

New York State Department of Civil Service
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION

Classification Standard

Occ. Code 1207000

Apiary Inspector, NS

Brief Description of Class

Apiary Inspectors inspect beekeeping colonies to ensure the health and vitality of apiculture in New York State at the Department of Agriculture and Markets. Positions ensure that beekeeping colony management procedures follow State laws and regulations; recommend appropriate measures for the prevention, treatment, and control of honeybee diseases, and the management of colonies; and ensure that bee colony transports are consistent with agreements with other states.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Apiary Inspector: non-competitive; classified on a seasonal basis; conducts inspections, maintains records, monitors honeybee transport, and conducts educational outreach efforts for apiaries in various locations across the State.

Related Classes

Horticultural Inspectors plan, manage, and implement detection, response, inspection, auditing, investigation, surveillance, and outreach activities to detect, eradicate and control plant pests of quantitative significance in an assigned geographic area.

Dairy Products Specialists perform or supervise on-site sanitary inspections and investigations of dairy products, producers, laboratories, processors, and handlers to ensure that clean and wholesome products are produced and sold.

Farm Products Grading Inspector positions inspect, grade, certify and audit farm products at shipping, receiving, and processing points in accordance with cooperative agreements.

Illustrative Tasks

Conducts inspections of beekeeping colonies within an assigned geographic region to detect infectious, contagious, or communicable bee pests and diseases.

Collects pollen, beeswax, and other types of samples for analysis.

Prepares and maintains records, forms, files, and reports related to inspections.

Recommends appropriate measures for honeybee colony management.

Reviews colony management procedures and methods employed by honey beekeepers to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Keeps forms, files, reports, and location information for apiaries as required by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Enforces laws designed to control and eradicate bee diseases and oversees the destruction of infested material.

Coordinates with federal officials and county agents in cooperative joint programs to prevent and control bee diseases.

Inspects honeybee colonies that will be transported to ensure compliance with state requirements.

Provides education and technical information to honey beekeepers for prevention, treatment, and control of honeybee health issues.

Minimum Qualifications

Apiary Inspector

Non-Competitive: Two years of experience in the management of honeybee colonies or 60 college credits with at least 9 college credits in entomology, ecology, biology, agriculture, environmental studies, natural resources, or zoology.

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