

## AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT

### DEFINITION

Performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled tasks related to the day-to-day operations of a farm/agricultural unit that supports an instructional program.

### TYPICAL DUTIES

Assists in cleaning and maintaining animal facilities and equipment.  
Assists in feeding, sorting, moving, and husbanding livestock.  
Mows, rakes, weeds, and cultivates agricultural plots.  
Prepares soil for planting and plants vegetables, grains, and pasture crops.  
Moves pipes, irrigates, and checks progress of watering.  
Digs drains and ditches.  
Harvests and washes crops.  
Stacks hay and unloads sacked and bulk grain.  
Performs general cleanup and trash removal.  
Builds, repairs, and paints fences.  
Performs routine repair and upkeep on horse stables, barns, animal units, and storage facilities.  
Cleans, washes, and performs general upkeep on farm/agricultural tools, equipment, machinery, and vehicles.  
Assists in receiving, unloading, and stocking farm/agricultural and animal supplies and equipment.  
Assists in taking inventory of farm/agricultural and animal supplies and equipment.  
Identifies and reports safety and/or sanitary hazards to the assigned supervisor.  
May operate various types of tractors, maintenance vehicles, and farm/agricultural equipment.  
May open and secure assigned facilities.  
May assist in hand planting, pruning, shaping, and bracing of trees, vines, shrubbery, and ornamental plants.  
May assist in spreading or spraying pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.  
May cut and stack firewood.  
Performs related duties as assigned.

### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

An **Agricultural Assistant** performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled tasks related to the day-to-day operations of a farm/agricultural unit that supports an instructional program.

A **Farm Manager** plans, supervises, and participates in the management and maintenance of agricultural and horticultural activities that support the instructional program at Los Angeles Pierce College.

An **Agricultural Technician** applies a working knowledge of the agricultural sciences in performing the full range of duties related to the day-to-day operations of farm/agricultural units that support an instructional program which includes instructional assistance, animal care, crop production, and facilities and equipment maintenance and repair.

## SUPERVISION

Immediate supervision is received from a classified or academic supervisor. Work direction is received from a Senior Agricultural Technician or an Agricultural Technician. No supervision is exercised.

## CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

### Knowledge of:

Use of and safe operation of common hand tools used in farm/agricultural operations  
Safety practices and procedures related to agricultural work

### Ability to:

Perform unskilled and semi-skilled tasks related to farm/agricultural operations  
Perform sustained heavy labor  
Demonstrate manual dexterity, physical coordination, and mechanical ability  
Understand and follow oral and written instructions  
Learn to safely operate power equipment and vehicles used in farm/agricultural operations  
Learn safety requirements for handling hazardous or toxic materials and agricultural waste disposal  
Learn and perform upkeep and minor repairs to farm/agricultural facilities such as horse stables, fences, barns, and animal units

## ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

### Education and Experience:

Experience in unskilled and semi-skilled work related to farming is desirable.

### Special:

A valid California driver's license.  
Access to an automobile.