



National Agricultural Library

CAREERS

at the
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grade Level: Middle/High School



In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln founded the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In Lincoln's day, 90 percent of the "people" were farmers who needed good seed and good information to grow their crops.

Today, USDA continues Lincoln's legacy by serving all Americans—the 2 percent of our Nation who farm as well as everyone who eats food, wears clothes, lives in a house, or visits a rural area or a national forest.

USDA is the third-largest civilian Department of the U.S. Government, overseeing a variety of agencies, Government corporations, and other entities that employ more than 100,000 people at over 15,000 locations in all 50 States and 80 countries.

The Department's work is divided into seven mission areas:

- Rural Development
- Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
- Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,
- Food Safety,
- Natural Resources and Environment,
- Research, Education, and Economics, and
- Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

This workbook was developed to give an overview of the types of careers available at USDA. This list does not contain every career possibility. For additional information on job descriptions, current positions available and how to apply for a job at USDA:
<http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/careerop.htm>

For additional information on USDA: <http://www.usda.gov/about.htm>

AGRICULTURAL

Educator

Teacher

Commodity Grader

Management Specialist

Marketing Specialist

Market Reporter



Food Program Specialist

Nutritionist

Dietitian

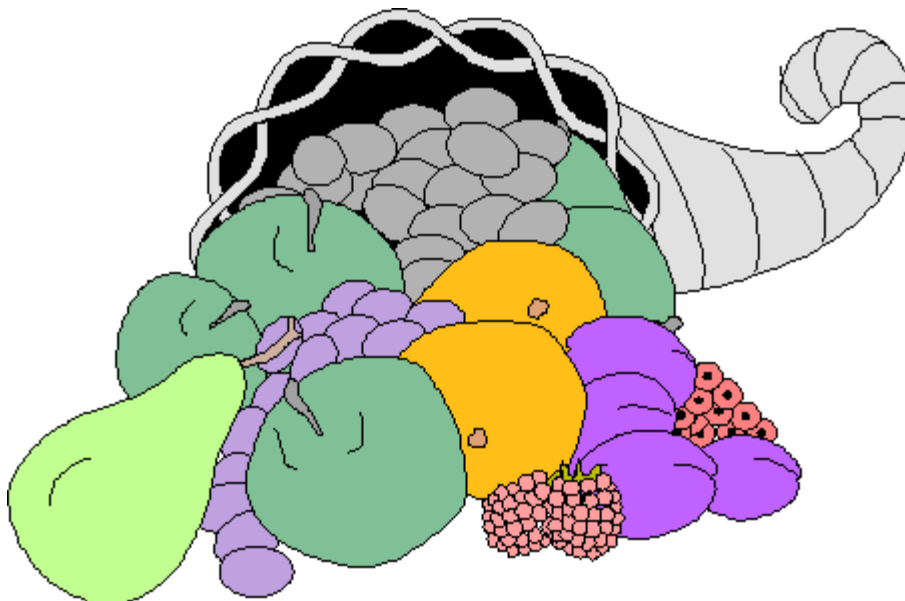
Food Technologist

Cook

Plant Protection Quarantine Officer

Food Inspector

Consumer Safety Inspector



COMPUTER
Operator
Programmer
Specialist



Engineer
Environmental
Electrical

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

Microbiologist

Entomologist

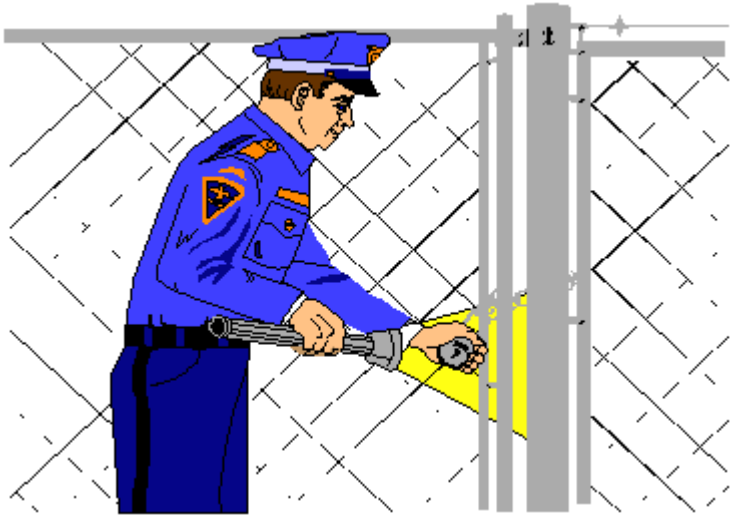
Bacteriologist

Zoologist

Botanist

Pharmacologist





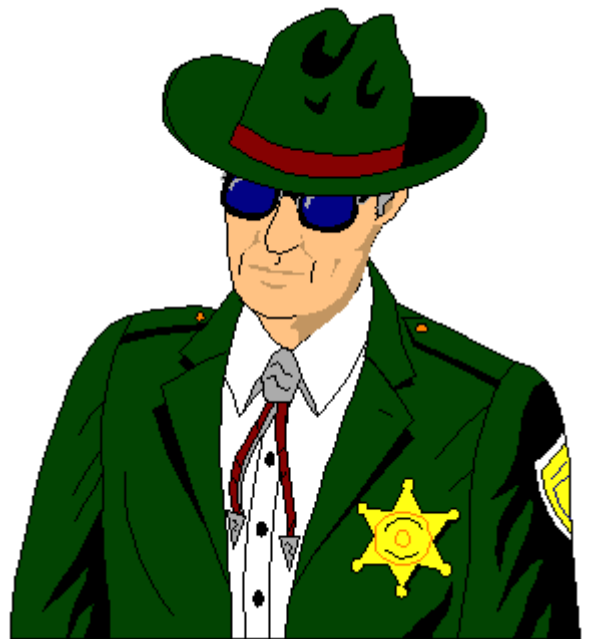
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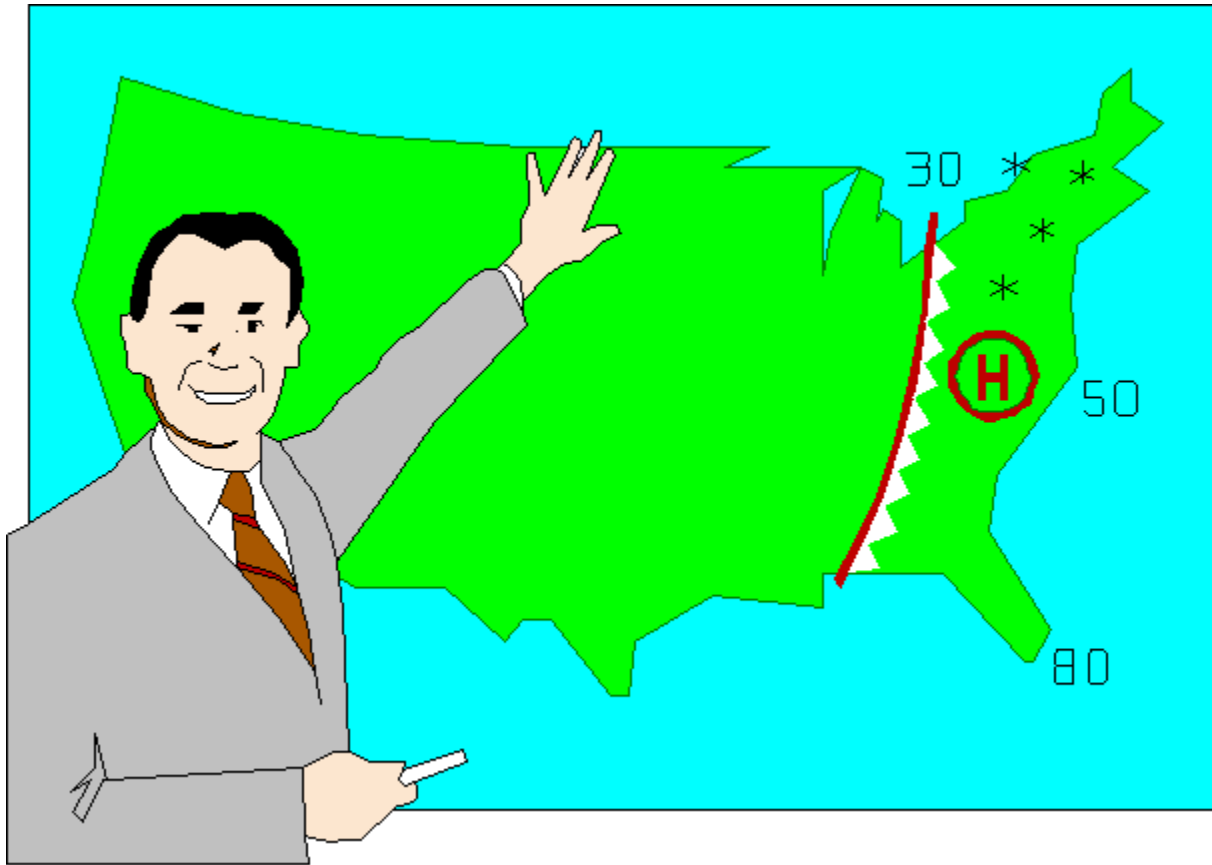
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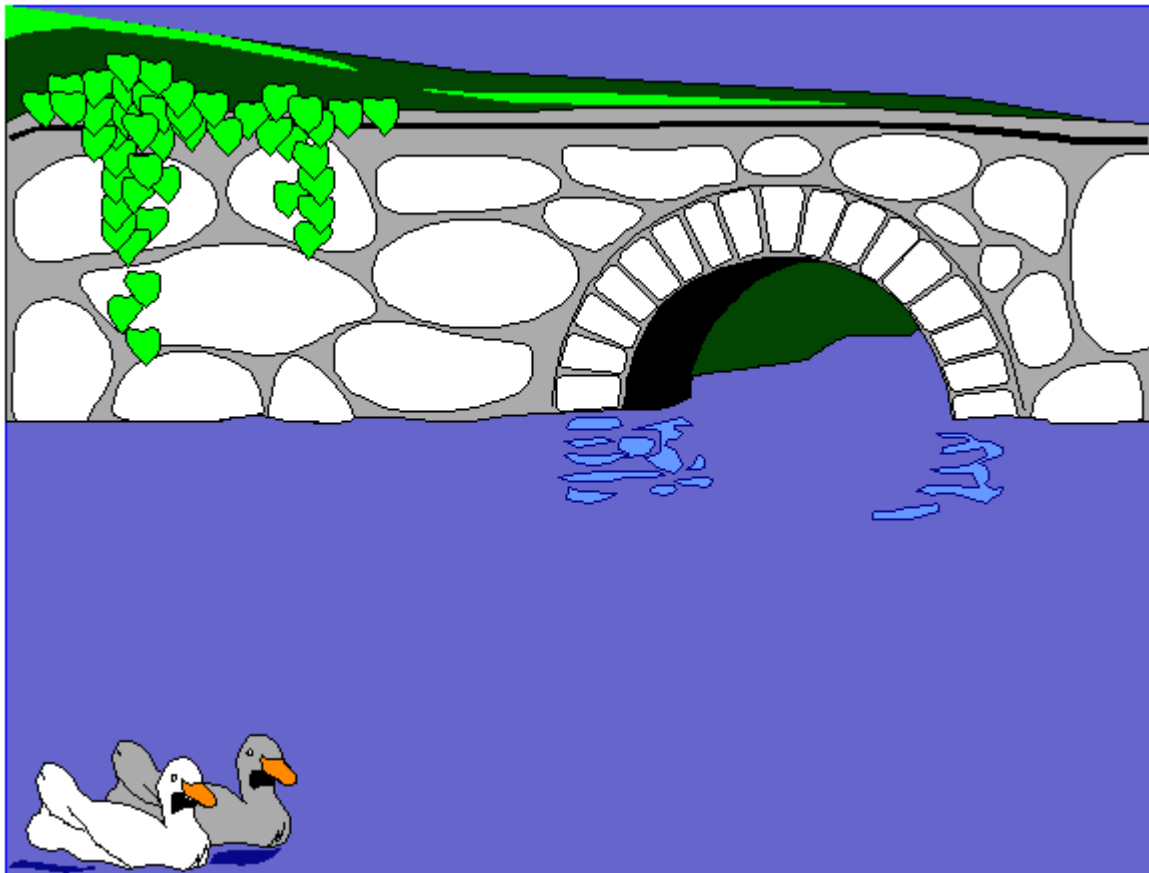
FOREST RANGER

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Meteorologist Cartographer



Ecologist
Geologist
Hydrologist
Water Management Specialist
Realty Specialist



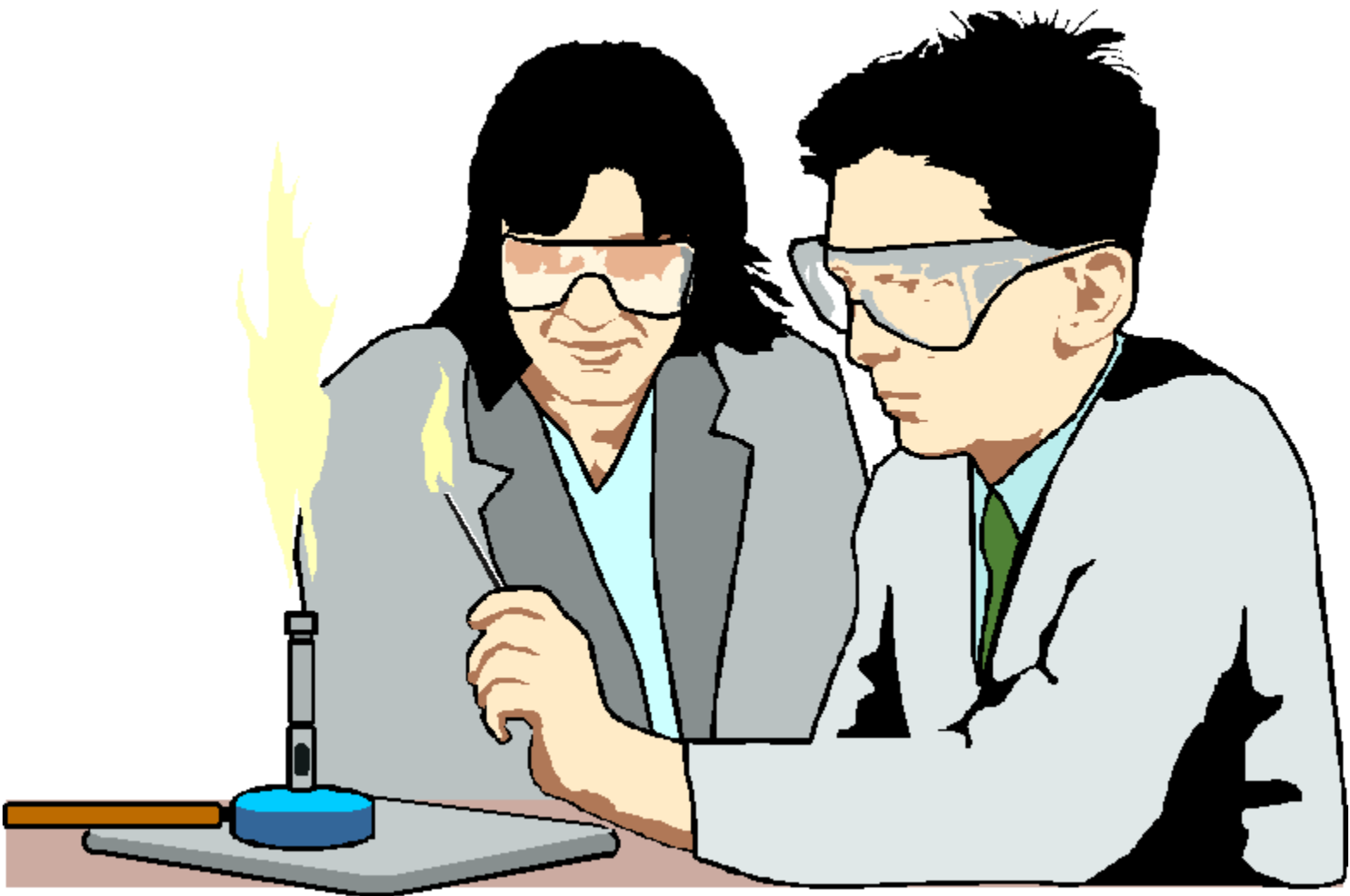
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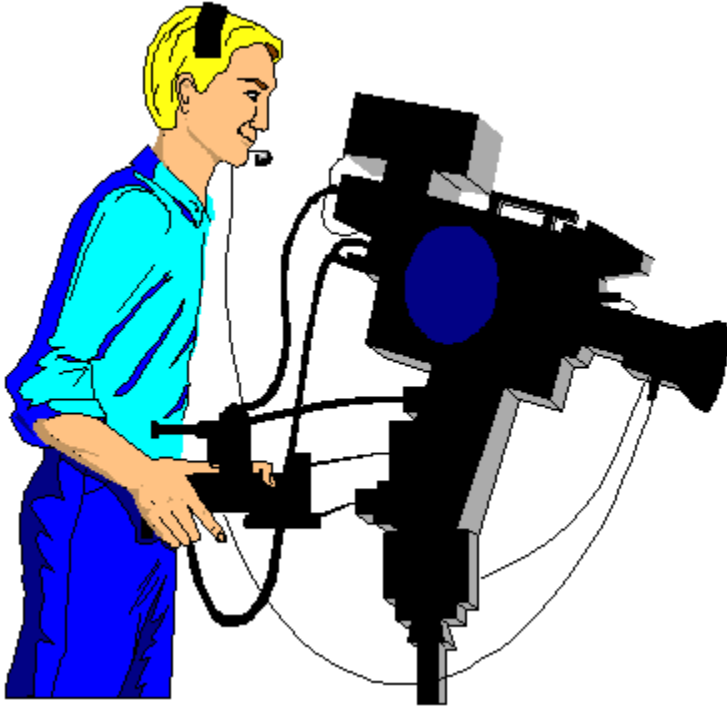
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Biological Science

Forestry



COMMUNICATIONS



CAMERA OPERATOR



PHOTOGRAPHER



Writer-Editor

Public Affairs
Specialist

Illustrator
Printing Specialist
Visual Information Specialist



Architect
Realty Specialist
Landscape Architect

Statistician Economist Mathematician



SECRETARY



CLERK



FACILITIES MANAGER

Horticulturist Floriculturist

Plant Scientist



Administrator
Attorney
Accountant
Loan Specialist or Processor
Employee Relations Specialist
Equal Opportunity Specialist
Grants Specialist



Park Ranger

Forester

Forest Aid and Technicians

Forest Products Technologist

Plant Scientist

Botanist

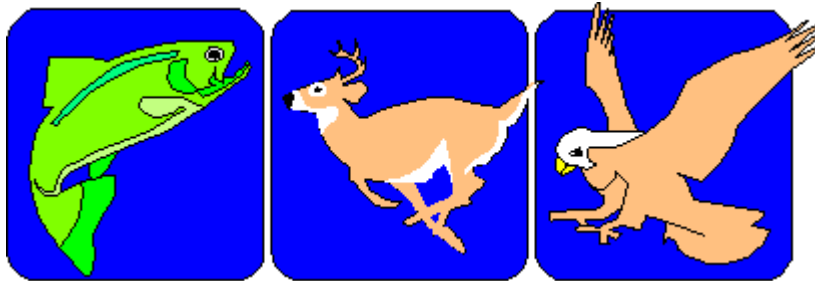
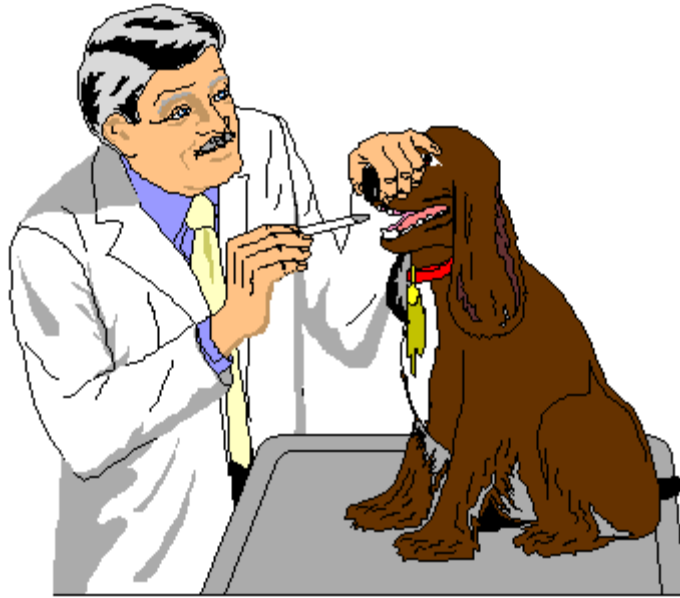
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Soil Scientist Archeologist



Veterinary Medical Officer

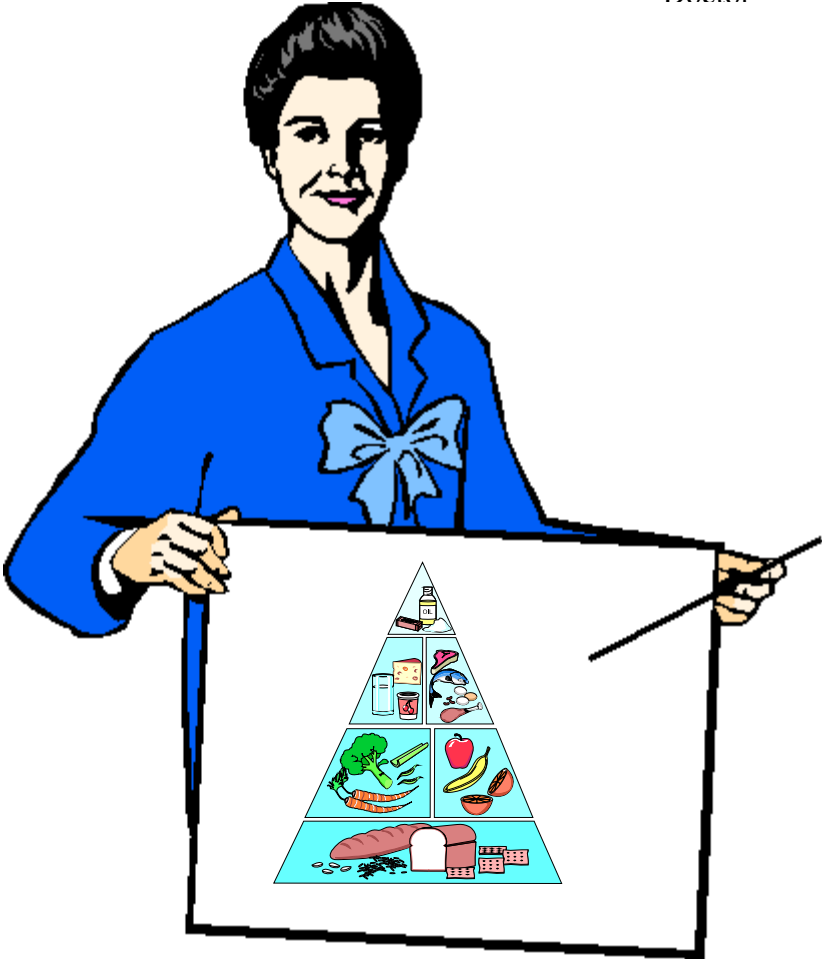


Wildlife Biologist
Animal Scientist

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



Doctor

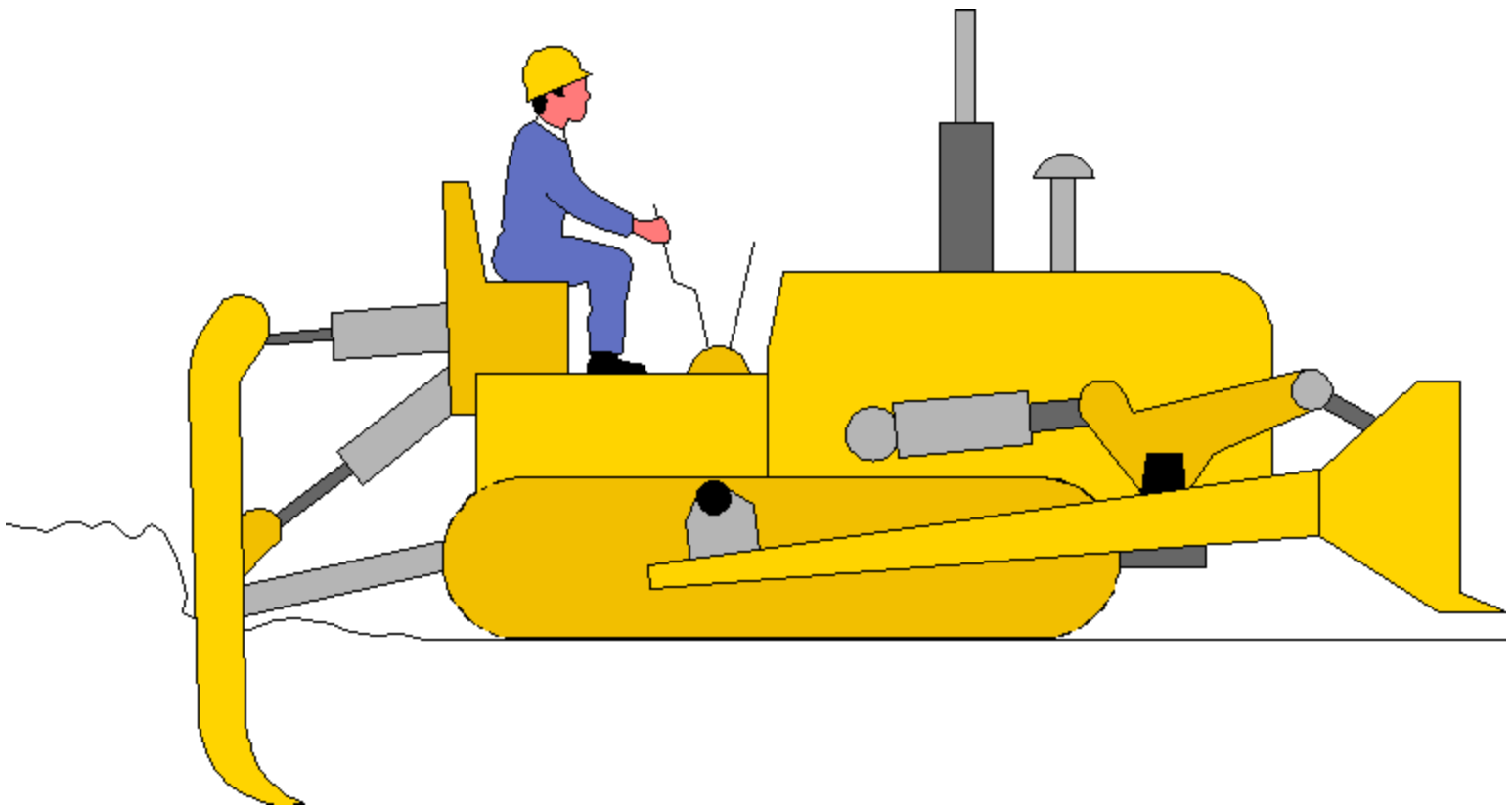


Nutritionist



Nurse

Machine Operator Laborer



At the National Agricultural Library we have the following careers:

Director
Deputy Director
Associate Director
Administrative Manager
Facilities Manager
Building Manager
Secretary
Clerk
Library Technician
Preservation Officer
Branch Chief
Indexer
Cataloger
Technical Information Specialist
Librarian
Computer Specialist
Visual Information Specialist
Public Affairs Specialist

JOB LISTING BY COLLEGE MAJOR

This is a listing of the major fields of study which are considered valuable background for employment in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Under each study field or major, we have listed the types of positions that apply. Specialization within the major may be necessary for certain positions. The listings are simply representative of the types of jobs available. Positions that particularly apply to the Agricultural Research Service are indicated by an asterisk. Employment projections for ARS for the current year are contained in a slip sheet accompanying this booklet.

Most College Majors

*Administrative Assistant/Officer

*Budget Analyst

Computer Specialist

Criminal Investigator

Food Program Specialist

Import Specialist

Industrial Specialist

Investigator (General)

*Management Analyst

*Personnel Specialist

Public Information Specialist

*Realty Specialist

*Safety Officer

*Supply Management Specialist

*Writer and Editor

Accounting

*Accountant

Agricultural Marketing Specialist

*Contract Negotiator

*Economist

Investigator (General)

*Supply Management Specialist

Agriculture or agricultural Services

Agricultural Commodity Grader

Agricultural Management Specialist

Agricultural Marketing Specialist

Agricultural Market Reporter

*Agricultural Research Technician

*Animal Scientist

*Entomologist

*Hydrologist

*Plant Scientist (various specializations)

*Range Conservationist/Scientist

*Realty Specialist

*Soil Conservationist

*Wildlife Biologist

Architecture

*Architect

*Realty Specialist

Bacteriology

Agricultural Commodity Grader

Biology or Biological Sciences

Agricultural Management Specialist

*Animal Scientist

*Biologist

*Biological Laboratory Technician

*Entomologist

Environmentalist

Geologist

Medical Technologist

*Microbiologist

*Pharmacologist

*Physiologist

*Plant Scientist

*Range Conservationist/Scientist

*Statistician

*Wildlife Biologist

*Zoologist

Botany

*Entomologist

*Hydrologist

*Plant Scientist

*Range Scientist

*Wildlife Biologist

Business Administration

*Administrative Assistant/Officer

Agricultural Commodity Grader

Agricultural Marketing Specialist
*Budget Analyst
*Contract Negotiator
Financial Institution Examiner
*Industrial Relations Specialist
Investigator (General)
Loan Specialist
*Personnel Specialist
*Printing Specialist
*Realty Specialist
*Statistician
*Supply Management Specialist

Chemistry

Agricultural Commodity Grader
*Chemist
Compliance Investigator
Forest Products Technologist
*Geologist
*Hydrologist
Medical Technologist
*Microbiologist
Oceanographer
Patent Examiner
*Pharmacologist
*Physical Science Technician
Quality Assurance Specialist

Commercial Art

*Illustrator
*Printing Specialist
*Visual Information Specialist

Dietetics

Dietitian

Economics

Agricultural Commodity Grader
Agricultural Marketing Specialist
Agricultural Market Reporter
*Budget Analyst
*Industrial Relations Specialist
Investigator (General)
Loan Specialist
Operations Research Analyst
*Printing Specialist
*Statistician
*Supply Management Specialist

Education

Extension Specialist
*Statistician

Engineering

*Engineer (various branches)
*Engineering Technician
*Environmentalist
Forest Products Technologist
*Geologist
*Hydrologist
Patent Examiner
Quality Assurance Specialist
*Realty Specialist
*Statistician

English

*Printing Specialist
*Public Affairs Specialist/Officer
*Writer-Editor

Entomology

*Entomologist

Finance

Industrial Relations Specialist
Investigator (General)
Loan Specialist
*Realty Specialist

Fine Arts

*Illustrator
*Visual Information Specialist

Food Technology

Agricultural Commodity Grader
*Food Technologist

Forestry

Cartographer
Forester

Forest Products Technologist
Park Ranger
Realty Specialist

Geology

Geologist
*Hydrologist
*Realty Specialist

Home Economics

Agricultural Commodity Grader
Home Economist

Hydrology

*Hydrologist

Industrial Management

*Administrative Assistant
*Budget Analyst
*Industrial Relations Specialist
*Industrial Specialist
Investigator (General)
*Printing Specialist
*Supply Management Specialist

Journalism

*Writer-Editor
*Public Affairs Specialist/Officer

Landscape Architecture or Design

Landscape Architect

Law

Agricultural Marketing Specialist
Attorney
*Contract Negotiator
Criminal Investigator
Investigator (General)
Loan Specialist
*Realty Specialist
*Supply Management Specialist
Tax Law Specialist

Library Science

Librarian
Library Technician

Marketing

Agricultural Commodity Grader
Agricultural Marketing Specialist
Agricultural Market Reporter
*Contract Negotiator
*Statistician
*Supply Management Specialist

Mathematics

Agricultural Marketing Specialist
*Chemist
*Economist
*Geologist
Geophysicist
*Hydrologist
*Mathematician
Meteorologist
*Operations Research Analyst
*Statistician

Medicine

*Medical Officer (Physician)
*Pharmacologist
*Nutritionist

Microbiology

*Microbiologist

Nursing

Nurse

Operations Research

Operations Research Analyst

Pharmacology

*Pharmacologist

Physical Sciences

Cartographer
*Chemist
Environmentalist
*Hydrologist
*Patent Examiner
*Pharmacologist
*Physicist
*Physical Science Technician
*Statistician

Physics

- *Engineer
Forest Products Technologist
- *Geologist
- *Hydrologist
Meteorologist
- *Patent Examiner
- *Physicist

Physiology

- *Pharmacologist
- *Physiologist

Political Science

- *Administrative Assistant/Officer
- *Budget Analyst
- *Industrial Relations Specialist
- *Management Analyst
- *Personnel Specialist
Sociologist

Psychology

- *Personnel Specialist
Statistician

Public Administration

- *Administrative Assistant/Officer
- *Budget Analyst

- *Industrial Relations Specialist
- *Management Analyst
- *Personnel Specialist
Investigator (General)

Range Management

- *Range Scientist

Social Sciences

- Investigator (General)
- *Personnel Specialist
- *Realty Specialist
- *Statistician

Sociology

- *Personnel Specialist

Veterinary Medicine

- *Animal Scientist
- *Pharmacologist
- *Veterinary Medical Officer

Zoology

- *Entomologist
- *Physiologist
- *Wildlife Biologist
- *Zoologist

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