

BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

JOB DESCRIPTION

Assistant Animal Science Foreman

The Assistant Animal Science Herd Foreperson (Foreman) position schedule is as outlined in the BCAHS Support Staff collectively Bargained Agreement. Supervision of this position will be under the direction of the Facilities Director. (Sunday 5:30-4:30, Monday-Thursday 8:30-5)

Duties:

- Ability to run and operate a robotic milking system, assisting with milking.
- Responsible for daily care and assisting with management of all animals on the farm.
- Ensure that animals are housed and treated humanely.
- Assist with maintaining all health and breeding records including all digital records. Treat sick animals and communicate progress with the Department Chair and Animal Science Herd Foreperson..
- Assist with working with governmental and co-op inspectors to maintain certifications; report findings to the Facilities Director and Animal Science Department Chair.
- Assist with maintaining pastures to ensure optimal animal nutrition: seeding, rotary mowing, rotational grazing, fencing, etc.
- Assist with maintaining all buildings and grounds in conjunction with the other department and facilities personnel.
- Assist with maintaining and repairing equipment and facilities when needed; communicate with Department Chair and Facilities Director to ensure timely repairs and regular maintenance, follow any and all preventative maintenance schedules related to equipment and farm related infrastructure.
- Assist the Department Chair and Animal Science Herd Foreperson with ensuring that the facility adheres to all necessary laws and regulations pertaining to animal care.
- Assist the Department Chair with acquiring animals and breeding stock.
- Assist teaching staff with handling of animals as needed.
- Assist teaching staff with setting up/breaking down equipment needed for vocational classes.
- Provide input to the Animal Science Department Chair with preparing an annual budget.
- Supervises and works with student workers.
- Assist with keeping accurate student payroll records.
- Assist with the development of installation and maintenance/service policies and procedures.
- Develop necessary expertise by attending training and educational workshops, as required.
- Contribute positively to the Animal Science Department by sharing industry insights, new ideas by providing timely and accurate data analysis to help address dairy farm-related issues
- Stay up to date on the latest topics influencing the Animal Industry
- Transport animals when needed, Assist with short term and long term management of all herds.
- Assist the Department Chair and Animal Science Herd Foreperson with coordinating feed orders, equipment and supplies.
- Work with the Department Chair and Animal Science Foreperson to ensure optimal animal health.
- Nurture and grow productive relationships within the Animal Industry.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Possess experience and proven skill in the care of farm animals and pet shop animals.

Knowledge and proven ability to work on a dairy farm.

Proven Ability working with Horses

Equestrian License Desirable

Ability to organize and supervise student-aged workers and crews.

Ability to operate modern farm equipment and snow equipment.

Ability to perform basic building and equipment maintenance and repair.

Valid driver's license.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to connect easily with school staff and external business partners.

Proven ability to work independently without direct supervision.

Proficiency in the use of computer technology including: Microsoft, Google and VMS systems. Ability to write purchase orders, maintenance requests and maintain established digital records.

Preferred: Hoisting License, if not obtained the License will be a requirement of the position once hired.

COMPENSATION: As per identified in the BCAHS Support Staff Collectively Bargained Agreement with the Board of Trustees of BCAHS. (step 13)

Information can be entered into SchoolSpring or forward a letter of interest and resume to:

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-or email letter of interest and resume to rmiranda@bcahs.com

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