Job Title:
Agricultural Technician

Compensation:
$11.55 per hour, non-benefitted, 29 hours per week

Location:
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
350 N Redwood Road
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6500

Job Description
The UDAF Insect Program detects and monitors insect pests that are agriculturally significant. The program is seeking a lab technician who will sort through insect traps in order to assess and record target species. The employee will identify insects using taxonomic keys and a reference collection. Additionally, the employee will assist with lab diagnostics of honey bee pests and pathogens. The technician may be asked to perform occasional field work such as placing and servicing insect traps in various locations along the Wasatch front. Employer is willing to accommodate a school schedule.

Example of Duties
Identify target insect pests, curate reference collection, perform data entry, assist with pathogen analysis, answering phone calls and occasional field work.

Qualifications
High school diploma
Interest in entomology or biology generally
Willingness to learn insect anatomy and taxa
Adherence to laboratory standards and protocols
Understanding of basic ecological and biological principles
Strong oral and written communication skills

Preferred qualifications
Some college-level biology coursework

Supplemental Information
Laboratory work will require strict attention to detail and a high level of organization. The employee will be working with chemicals that are typically considered nonhazardous. However, the employee may be subjected to strong and unpleasant odors, such as dead insects.

Field work may require physical exertion such as walking over rough surfaces, bending, reaching, crouching and lifting moderately heavy items in a recurring manner for long periods of time.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to kwatson@utah.gov