



State Veterinarian Job Opportunity

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Office of State Veterinarian is seeking a State Veterinarian. The State Veterinarian is responsible for directing the promotion of animal health; the diagnosis, surveillance, and prevention of animal disease.

Specific duties of the state veterinarian include but not limited to:

- Develops, directs, and/or evaluates programs to protect and promote animal agriculture in the Commonwealth.
- Represents the department with federal, state, and local government units, in the media, or with private organizations. Participate in state, regional and national organizations for state animal health officials
- Ensures compliance with applicable federal and/or state laws, regulations, and/or department rules, standards and guidelines, etc.
- Supervises subordinate personnel including: hiring, determining workload and delegating assignments, training, monitoring and evaluating performance, and initiating corrective or disciplinary actions.
- Develops and implements procedures in response to agency policy, state and federal laws, etc.
- Prepares and justifies budget recommendations, requests, reports, proposals and/or projections.
- Serves on various boards, councils, committees, or task forces to coordinate department activities and facilitate department goals and initiatives.
- Provide guidance to the commissioner on key legislative issues, rulemaking, task forces, committees, etc. impacting animal agriculture.
- Communicates with news and other media; responds to media questions in an appropriate public relations manner.
- Reviews legislation to determine impact on the operation of department or the state. Gives recommendations regarding implementation of passed legislation.
- Solicits funds from state and federal government and/or appropriate alternative funding sources.
- Oversees epidemiologic investigations, regulatory and emergency disease control efforts, and disaster response.
- Oversees the implementation and management of USDA cooperative agreements. Review and submit accurate and timely reports, inspections and investigations.

Applicants must possess or be eligible for a license with the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Medicine. Preference may be given to those with regulatory experience in the areas of animal health disease control and eradication programs, epidemiology, emergency management/response, foreign animal disease investigations, and animal welfare regulations. Base salary is \$118,000 and may be negotiable commensurate with experience.

Applicants must submit a resume and cover letter to:

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