
Position:	District Farm Technician	FLSA:	Non-Exempt
Department/Site:	Agricultural Department	Salary Grade:	13
Reports to/Evaluated by:	Learning Director or Grounds Supervisor	Salary Schedule:	Classified

SUMMARY

Performs daily work involved in the maintenance and operations of the Clovis Unified School District Agriculture Farm.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assists in overall maintenance within operations of the farm.
- Participates in weekly Agriculture Department meetings to plan and develop duty lists and present reports on duties performed of required.
- Assists with construction and repair of irrigation systems. Digs trenches, unloads and relocates materials and cleans tools and equipment.
- Operates and performs light general maintenance on equipment including tractors, power mowers, skip loaders and other labor saving devices.
- Operates power tools.
- Pressure washes buildings and equipment.
- Monitors and maintains irrigation schedules for pasture, ornamental trees and orchard.
- May need to read and interpret blueprints and designs. Maintains required records and makes reports on work completed and materials used.
- Performs semi-skilled and skilled labor in the production of row, vine, tree and horticultural crops. Plants and cultivates trees. Applies fertilizer as needed. Prepares ground for planting.
- Operates heavy equipment, including but not limited to track and wheel tractors, front end loaders and backhoes, and forklifts.
- Performs cultural practices and use of implements, including: Cultivation – disking, spring-toothing, tilling and plowing; Planting – transplanting, direct seeding and broadcast application; Fertilizing – application of liquid or granular material; and Harvesting – manual and mechanical methods.
- Sprays for weeds and pest control to ensure the chemical and cultural control of pests.
- Assists agriculture instructors in the acquisition and transportation of livestock, feed and supplies.

- Provides training in farm management for students under the supervision of the agriculture instructors.\
- Maintains livestock barns, horticulture facilities, pasture grounds and storage areas.
- Maintains minor mechanical systems including winches, motors, misting systems.
- Regulates and repairs sewage and water systems, lines and equipment.
- Maintains timers and thermostats used in the plant and animal units.
- Maintains surface grade throughout facility to control erosion and deposition of soil.
- Designs and constructs storage for materials and equipment.
- Checks supplies and maintains basic records.
- Performs other related duties as assigned that support the overall objectives of the position.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge and Skills: Knowledge of aspects of farm management, maintenance, and operations, as well as gardening tools, farm equipment (including tractor driving and trailer towing), power tools, and equipment.

Abilities: Ability to use gardening tools, farm equipment (including tractor driving and trailer towing), power tools, and equipment. Perform minor construction work. Follow oral and written instructions. Maintain positive professional relationship with staff, students, and community members.

Physical Abilities: Ability to perform moderate to heavy physical labor; standing and walking for extended periods of time; lifting and carrying heavy objects.

Education and Experience: High School diploma required. Three years of experience in farm management or related field, or equivalent.

Licenses and Certificates: Valid California Driver's License is required.