

# STATE OF DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY INSPECTOR I-II

## Delaware Department of Agriculture Food Products Inspection

### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

**Job Title:** Agricultural Commodity Inspector I-II

**Department:** Department of Agriculture

**Division:** Food Products Inspection

**Class Codes:** MGAA01, MGAA02

**BP #s:** 11394, 11398, 56822, 94422, 135074, 135075, 11395, 11397, 11400, 56119, 57012, 58928, 66099, 137099

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Agricultural Commodity Inspectors working under the Food Products Inspection section are responsible for the inspection, grading, and compliance evaluation of agricultural commodities, primarily poultry, eggs, fruits, and vegetables, to ensure they meet state and federal requirements for quality, safety, weight, quantity, and packaging. Work involves independent field inspection, final determination of inspection outcomes, and maintaining accurate records.

**JOB SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:** Must be able to follow directions and safely lift and move totes weighing in excess of 50lbs in an organized fashion without damaging the food commodities.

**JOB CLASSIFICATION:** This job is classified as “heavy” as it requires exerting more than 50 pounds of force frequently to move food commodities.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF JOB: (Must be performed)

1. Conducts inspection of commodities such as poultry, eggs, or fruits and vegetables to determine compliance with a variety of contractor or USDA standards such as grade, weight, quantity and packaging, and makes final grade determination.
2. Inspects, samples, tests, and grades commodities using standard inspection techniques; grades poultry including whole birds, drum, legs, wings, breast, and boneless skinless products to include marinated products, antibiotic free claims, and organic claims; considering factors such as fleshing, finish, freedom from defects, age, weight and other conditions. Examines eggs for weight, color, soundness, texture of shell, absence of defects, clarity of yolk outline and clarity and firmness of albumen.
3. Prepares and issues certification of products for both international and national distribution.

4. Monitors food safety controls such as sanitation, processing and storage conditions; communicates issues immediately to supervisor and/or management.
5. Verifies store specifications on labeling which includes expiration dates, product codes, dates for compliance, and ensures appropriate labels are applied.
6. Enforces federal and state laws, rules, and regulations and resolves issues within the range of normal plant activities involving grading/inspection determinations and operating problems.
7. Interprets and applies technical standards, rules, and regulations; explains and defends all grade and inspection determinations and coordinates grading services with plant production activities.
8. Cooperates with federal agencies, official state organizations and agencies, and other State representatives on matters related to agricultural inspection and grading.
9. Develops and maintains effective working relationships with plant personnel, retailers, farmers, and facility management.
10. Utilizes computers to enter information and prepare a variety of reports and records such as plant production data, grading results, certificates issued and other administrative records.
11. Provides technical information and assistance to representatives of the Attorney General's Office as well as the Inspector General's Office in preparing court cases and testifying.

**PHYSICAL JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

- The physical ability to stand and or walk continuously.
- The physical ability to frequently lift in excess of 50-pound totes from waist height while moving them on/off conveyer belts.
- The physical ability to lift in excess of 50-pound totes for up to 25 feet.
- Pass a color vision test

***CERTIFICATION***

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above physical requirements of the Agricultural Commodity Inspector position for the Food Products Inspection section. I have also been given the opportunity to ask any questions I may have regarding the physical demands required of this position. I further understand that if I am offered this position, I will be required to take a functional capabilities evaluation (FCE) to determine if I can safely perform the required tasks without risk to myself or others.

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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