

Classification and Qualification



STANDARDS

The California State University System

Livestock Technician II

Class Code 0666

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DEFINITION:

Under the general supervision of an animal science faculty member, supervises or performs all work activities related to the operations of a livestock unit; assists instructional faculty in setting up and conducting livestock laboratory classes; and advises students in the care and feeding of enterprise project animals.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Livestock Technician II is distinguished from the Livestock Technician I on the basis that positions in the Livestock Technician II class typically supervise a small number of employees; plan and implement herd development programs; tend to the day-to-day feeding and health care needs of the animals under only minimal supervision and provide advice and guidance to students working on enterprise projects. The Livestock Technician I, on the other hand, supervises other employees only on an occasional basis; performs the activities related to herd development, feeding and care under direct supervision and has only limited contact with students.

Examples of Typical Activities:

The Livestock Technician II is responsible for planning, organizing and directing the day-to-day operations of a farm livestock program. Performance of such activities includes the supervision of a small group of farm employees or student workers in the care and feeding of livestock; supervising or assisting in the mechanical milking of dairy cows; tending to the day-to-day health care needs of livestock herds; and assisting animals during parturition.

Incumbents of positions in this class under the supervision of the faculty member in charge also plan and implement a selected breeding program aimed at the progressive improvement and development of a livestock herd. Incumbents of positions in this class are involved with faculty members in buying and selling breeding stock, ordering livestock feed, planning and maintaining feed trial and general feed rations; and the preparation of breeding, livestock inventory, and other records required in the operation of a livestock program.

The Livestock Technician II assumes an active role in the instructional process by assisting laboratory instructors with the setting up and conducting of livestock laboratory classes, and advising students in the care, breeding, feeding and showing of enterprise project animals.

Knowledges and Abilities:

Thorough knowledge of modern livestock feeding, breeding and health care practices.

Ability to recognize the symptoms of, and assist in the treatment of, common livestock diseases and other health programs; ability to develop a systematic program of herd improvement and development; ability to supervise unskilled student help in the care and feeding of livestock; ability to maintain clear and concise records and prepare reports; ability to coordinate the practical aspects of livestock production with the academic program and the student learning process; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with farm employees, faculty and students.

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Experience:

Three years of progressively responsible experience in care, feeding and breeding of livestock.

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Education:

Equivalent to 60 semester or 90 quarter units of academic work at a recognized college or university, with courses in animal husbandry, livestock management and related animal science subjects. (Additional specialized experience which has demonstrated that the applicant has acquired and successfully applied the knowledges and abilities shown above may be substituted for the required education on the basis of one year of experience for each 30 semester units or 45 quarter units of accredited college work completed.)

Work Week Group: 4B
Premium O/T: No
Shift Differential: No
Employee Category: Non-Academic