
Field Operations Manager
Office Specialist
Recall Compliance Manager
Permit Clerk
Veterinarian

MARKET ACCESS & CERTIFICATION

Career opportunities

Certification Specialist
Commodity Commission Program Manager
Grant Program Manager
Marketing Program Manager
Plant Pathologist
Shipping Point Inspector
Trade Development Manager
Weights and Measures Inspector

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 • Manage grant program to support specialty crops • Provide oversight to commodity commissions • Test scales for accuracy • Investigate complaints of weighing and measuring devices

NATURAL RESOURCES

Career opportunities

Agricultural Water Resources
Fertilizer Specialist
Certification & Licensing
Compliance or Enforcement
GIS Specialist
Land Use Coordinator
Livestock Water Quality
Pesticide Investigator
Pesticide Registration
Policy Specialist
Program Analyst

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

PLANT PROTECTION & CONSERVATION

WHAT THEY DO:

Identify agricultural pests and diseases • Inspect plant businesses to ensure they 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 • Implement projects to remove invasive species • Manage state registrations for growing hemp • Perform research and provide education

Career opportunities

Biological Control Entomologist
Conservation Biologist
Education Outreach Specialist
Entomologist
Eradication Specialist
Grant Program Coordinator
Hemp Inspector or Specialist
Horticulturist

AREAS OF STUDY

CAREER PATHS with the Oregon Department of Agriculture

Oregon Department of Agriculture Program Areas >	Admin Offices	Food Safety & Animal Health	Laboratory Services	Market Access & Certification	Natural Resources	Plant Protection & Conservation
Business & Administration						
Accounting	×					
Business Management	×	×		×		
Grant Administration				×	×	×
Marketing/Communication	×			×		
Office Administration/Management	×	×	×	×	×	×
Liberal Arts						
Graphic Design/Publications	×					
Human Resources Management	×					
Journalism	×					
Political Science/Public Policy	×				×	
Science & Technology						
Agricultural Science				×	×	
Agronomy/Crop Science				×	×	
Animal Science		×			×	
Biology		×	×	×	×	×
Bioresource Research		×		×	×	×
Botany/Horticulture/Plant Physiology			×	×	×	×
Chemistry			×	×	×	
Computer Science/IT	×		×			
Entomology			×		×	×
Environmental Health		×				
Environmental Science		×	×		×	
Food Science and Technology		×		×		
GIS Management					×	×
Geology/Hydrology					×	
Lab Technology		×	×	×		×
Mathematics/Statistics			×			
Microbiology		×	×	×	×	
Physics			×		×	
Plant Pathology			×	×	×	×
Rangeland Science					×	
Soil Science					×	×
Toxicology		×	×		×	
Veterinary Medicine		×				