



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

*Gary W. Black, Commissioner*

- Leave Benefits
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- Paid Holidays
- Retirement

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| <b>JOB TITLE:</b>            | ASSISTANT STATE VETERINARIAN<br>HCP170 VETERINARIAN 1 AND HCP171 VETERINARIAN 2 |
| <b>POSITION NUMBER:</b>      | 0052606   |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>             | ATLANTA OFFICE  |
| <b>POSTING DATE:</b>         | JUNE 28, 2016   |
| <b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b> | UNTIL FILLED  |
| <b>WHO MAY APPLY:</b>        | ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS  |
| <b>PAY GRADE:</b>            | VETERINARIAN 1 – M/VETERINARIAN 2 - N   |
| <b>ENTRY SALARY:</b>         | Commensurate with Education and Experience                                      |

We at the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) take our responsibilities to you very seriously and are committed to protecting and promoting Georgia's agriculture through superior service and leadership. The mission of the GDA is to protect consumers, promote agriculture, both locally and globally, and assist our customers using education, technology and a professional workforce. The vision of the GDA is to continue to be a globally recognized leader in agricultural excellence through a commitment to safety, quality, growth and innovation.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:**

**Assistant State Veterinarian:** Works closely with State Veterinarian to answer questions, offer solutions and solve problems concerning animal disease control and prevention, reportable animal diseases, cooperative agreements, rules and regulations, animal health interstate and intrastate movement and to provide veterinary expertise in animal industry programs such as Livestock/Poultry, Companion Animal/Equine Health and Meat Inspection.

**HCP170 Veterinarian 1:** Under supervision, diagnose treats and helps prevent diseases and dysfunctions in animals; Advise clients on the feeding, hygiene, housing and general care of animals; May diagnose, treat, and/or help prevent diseases and dysfunctions in animals; May provide advice regarding feeding, hygiene, housing and general care of animals; May enforce state and federal laws and regulations relating to disease control and/or food production including animal or animal-based food inspection; May obtain blood samples from animals and submit them to the appropriate laboratory for diagnosis; May issue quarantines or stop sale orders to prevent the spread of disease; Shall develop control and eradication plans to eliminate disease; May examine and evaluate animals and/or carcasses in a meat processing facility to determine if it passes for food or is retained for disposition; May control condemned carcasses and parts for denaturing and decide appropriate disposition; Incumbents at this level may require additional training or experience to gain full proficiency in some or all of the job responsibilities.

Performs a variety of administrative duties in relation to program requirements, which involves the enforcement of state and federal regulations pertaining to the prevention, control, and eradication of reportable livestock diseases; May consult with veterinarians, legislators, local officials, health departments, academia and the general public on identifying, controlling and/or preventing animal disease; Incumbents at this level may require additional training or experience to gain full proficiency in some or all areas; Other duties as assigned.

**HCP171 Veterinarian 2:** Under general supervision, diagnose, treats, and helps prevent diseases and dysfunctions in animals. Advise clients on the feeding, hygiene, housing and general care of animals. May diagnose, treat, and/or help prevent diseases and dysfunctions in animals; May provide advice regarding feeding, hygiene, housing and general care of

animals; May enforce state and federal laws and regulations relating to disease control and/or food production including animal or animal-based food inspection; May obtain blood samples from animals and submit them to the appropriate laboratory for diagnosis; May issue quarantines or stop sale orders to prevent the spread of disease; Shall develop control and eradication plans to eliminate disease; May examine and evaluate animals and/or carcasses in a meat processing facility to determine if it passes for food or is retained for disposition; May control condemned carcasses and parts for denaturing and decide appropriate disposition.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**HCP170 Veterinarian 1:** Doctorate degree in veterinary medicine or equivalent from an accredited college or university and licensed by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine; OR certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Medical Association and licensed by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine.

**HCP171 Veterinarian 2:** Doctorate degree in veterinary or equivalent from an accredited college or university AND licensed by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine AND two years experience at the lower level Veterinarian 1 (HCP170) or position equivalent OR certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Medical Association AND licensed by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine AND two years of experience at the lower level Veterinarian 1 (HCP170) or position equivalent

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** *Preference will be given to applicants, who, in addition to meeting the Minimum Qualifications, possess knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:*

- Field experience in veterinary medicine
- Experience in large animal practice
- USDA accreditation in Georgia
- Considerable knowledge of the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to animals
- Comprehensive skill in the detection and identification of diseases/conditions
- Extensive experience in practice management, public administration
- Proficiency in oral and written communications
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite

**HOW TO APPLY:** (WE ACCEPT STATE APPLICATIONS BY ANY METHOD LISTED BELOW. RESUMES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE STATE APPLICATION. )

- Mail a completed State of Georgia application to Georgia Department of Agriculture, Personnel Office, Room 300, Agriculture Building, 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334; or
- Fax a completed State of Georgia application to (404) 463-8196; or
- Team Georgia Careers <http://team.georgia.gov/careers/>; or
- E-mail a completed State of Georgia application to [GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov).

Please reference the job title and position number when submitting paper applications. Applications received without a job title or position number will be considered unsolicited and will not be reviewed. For a copy of the State Application, please visit [http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State\\_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf](http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf) or contact the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Human Resource Administration at (404) 656-2705.

**The GDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. No notification will be sent to applicants except those who are selected for interviews. Due to the large volume of submissions received by this office, information concerning application and/or interview status cannot be provided.

**IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION FOR AN INTERVIEW,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT (404) 656-3615.**