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Class Specifications  
for the Class:

LIVESTOCK HERDER

Duties Summary:

Cares for and maintains herds of one or more kinds of domestic livestock; may supervise others in the breeding and care of livestock; and performs other duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class differs from the class Farm Laborer I in that the Livestock Herder is responsible for the care and maintenance of domestic livestock, including the maintenance of feeding, breeding and other stock records, and for assuring that prescribed conditions of care and treatment are carried out; whereas the Farm Laborer I may assist in the care and maintenance of livestock by harvesting and mixing feed, feeding and watering animals, and participating in other activities relating to the care of livestock as assigned.

This class differs from the class Animal Caretaker in that the Livestock Herder is concerned with the feeding, breeding and general care of one or more kinds of domestic farm animals such as swine, cattle and sheep in a farm or ranching operation; whereas the Animal Caretaker is concerned with the care of animals confined for a specified period in a quarantine station or other restricted quarters.

Examples of Duties:

Feeds or supervises others in the feeding of livestock and assures that prescribed conditions of feeding are maintained; segregates animals for breeding and maintains feeding weight, and other stock records; inoculates and castrates animals; observes animals and reports on the condition of herds and individual stock; gives prescribed or standard treatment to sick animals and requests veterinary assistance as needed; cleans and disinfects animal sheds and pens; repairs feed troughs, sheds, leaky faucets, and other equipment; maintains surrounding areas in a sanitary condition; slaughters animals and may cut carcasses as requested and record specified data on cuts; may supervise and participate in the identification, ear-marking, branding and dehorning of calves; may obtain price quotations on cattle from buyers and arrange for cattle to be shipped to market.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

Experience and Training: (1) Four years of general farm experience, of which two years shall have involved work experience in the care and management of livestock; or (2) any equivalent combination of experience and training.

Knowledge of: The care and breeding of various kinds of livestock; care and operation of equipment used in the maintenance of livestock; common livestock diseases, ailments and methods of their treatment; and principles and practices of supervision.

Ability to: Care for and handle farm animals; understand and carry out both oral and written instructions, maintain records pertaining to the care, raising, and breeding of livestock; prepare reports; supervise others in the care and handling of domestic farm animals; and perform heavy manual labor.

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This is the specification for the class LIVESTOCK HERDER (initially titled LIVESTOCK HERDSMAN) which replaces the classes SWINE HERDSMAN and CATTLEMAN, approved on October 27, 1955 and July 30, 1958, respectively.

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