

Northwest Agriculture Business Center

Position Description: MPPU Processing Technician

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 Technician will 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:

- ∞ Assist Supervisor with MPPU pre-travel and on-site set up as required.
- ∞ Follow directions and work with minimal supervision on a processing line.
- ∞ 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.
- ∞ Clean and sanitize MPPU interior, equipment and instruments between service sites and for storage.
- ∞ Maintain professionalism and provide excellent customer service.
- ∞ Other tasks as assigned by MPPU Processing Supervisor or NABC Project Management staff.

Desired Qualifications:

- ∞ Self-motivated, quick learner
- ∞ Prior poultry handling and processing experience
- ∞ Good communication skills, using English
- ∞ 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: \$13.50/ 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:

David Bauermeister, Executive Director
Northwest Agriculture Business Center
P.O. Box 2924
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-336-3727
email: David@AgBizCenter.org

NORTHWEST AGRICULTURE BUSINESS CENTER
IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND PROVIDER OF SERVICES

April 14, 2014