

County Apiary Inspector Position Listing

Position: County Apiary Inspector

Hours: Part-Time, Seasonal

Appointed by County Commissioners or Authorized County Official.

Compensation: Appropriation, Salary, & Hourly pay and/or Mileage set by County Commissioners

Definition: As an authorized representative of the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the County Apiary Inspector inspects honey bee colonies within the appointing county to prevent the introduction, dissemination, and establishment of honey bee diseases and pests, as required by sections 909.01 to 909.18 inclusive of the Ohio Revised Code and Rules 901:5-55-01 to 901:5-55-08 inclusive. Inspection results require confidentiality and discretion.

Training and Experience: Minimum three years beekeeping experience, good “people skills” and attention to details. The applicant should be able to work independently, maintain and submit records punctually. The person must have his/her apiaries registered with the State of Ohio.

Duties/Responsibilities/Abilities:

- 1) Inspect all colonies of registered apiaries within appointing county;
- 2) Complete and submit inspection reports within the time frame requested by ODA;
- 3) Complete monthly reports;
- 4) Answer questions from local beekeepers based on knowledge of facts;
- 5) Ability to recognize common honey bee pests and diseases
- 6) Understanding approved control methods for honey bee diseases and pests;
- 7) Ability to properly manipulate a honey bee colony;
- 8) Ability to effectively communicate with the public;
- 9) Ability to work alone;
- 10) Ability to lift heavy objects

Additional Requirements:

- 1) must not be allergic to honey bee stings;
- 2) must hold and maintain acceptable driving record;
- 3) must have reliable transportation;
- 4) subject to varying environmental conditions.