



CAREER PATH

Natural Resources Agriculture

CAREER CLUSTER

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

CAREER PATHWAY

Natural Resources and Environmental Service Systems



AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR

Inspect agricultural commodities, processing equipment, and facilities, and fish and logging operations, to ensure compliance with regulations and laws governing health, quality, and safety.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an agricultural inspector are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Agricultural inspectors	37.2%	33.1%	29.7%
Agricultural workers	72.2%	16.9%	10.9%
Farming, fishing, and forestry	73.1%	17.5%	9.5%

Most Common Educational Level: Work experience in a related occupation

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$15.21	\$19.80	\$23.73
	Yearly	\$31,600	\$41,200	\$49,400
Missouri	Hourly	\$14.86	\$18.83	\$22.62
	Yearly	\$30,900	\$39,200	\$47,000

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Agricultural inspectors	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2008	2018		
United States	16,600	18,700	+13%	550
Missouri	250	230	-8%	N/A

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

No schools found in Missouri



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