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## **Vacancy Announcement** **State Plant Regulatory Official**

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) invites applications to fill the State Plant Regulatory Official Position. The person is responsible for management of the nursery and apiary inspection staff, the State Survey Coordinator, as well as seasonal staff, plus management of associated work plans and budgets. The Regulatory Official serves as a liaison between the Experiment Station and USDA, US Forest Service, other state agencies, and as the representative of the State of CT to the National Plant Board. The Regulatory Official is responsible for the management and execution of registration and licensing for nursery growers, nursery dealers, and beekeepers on the State of CT eLicense system. The Regulatory Official provides planning, direction, evaluation and overall supervision to the Plant Regulatory Unit.

Responsibilities include: 1) providing supervision, hiring, training, performance management and leadership to the Plant Pest Regulatory Unit; 2) directing the implementation and continual improvement of the licensing and certification programs so that applicable laws and regulations are carried out, clients are effectively served and consumer interests and the State environment is protected; and 3) working with the State Entomologist to develop and implement plant pest regulation that safeguards plant-related industries and the natural resources of CT. In cooperation with USDA, the Regulatory Official coordinates the approval of permits and facility inspections, as well as funding opportunities. The Regulatory Official facilitates data entry and data sharing into state and federal reporting systems.

The applicant should possess good interpersonal and communication skills, be well organized and able to multi-task, have an ability to visualize big-picture scenarios, and be open-minded to the needs of competing interests. The applicant should have experience, training, and degree in entomology, agriculture, plant pathology, or other related fields in the biological sciences. Preference will be given to applicants with master's or doctoral-level degrees but relevant work experience may substitute in place of a graduate degree.

The starting salary is \$73,032 per year and comes with a generous benefits package. Review of application materials will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The primary appointment will be within the Department of Entomology at the main CAES campus in New Haven, CT.

Candidates should submit the following electronically in a single PDF file: 1) a cover letter summarizing qualifications and interests; 2) a resume; 3) college/graduate transcripts; and 4) contact information for three professional references. The application package should be sent to: Dr. Philip Armstrong, ScD, Chief Scientist and Head, Department of Entomology, at [Philip.Armstrong@ct.gov](mailto:Philip.Armstrong@ct.gov).

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