Agricultural Assistant - Beef

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New Liskeard Agricultural Research Station, Ontario Agricultural College

Temporary full-time from June 10, 2019 to June 9, 2020

Hiring #: 2019-0257

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

Under the direction from the Farm Coordinator of the New Liskeard Agricultural Research Station, the Agricultural Assistant participates in the general running of the beef herd: care and husbandry of beef cows, calves and steers; operating feeding equipment; managing pastures; cleaning pens; checking for health problems and providing care; applying manure and fertilizer; preparing land; seeding, spraying and harvesting; following research protocols and observing and recording animal behavior; and performing maintenance and repairs of the building, land and farm equipment.

Requirements of the position include: a community college diploma in Agriculture or other related education and one year of related experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience; a valid G license; the ability to handle animals patiently, gently and confidently; thorough understanding of livestock behavior, handling, observation and health with proven experience performing livestock management manipulations including castration, tattooing, hoof trimming, giving injections, dehorning, application of medicines, birthing and processing newborns; knowledge and experience with cropping and pasture management; and skills in operating, calibrating and maintaining farm equipment. In addition, the successful candidate will have strong interpersonal and communication skills; the ability to work independently and as part of a team; and the demonstrated ability to work in wet and dusty environments and outside under severe weather conditions. Physical strength and stamina are requirements of the positions, including the ability to lift 45 kg on a regular basis, as is the flexibility to work shifts, weekends, holidays and long days as required, sometimes on short notice.

Classification               OSSTF/TARA, District 35 Salary Band 4*
Normal Hiring Range $23.25 – $25.98 per hour

*Tentative evaluation; subject to committee review.

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