



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary W. Black, Commissioner

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| <b>JOB TITLE:</b>            | AGRICULTURE INSPECTOR 1   |
| <b>POSITION NUMBER:</b>      | 00051984  |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>             | PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION –STRUCTURAL PEST FIELD<br>ATHENS AREA. THIS POSITION WILL COVER CLARKE AND<br>SURROUNDING COUNTIES. |
| <b>POSTING DATE:</b>         | JULY 18, 2017   |
| <b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b> | OPEN UNTIL FILLED   |
| <b>WHO MAY APPLY:</b>        | ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS  |
| <b>PAY GRADE:</b>            | E   |
| <b>ENTRY SALARY:</b>         | COMMENSURATE WITH EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE  |

We at the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) take our responsibilities to you very seriously and are committed to protecting and promoting Georgia's agriculture through superior service and leadership. The mission of the GDA is to protect consumers, promote agriculture, both locally and globally, and assist our customers using education, technology and a professional workforce. The vision of the GDA is to continue to be a globally recognized leader in agricultural excellence through a commitment to safety, quality, growth and innovation.

**DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** *Applicant must reside in Clarke County, a surrounding county, or be willing to relocate.*

Under the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act, the Structural Pest Section (SPS) licenses and regulates pest management professionals, specifically those engaged in the business of structural pest control in the state of Georgia. The GDA SPS is searching for an Agriculture Inspector in the Division of Plant Industry. Under general supervision, this position performs routine inspections and comprehensive investigations to determine compliance with the Structural Pest Control Act and other state and federal laws. Inspection sites often include basements, attics and crawl spaces.

Duties also include:

- Writes technical inspection reports and other professional reports and/or correspondence;
- Provides technical expertise to the regulated community and public;
- Conducts training as requested;
- Creates and maintains a high level of performance that is consistent, high quality, customer-focused orientation when providing service to the general public and regulated community; and
- Other duties as assigned.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Vocational or technical degree in agriculture, horticulture, environmental science, pest control, entomology or a closely related field from an accredited college; OR completion of a high school diploma or GED and one year of experience in the area of assignment; OR two years of college which included 12 semester/20 quarter hours in chemistry or life sciences.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Preference will be given to applicants who, in addition to meeting the minimum qualifications, possess knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:

- Degree in Environmental Science, Entomology, Biology or other related field;
- Experience in pest management, agriculture or environmental protection or a professional position working in the pesticide or chemical industry;
- Government experience in regulatory enforcement of pesticide laws affecting the environment;
- Working knowledge of scientific and technical principles applicable to pesticide usage as well as knowledge of laws and regulations relevant to the handling of pesticides;
- Experience with inspection/investigation procedures;
- Working knowledge of pesticide technology;
- Exceptional skills related to oral/written communication, public relations and customer service;
- Demonstrated team orientation aptitude, flexibility and desire for constant improvement;
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.

**NOTE: THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONDUCTS BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL FINAL CANDIDATES. HIRING OF APPLICANTS IS CONTINGENT UPON SATISFACTORY RESULTS OF EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION, BACKGROUND AND CRIMINAL RECORDS INVESTIGATIONS AND MOTOR VEHICLE REPORTS.**

**HOW TO APPLY: WE ACCEPT STATE APPLICATIONS BY ANY TRANSMISSION LISTED BELOW. RESUMES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE STATE APPLICATION.**

- Mail a completed State of Georgia application to Georgia Department of Agriculture, Personnel Office, Room 300, Agriculture Building, 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334; or
- Fax a completed State of Georgia application to (404) 463-8196; or
- Via Team Georgia Careers <http://team.georgia.gov/careers/>; or
- E-mail a completed State of Georgia application to [GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov).

Please reference the job title and position number when submitting paper applications. Applications received without a job title or position number will be considered unsolicited and will not be reviewed. For a copy of the State Application, please visit [http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State\\_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf](http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf) or contact the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Human Resource Administration at (404) 656-2705.

**The GDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. Due to the large volume of submissions received by this office, information concerning application and/or interview status cannot be provided. Selected applicants will be contacted for next steps in the interview process. Applicants who are not selected will not receive notification. This position is subject to close at any time once a satisfactory applicant pool has been identified.

**IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION FOR AN INTERVIEW, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT (404) 656-3615.**