



## Career Program Area: Employment Interview Generic Job Descriptions and Occupations

The position applied for should be considered entry level or near entry level, 1-2 years of experience. Candidates should not apply for positions beyond their expertise or abilities.

1. Agricultural Equipment Service
  - Technician Trainee for retail dealership; Parts Counter/Assistant; Retail Parts Manager; Equipment Set-Up Person; Field Service Representative for manufacturer; Testing Ground Technician.
  - Candidates should have mechanical ability/knowledge and a good understanding of agricultural equipment and related areas.
  
2. Agribusiness Administration/Management
  - Management Trainee for regional or national firm with career track opportunities and multiple product lines and locations; Computer Operator, inventory control, financial management; Assistant Elevator Manager; Assistant Farm Manager.
  - Candidates will need computer skills, record keeping/book keeping/accounting skills. They should have developed business acumen and a fairly broad knowledge of agricultural products.
  
3. Agribusiness Sales
  - Sales Trainee retail operation; Sales Trainee wholesale company (choose a product line).
  - Candidate should have an outgoing personality, a strong desire to meet and work with the public, some type of sales experience (anything from selling candy bars to a sales internship to a full time sales position) and some knowledge of product line.
  
4. Crop Production
  - Farm/Ranch Assistant; Food Production Assistant; Food Research Technician; Corporate Farm Assistant domestic or international.
  - Candidate should be able to operate farm equipment and have knowledge of tillage, planting, cultivation, inspection and harvesting for a broad operation of agronomic crops.
  
5. Dairy Production
  - Herds Person; Milker; A.I. Technician; Commercial Dairy Processor, i.e. Laborer, Quality Control Technician, Truck Driver.
  - Candidate should have firsthand knowledge of dairy cattle operations and animal science.
  
6. Livestock Production
  - Herds Person; Production Assistant; Assistant Feedlots Manager; Vet Assistant.
  - Candidate should pick a species and present his or her knowledge of a species picked and animal science background.
  
7. Forestry and Natural Resources
  - Forest Resource Technician; State/National Park Superintendent; Wildlife Technician; Lab Technician; Surveying Technician; Wastewater Treatment Plant Technician; Land Conservation Technician.



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- Candidates should have knowledge of the following natural resource areas; wildlife management, soil and water conservation, surveying, forestry management and outdoor recreation management.
8. Fruit and Vegetable Production
- Orchard Assistant; Nursery Assistant; Greenhouse Grower; Field Production Assistant; Equipment Operation; Cannery/Processor Management Trainee.
  - Candidate should have knowledge of specific fruit and vegetable crops and have been involved in their production.
9. Landscaping and Nursery
- Production Worker; Land/CAD Operator; Design Assistant; Nursery Person; Propagation; Greenhouse Assistant; Retail or Wholesale Nursery Assistant.
  - Candidates should have knowledge of both residential and commercial landscaping techniques and be able to work with wood, masonry, electrical and irrigation systems. Nursery workers should possess knowledge of exterior and interior plants, how to produce them and what their end uses are.
10. Floriculture
- Greenhouse Assistant; Floral Design; Production for seeds for fresh cut flowers; Retail Sales; Wholesale Sales.
  - Candidates should have training or experience dealing with flowers and their uses.
11. Fertilizer/Ag Chemicals
- Retail Operations; Floater Driver; Maintenance Person; Assistant Retail Plant Manager; Research Technician; Agronomist.
  - Candidate should be able to work long and physical hours, have math skills, heavy equipment skills, communicative skills and general agronomic knowledge.
12. Feed/Animal Health
- Retail Feed Mill Operation; Vet Assistant; Commercial Manufacturer; Livestock Research Technician.
  - Candidate should know livestock nutritional and pharmaceutical needs and be able to operate heavy and/or sophisticated equipment.
13. Agriculture Education
- Secondary or Post-Secondary Teacher/Educator of the field of agriculture and life sciences.
  - Candidate should have knowledge of general agricultural and life sciences and various teaching/learning methods.