



TITLE	CLASSIFICATION	SALARY GRADE/ASSIGNMENT
LIVESTOCK TECHNICIAN	CLASSIFIED	GRADE: L MONTHS: 12
BOARD POLICY REFERENCE: 2007/2008 CLASSIFICATION REVIEW		Board Approved: 02/10/09

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

Under general supervision, is responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of the livestock, equine and related facilities; designs, constructs and maintains livestock and equine production systems and equipment; serves as lead worker; supervises student assistants and short-term non-continuing employees; assists students and faculty with classes and projects; and maintains proper inventory of livestock, feed, tools, and supplies.

**SCOPE:**

The Livestock Technician supports and performs the daily care of the livestock and equine; provides work directions to student assistants and short-term non-continuing employees; provides technical assistance with livestock to equine faculty and students; and maintains and repairs livestock and equine equipment.

**KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

*Examples of key duties are interpreted as being descriptive and not restrictive in nature.*

1. Designs, creates and maintains livestock and equine operational, exercising, and training systems.
2. Performs and directs others in the routine health care, feeding, watering, breeding and harvest of all livestock; works directly with livestock specialist and veterinarians to provide and administer prescribed treatments.
3. Operates, maintains and repairs a variety of small tools and large equipment, such as tagging, docking and breeding tools, sorting facilities, utility vehicles (ATV's), forklifts and tractors.
4. Implements and maintains pasture management plans that include irrigation, fertilization and weed control procedures.
5. Provides laboratory and classroom assistance with livestock to equine faculty and students.
6. Performs evaluations of livestock and equine for the purpose of training, class utilization, purchase or donation.
7. Maintains record keeping systems, which include livestock and equine inventory, feed records, breeding and health records.
8. Performs demonstrations and trains staff on the safe and proper use and maintenance of all livestock and equine equipment.
9. Recommends materials and equipment needed for efficient operation of the livestock and equine facilities; maintains the needed supply inventories; may make approved purchases of these items.
10. Provides technical support, technical information and serves as a resource for livestock sales, livestock transport, public tours and department activities.
11. Coordinates assistance from approved livestock and equine service vendors, such as veterinarians, farriers, and feed suppliers.

## **EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS**

### **ABILITY TO:**

Perform physical labor with a variety of hand tools; work with and perform various duties involving large production animals and horses; understand the function of, operate, demonstrate, maintain, troubleshoot, repair and calibrate livestock equipment; follow oral and written instructions; work safely and effectively around the public, instructors and students; organize, plan and prioritize activities for the designated livestock areas; issue proper tools, materials, and equipment needed by students and instructors; observe and evaluate behavior and health of current livestock and potential new animals; administer prescribed treatment to livestock, including injections, drenches and other technical procedures; transport livestock using a truck and trailer; maintain cooperative working relationships; demonstrate sensitivity to, and respect for, a diverse population.

### **KNOWLEDGE OF:**

Modern livestock management principles and methods; livestock maintenance and general equipment safety; subject matter and theoretical principles of livestock and equine science; care and maintenance of sheep, cattle and horses; principles, practices and environmental health and safety regulations necessary to use and dispose of hazardous or bio-hazardous materials; personal computer operations, including applicable software applications; and knowledge of terminology, tools, and equipment used in livestock and equine production and handling.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

*Candidates/incumbents must meet the minimum qualifications as detailed below, or file for equivalency. Equivalency decisions are made on the basis of a combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities. If requesting consideration on the basis of equivalency, an Equivalency Application is required at the time of interest in a position (equivalency decisions are made by Human Resources, in coordination with the department where the vacancy exists, if needed.)*

#### *Education:*

Graduation from high school AND related vocational training; associate's degree in an area related to livestock and/or equine science preferred.

#### *Experience:*

Two years work experience related to livestock or equine operations; work in an educational setting preferred.

### **LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE:**

This classification requires the use of a personal or District vehicle while conducting District business. Must possess a valid (Class C) California driver's license and an acceptable driving record.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Must be able to perform physical activities, such as, but not limited to, lifting heavy items (up to 50 lbs. unassisted), bending, standing, climbing or walking. Frequently required to work under inclement weather conditions. Must be able to operate a variety of hand tools safely.