



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
MILK MARKET ADMINISTRATOR

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement Number: 24-01

Position Title: Dairy Scientist (Chemist)

Series/Grade: OCC 1321 MA 12-15
(Note: This is not equivalent to GS Pay scale)

Salary: Naperville, Illinois \$ 60,562
Minimum (Includes locality pay)

Higher level commensurate with experience

Type of Appointment: Excepted

Opening Date: January 22, 2024

Closing Date: February 26, 2024

Location of Position: Naperville, Illinois

Area of Consideration: Nationwide

PRIMARY DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

Prepare samples, and perform laboratory analysis of milk for fat, protein, lactose, solids, MUN and somatic cell count, using ether extraction, Kjeldahl analysis, enzymatic lactose and MUN assays, and direct microscopic counts. Operate and maintain mid-infrared milk analyzer. Travel to dairy plants to obtain samples and monitor laboratory testing. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and have own vehicle.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS:

- **U.S. Citizenship required.**
- Position is in the excepted service under Schedule A authority.
- Selection is subject to completion of a favorable security investigation.
- Overnight travel required. Mileage, lodging and per diem paid.
- Applicants must have a valid driver's license and provide their own transportation.
- Males born after 12/31/1959 must be registered with the Selective Service.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Degree: Physical or Life Science with at least 15 semester hours in chemistry, microbiology, or dairy and food related science AND at least 6 semester hours of mathematics or physics.

OR

- B. Applicants who do not have a degree must have the appropriate semester hours described in A above for the position and experience that, when combined with education, would equal a 4-year course of study. The experience should have equipped the applicant with the necessary skills and knowledge to perform at the grade level to which appointed.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Eligible applicants will be evaluated against these criteria to determine the best qualified. Include information concerning duties, responsibilities, accomplishments, training, and/or course work pertaining to the following:

1. Knowledge and skill titrating, making solutions and general laboratory procedures.
2. Knowledge and skill in ether extraction, Kjeldahl analysis, analytical weighing operations, slide preparation and microscopic counts.
3. Knowledge in use of computers, including spreadsheets/database and word processing software.
4. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
5. Knowledge of dairy/food production, processing, and marketing.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- You will not be notified of the status of your application until a final selection has been made.
- **If your application does not contain all of the requested information, you may lose consideration for the position.**

VETERANS' PREFERENCE:

If you served on active duty in the United States military and were separated under honorable conditions, you may be eligible for veterans' preference. If your service began after October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a service-connected disability. To claim 5-point veterans' preference, attach a copy of your DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or other proof of eligibility. To claim 10-point veterans' preference, attach an SF-15, Application for 10-Point Veterans' Preference, plus the required documentation as stated on the form. A copy of this form can be obtained at www.opm.gov/Forms/ or by contacting Linda Silvola at (888) 301-8224 ext. 2217.

BENEFITS:

Federal Employees Retirement System; Federal Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401(k), with employer matching funds); Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts; Federal life insurance, Federal health insurance, and dental and vision plans; Annual (vacation) leave; Sick leave, including sick leave usage options for family-related reasons; Paid holidays; and Supplemental pay and support for activated Reserve and Guard members.

This position is eligible for limited / situational telework.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

HOW TO APPLY: Send a resume to the address listed. The following information is required to evaluate your qualifications:

- Full name, email address, residential mailing address (including zip code), day and evening phone numbers.
- Current Federal employees must submit their most recent (within 15 months) performance appraisal.
- Highest education level achieved. Specify:
 - Name of Institution including City/State
 - Date or expected date (month/year) of completion of degree requirements
 - Type of degree received
- Copy of college transcripts.
- Paid and nonpaid work experience related to the position.
- Veterans' Preference (if applicable).

Applicants should submit all of the requested information to:

Linda Silvola
Market Administrator's Office
1600 West 82nd Street, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55431
Phone: (952) 277-2346
Fax: (952) 881-6900

Email: Employment@fmma30.com

All application material must be received by the closing date.

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