

Northwest Agriculture Business Center

Position Description: MPPU Processing Supervisor

The Northwest Agriculture Business Center (NABC) contributes to the business viability of agriculture in the northwest region of Washington by increasing the profitability of farm operations through implementation of value-added agricultural projects. Processing access is critical to the success of small to mid-sized animal farmers. NABC's new Mobile Poultry Processing Unit (MPPU) is a custom-designed, three-partition processing facility, built on a 26 foot truck frame, created to serve these producers. The Unit will be driven and overseen by the MPPU Processing Supervisor. The Processing Supervisor will manage and perform work in the MPPU, providing professional and sanitary processing services, including cut and wrap, producing a high-quality, safe, value-added meat product for local poultry producers.

Responsibilities and Requirements:

- ∞ Ability to effectively lead a small crew and fast-paced processing line.
- ∞ Assist NABC staff with training Processing Technicians as required.
- ∞ Work with Processing Technician to perform pre-travel and on-site MPPU set up.
- ∞ Safely operate the truck; drive crew and MPPU to processing sites and storage lot.
- ∞ Excellent time-management and punctuality
- ∞ Good work-flow skills; ability to lead crew in keeping processing line running smoothly
- ∞ Follow directions and work with minimal supervision.
- ∞ Willing and able to work with live poultry (and occasionally rabbits); load into holding crates and restraining devices; perform humane slaughter.
- ∞ Use scalding tank and commercial plucking mechanism.
- ∞ Use sharp knives and other instruments requiring attention to safety as needed to properly eviscerate and/or skin carcasses.
- ∞ Ability to work effectively and efficiently in a small slaughter room with co-workers.
- ∞ Ability to lift up to 40 lbs.
- ∞ Maintain highest level of food safety practices throughout processing.
- ∞ Oversee and perform thorough cleaning and sanitizing of MPPU interior, equipment and implements between service sites and for storage.
- ∞ Maintain accurate sanitation and customer records.
- ∞ Maintain MPPU maintenance records and work with NABC staff to arrange for scheduled truck and equipment maintenance and upkeep.
- ∞ Maintain supply records; work with NABC staff to ensure supplies are kept in stock
- ∞ Maintain professionalism and provide excellent customer service.
- ∞ Other tasks as assigned by MPPU Processing Supervisor or NABC Project Management staff.

Desired Qualifications:

- ∞ Must have current Washington State driver's license and clean driving record
- ∞ Self-motivated, quick learner
- ∞ Prior poultry handling and processing experience
- ∞ Good writing and communication and leadership skills, using English
- ∞ Possess basic computer skills: email & Internet, word processing, forms, etc.
- ∞ Ability to pay attention to details
- ∞ Skilled with, or willingness to learn, correct and safe use of all processing and packaging tools and equipment
- ∞ Able to work methodically, and stand for long periods in hot or cold environments
- ∞ Flexible to work independently or as part of a team as needed

Compensation:

Compensation is commensurate with experience and qualifications of candidate.

Pay range: \$16.50/ hour + benefits.

This position is open for immediate hire, and the hiring process will be open until the position is filled.

This is a part-time position. Hours are flexible. May operate on a rotating schedule with variable days off.

In compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the NABC will hire only those individuals who are authorized to work in the United States. All individuals will be required to submit documentary proof of their identity and employment authorization.

Employees, members and the general public may not smoke in the NABC's public facilities or vehicles.

Other:

Submit a resume, letter of application, and two references to:

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