

AGRICULTURAL POTATO SAMPLER

KIND OF WORK

Seasonal service work collecting potato samples.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Under general supervision, an employee in this class is responsible for obtaining and labeling potato samples in accordance with Federal USDA standards. Performs other manual labor tasks as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Obtains 50 pound (lb) samples from trucks so that the potatoes can be labeled and graded by randomly catching potatoes in a 25 lb box/container as the potatoes are unloaded from the truck on a conveyor belt and dumping the potatoes into 50 lb sacks.

Labels the 50 lb sacks so that the potatoes are identifiable by writing the name of the farmer on the tag.

Transports the potato samples to the central grading area on the premises so that the potatoes can be graded by lifting the 50 lb sacks onto a cart and pushing the cart to the grading area.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Potato sampling procedures sufficient to correctly obtain potato samples as the potatoes are unloaded from the various semi trucks.

Ability to:

Lift heavy sacks such as 25 lb or 50 lb bags of potatoes.

Work in the unloading area with limited supervision.

Understand and follow written and oral directions sufficient to carry out potato sampling assignment.

LEGAL OR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Federal-state certificate for potato sampling. (This involves 2 hours of basic instruction.)

SPECIAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is primarily outside, sometimes in extreme weather conditions (rain/snow/cold).
Requires lifting 25 to 50 lb bags/sacks.

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Former Title(s):