



**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**Department of Administration**  
**Division of Human Resource Management**

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**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>EEO-4</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<b>LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>1.511</b>

Under limited supervision, Livestock Inspectors collect blood, milk, and tissue samples from livestock; perform preliminary testing; forward samples or cultures to laboratory; and brand exposed or infected cattle in order to identify bovine brucellosis and other diseases.

Collect blood samples from livestock; number bleeding tubes; prepare test charts; restrain animals; identify animals with metal ear tag and back tag; draw blood samples; record information on test chart; protect blood samples from deterioration; and package for shipment to laboratory in order to comply with disease testing requirements; check for and report noncompliance with animal identification requirements.

Vaccinate cattle for brucellosis; ensure female calves presented are between four and twelve months of age; restrain animals; inject animals with vaccine; clean ear wax from right ear and apply vaccination tattoo and ear tag; and complete vaccination record to protect bovine animals from infected or exposed herds.

Identify, restrain and capture animals infected with or exposed to brucellosis; brand with an "S" for exposed or "B" for infected; apply appropriate ear tags; complete forms necessary for shipment or entry; and distribute reporting forms to prevent exposure to healthy cattle.

Obtain milk specimens from commercial milk producers; collect samples from bulk milk tanks for each dairy farm or creamery; identify samples with dairy code; protect samples from deterioration; transport samples to laboratory; and complete testing forms in order to provide samples for Milk Ring Test.

Collect milk and blood samples for bacteriological culture; restrain animals; number sterile collection tubes; wash and disinfect the udders and teats; collect samples using sterile techniques and protect samples from deterioration; transport to laboratory and complete test charts.

Collect tissue samples from infected animals; prepare specimen collection bags and ice chest; identify animals to be sampled; select appropriate tissues during the butchering process; collect blood samples; prepare specimens for shipment and maintain related records.

Obtain skin scrapings from livestock and place in metal container; identify and scrape suspicious skin lesions with a knife; label containers, prepare samples for transport to laboratory, and complete required forms.

Participate in animal health compliance activities; promote humane treatment of animals and report possible instances of noncompliance to supervisor; monitor livestock movements into and through the State; coordinate work with brand inspectors, Nevada Highway Patrol and others.

Perform field testing of sera at livestock auctions; ensure bleeding tubes are in numerical sequence and correspond to test chart numbers; prepare tubes for centrifuging; collect clear serum after centrifuging; use reagent and pipette to place samples on slide following laboratory protocol; read and record test results.

Follow established procedures for disposal of infected or exposed animals and birds.

Perform related duties as assigned.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** Graduation from high school or equivalent education and one year experience working in livestock handling facilities using corrals and other livestock restraining equipment.

**ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES** (required at time of application):

**General knowledge of:** accepted animal husbandry practices; safety precautions around livestock and when vaccinating/testing. **Ability to:** identify sex and breeds of livestock; handle livestock around corrals and chutes; gather and accurately record and report information.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES** (typically acquired on the job):

**Working knowledge of:** procedures for performing official livestock diagnostic tests; diseases and parasites common to livestock. **Ability to:** identify cattle by brand or identifying marks; extract blood and tissue samples; take skin scrapes; age cattle; vaccinate livestock; use branding irons, tattoo and ear tag pliers.

This class specification is used for classification, recruitment and examination purposes. It is not to be considered a substitute for work performance standards for positions assigned to this class.

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