

Field Inspectors Wanted

Kansas Crop Improvement Association

Overview: Kansas Crop Improvement Association (KCIA) is the designated authority for seed certification in Kansas and is in Manhattan. We hire people state-wide who are dependable, detail-oriented and self-motivated to assist us in conducting field inspections in their local area during a seven-to-ten-day period prior to wheat harvest in June or July depending on area of the state. Work outside, training is provided, short-term, flexible daily hours, mileage reimbursement.

Description: Field inspectors travel to seed production field sites in their county and adjacent counties. Primary duty is to walk through and evaluate the field and crop for compliance to our certification standards and submit an electronic report to our office. There is some communication/coordination required with the grower.

Most fields are wheat fields and inspections are conducted during the two weeks prior to wheat harvest in any given area of Kansas. The job requires a commitment to be available when the fields are ready but there is some room for flexibility in scheduling the daily work. An inspector may expect 6-10 working days or more during their area's two-to-three-week season.

- ❖ 18 years or older. Enjoy being outdoors.
- ❖ Have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, auto liability insurance.
- ❖ Committed to being available during your area's limited inspection season in June-July.
- ❖ Physically able to work outdoors during Kansas summer which includes high temperatures and unpredictable weather. Inspectors are not in fields during inclement weather. Requires the physical ability to walk several miles over the course of a day over open ground, and the visual acuity to make observations.
- ❖ Written and verbal communication are helpful, including basic technology/email use.
- ❖ Dependable and capable of working independently.
- ❖ Some plant and weed identification is needed so farming or gardening background is very helpful but not an absolute requirement. We will train you.

Compensation: \$16.00/hr starting, plus mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate.
Overnight travel is unlikely and voluntary but, if utilized lodging and meals will be reimbursed.

COVID-19 – Field inspections are conducted in a manner that minimizes person-to-person interaction and enforces social distancing protocols. The majority of the time, the inspector will be either in their vehicle or in the field.

Field inspection is a healthy and interesting short-term outdoor activity. Most of our inspectors are teachers or retirees who enjoy the work and return year after year. For more insight into KCIA visit us at WWW.kscrop.org.

Please call or email if you have any questions or to request an application. I will be very happy to discuss the work with you.

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