

AGRICULTURAL FIELD ASSISTANT

Full Time - Seasonal

Located in the heart of Central Alberta, Red Deer County provides a wonderful mix of rural and urban amenities. Over 97% of County residents report high satisfaction with their quality of life, making Red Deer County a great destination for both living and working.

Red Deer County is a great place to work! It is much more than just a job to go to. It is a place where everyone plays an important role. At Red Deer County, we believe that mutual trust and respect, shared responsibility, and open communication are essential characteristics for creating personal success within a first-class working environment.

The <u>Agriculture Services Department</u> of Red Deer County has a seasonal, full-time position for a dynamic and highly motivated **Agricultural Field Assistant** to supplement our ongoing focus in the delivery of customer service excellence.

Key Responsibilities

Under the direction of the Assistant Agricultural Manager, the responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:

- Identification of a wide range of weeds and crops as well as other pests.
- Manual/chemical weed control.
- Identification and reporting of prohibited and noxious weeds.
- Communication with County residents, the public, and staff.
- Operation and maintenance of pesticide application equipment.
- Operation of light duty equipment and small hand and power tools.
- Detailed record keeping, computer operation, and other office duties.
- Manual labour, park maintenance, and other duties as required within the scope of the position.

**Candidates will be assigned to various core duties according to their aptitudes.

Core duties include weed inspection, herbicide application, and seeding.

Qualifications

- Completion of (or currently enrolled in) a post-secondary Agriculture, Horticulture, or related certificate or diploma program; an equivalent combination of experience and education will be considered.
- Ability to identify a wide range of weeds and crops is an asset.
- Ability to work alone with minimal supervision.

- Proficient computer skills (MS Office applications).
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to lift 25 kilograms.
- Valid Class 5 Drivers' License with acceptable drivers' abstract and criminal records check.
- Valid Pesticide Applicator Certification with Industrial Classifications is an asset.
- Experience with light duty equipment and hand tools is an asset.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Weed Control Act is an asset.
- Background in Agriculture is an asset.

Additional Information

This is a seasonal, full-time position (40 hours/week).

Term: May 5th, 2025 – August 29th, 2025 **Opportunity for extension of term**

Hourly Rate: \$29.10

Hourly Rate for Licensed Applicator: \$29.97

Competition Closes: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, February 2nd, 2025

Qualified parties are requested to submit a detailed resume and cover letter to the Human Resources Department:

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.

hr@rdcounty.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.