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NURSERY INSPECTOR

With anticipated approval, the Department of Entomology at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (New Haven Campus) is seeking applicants for a full-time Nursery Inspector at the level of Agricultural Technician I. The primary responsibility of the position is to support all aspects of the Office of the State Entomologist, serving all Connecticut nurseries and other members of the Green Industry, as well as citizens of the State. Responsibilities may include but are not limited to: inspection of nursery growing areas for pests and diseases, performing field level diagnosis of plant problems, recording and reporting results from inspections, participation in emergency response to new pests and diseases, and inspection of agricultural commodities for export. Additional responsibilities and duties may include data base entry and maintenance, participating in events for stakeholders and professional organizations, aerial survey of forested lands, and assistance in other pest and disease surveys. The Nursery Inspector will report directly to the State Entomologist. This is a permanent state government position with a starting salary of \$50,709/yr. It includes competitive medical, dental, and retirement benefits, as well as paid vacation and state holidays.

Required Qualifications: Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree in horticulture, entomology, or a closely related field with at least one year of appropriate experience. The successful applicant should have a general knowledge and experience of nursery plants, their pests and diseases, plant identification, and data collection. The successful application must have a valid driver's license and be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions. The ideal applicant will be responsible, able to work independently, willing to learn, and have excellent interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills.

Interested candidates should submit: 1) a cover letter indicating interest and qualifications for this position, 2) a resume/curriculum vitae, 3) a copy of educational transcripts (with dates of attendance omitted or blacked out), and 4) the names and contact information for three references. These should be sent in a single combined PDF file attachment by email to **Dr. Victoria Smith, State Entomologist, Department of Entomology**, Victoria.Smith@ct.gov. Please use the phrase "Nursery Inspector" in the subject line of the email. Applications should be sent by **December 2, 2022**, to receive full consideration for the position.

About Us: Founded in 1875, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is a state-supported institution dedicated to basic and applied research that supports plant, environmental, and human health in Connecticut. Over eighty full-time researchers work at the main campus in New Haven, a 75-acre research farm in nearby Hamden, and at two satellite farm and laboratory facilities. CAES fosters a highly collaborative and collegial research environment and maintains close ties to nearby academic institutions including Yale University and the University of Connecticut.

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