

Agricultural Specialist
- Job Description -

Job Title:	Agricultural Specialist
Reports To:	Conservation Programs Manager
Status:	Full-time, permanent
Hours:	40 hours a week
Salary:	Dependent upon qualifications. Minimum \$21.80/hour

Purpose:

The Agricultural Technician is responsible for assisting agricultural/rural landowners with conservation and natural resource technical assistance, assisting with the educational/outreach aspects of agriculture and natural resource conservation management, and promoting Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District programs by maintaining and improving partnerships and working relationships within the agricultural community.

With an eye toward continuous improvement, ongoing professional development is an expectation via webinars, research articles, workshops, conferences and networking.

Essential Job Responsibilities:

- Respond to technical assistance requests for agricultural conservation practices, drainage and erosion concerns, and other natural resource conservation management related issues. Assist landowners in assessing land for conservation practices
- With the District's Conservation Programs Manager, develop volunteer nutrient management plans for landowners and producers
- Help plan and conduct technical workshops, field days, tours and other educational programs and events for agricultural landowners and producers
- Develop and distribute educational materials for landowners and producers in both electronic and paper formats
- Assist District's Conservation Programs Manager and USDA-NRCS with conservation-related federal Farm Bill programs and the State's H2Ohio program; help promote programs to landowners and producers
- Assist in mapping conservation practices in Clermont County and the East Fork watershed in GIS
- Help District's Conservation Programs Manager investigate and resolve pollution abatement complaints

Other Job Responsibilities:

- Actively seek opportunities for outreach and the promotion of District Ag/rural programs
- Assist with the implementation of special projects conducted by the District and its partners
- Attend meetings of and present information to local agricultural groups, such as the Clermont County Farm Bureau, Clermont County's Cattlemen's Association, Future Farmers of America (FFA) organizations, and others.
- Write news articles as needed for the District's newsletter, local newspapers, social media, etc.
- Participate in OFSWCD Area IV and Statewide initiatives that correspond with job duties and expertise.

- Assist other District staff with the planning and implementation of special District events as needed, including specialty field days, and workshops, the annual pond management clinic, volunteer litter clean-ups, the conservation plant sale and the Annual Meeting.
- Develop reports for Board of Supervisors (monthly and additional as needed)

Experience/Education: Farming background/experience preferred. Any combination of a Bachelor's degree in an agriculture, natural resources, or science related field of study, or related training and work experience. Additional agricultural certifications a plus.

Other Skills and Abilities:

- This position requires considerable knowledge of farming practices and agricultural conservation practices. Knowledge of Farm Bill conservation programs a plus.
- Comfortable working outside in inclement weather conditions, over uneven terrain with possible exposure to various insects, plants and animals.
- Proficiency in the use of surveying equipment a plus.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Self-confident self-starter, goal oriented.
- Very well organized. Ability to manage multiple simultaneous tasks.
- Proficient in using word processing and spreadsheet software, and willing to learn new applications. Knowledge of GIS a plus.
- Ability to work occasional evenings and weekends.
- A valid Ohio driver's license is required.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume / CV and three references by April 22, 2022 to John McManus, District Director, detailing experience relevant to position requirements listed above. Mail completed application to:

Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District
P.O. Box 549
Owensville, OH 45160

Or email ALL documents to jmcmamus@clermontcountyohio.gov

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