

**MICHIGAN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
JOB SPECIFICATION**

**PLANT APIARY AIDE**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

Employees in this job perform routine inspections to ensure that apiaries, plants, trees, and shrubs are free from disease or insect pests.

There is one classification in this job.

**Position Code Title – Plant Apiary Aide-E**

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This is the experienced level. The employee performs a full range of assignments using independent judgement to make decisions requiring the application of procedures and practices to specific work situations. Guidance and direction is available as needed.

**JOB DUTIES**

**NOTE:** The job duties listed are typical examples of the work performed by positions in this job classification. Not all duties assigned to every position are included, nor is it expected that all positions will be assigned every duty.

Inspects, through visual observation, apiaries and apiary equipment to detect the presence of contagious diseases such as American or European Foulbrood, Chalkbrood, or Sacbrood.

Takes samples of suspected disease and sends them to the departmental laboratory for analysis.

Quarantines and/or condemns apiaries infected with contagious diseases.

Destroys infected apiaries by poisoning bees with Resmethryn and then burning hives with a propane torch.

Inspects, through visual observation, plants, trees, and shrubs to detect diseases or the presence of insect pests such as gypsy moths, mites, or aphids.

Places and inspects insect traps at specific locations in accordance with predetermined activity patterns.

Verbally explains state agricultural programs, laws, and regulations to nursery owners, apiarists, and fruit growers.

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Participates in in-service training.

Prepares and/or maintains records, forms and reports.

Performs related work as assigned.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS**

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

Ability to read, interpret, and apply standards, rules, and regulations relative to the work.

Ability to observe critically, obtain accurate data, and complete forms.

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

Ability to communicate effectively.

Ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Ability to meet and deal effectively with others.

**Working Conditions**

Work is seasonal in nature.

Work is performed outdoors under general supervision using judgment to distinguish disease or infestation.

Some jobs require an employee to be exposed to toxic substances (i.e., Resmethryn), extreme heat, and bee stings.

Some jobs require considerable travel by automobile.

**Physical Requirements**

The job duties require an employee to lift up to 80 pounds.

The job duties require an employee to be able to withstand extremes in temperature, particularly heat.

The job duties require an employee to be able to tolerate bee stings.

**Education**

Educational level typically acquired through completion of high school.

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**Experience**

No specific type or amount is required.

**Special Requirements, Licenses, and Certifications**

Possession of a valid Michigan driver's license.

**NOTE:** Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

**JOB CODE, POSITION TITLES AND CODES, AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION**

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**Pay Schedule**

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