PRODUCE INSPECTION SUPERVISOR

KIND OF WORK

Supervisory terminal and shipping point inspection work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The employee in this class is responsible for supervision of inspecting work done by terminal and shipping point inspectors engaged in the inspection and grading of native produce or the grading of a large variety of fruits, nuts, and vegetables shipped into Minnesota from other states and countries. Responsibilities include the training and instruction of inspectors in correct procedures, reviewing of certificates made by inspectors, making corrections where necessary, and adjusting the workload of inspectors to bring about equity and the best plan of service. Supervision and direction are received from the Federal Supervisor of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Inspection and the Marketing Services Director, but the employee has considerable latitude in planning and organizing the inspection program.

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

Supervises all inspection work done by terminal inspectors and shipping point inspectors.

Trains and gives instructions and demonstration when needed to assure adherence to correct work procedures by terminal and shipping point inspectors.

Reviews certificates made by inspectors.

Makes necessary corrections and advises inspectors of the proper procedures.

Contacts producers, supermarket buyers, and institutional buyers to advise them of the advantages of this particular service.

Secures facts in connection with violations.

Writes reports and maintains records.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

State and federal grades and standards relating to the inspection of produce.
Methods and practices of producers, shippers, and buyers and the marketing of farm produce.

Ability to:

Inspect and grade a large variety of fruits and vegetables.

Plan and supervise the work of a staff of inspectors.

Work with representatives of industry and the general public under difficult circumstances.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Possession of a valid Federal Shipping Point Certificate, or valid Federal Terminal Inspectors Certificate.