

# Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

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The Department of Agriculture is currently recruiting to fill the following position:

**Director, Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services** plans and directs programs to prevent, detect, control, and eradicate diseases affecting domestic animals and poultry for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Work involves providing and advising Department leadership on animal health issues; directing a professional staff that deals with animal and/or poultry health; developing and recommending revision of laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to animal and/or poultry health; planning and directing surveillance of domestic animals to determine the prevalence of disease; ensuring efficient operation of the Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services activities; and collaborates with leaders from other agencies and jurisdictions on new and ongoing investigations related to animal health, food safety, disease detection and eradication.

As the Director of the Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services the position also assumes responsibility as the State Veterinarian and the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission Executive Director. As State Veterinarian the position is responsible for representing the Department in national and international animal health cooperative programs; recommending and advocating program policy changes when appropriate; and interacting with the US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Veterinary Services, the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials, and the US Animal Health Association. As Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission Executive Director the position is responsible for providing assistance to the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission and the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS) while establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with Commission members, industry groups, and other state and federal officials as well as the general public.

- Minimum experience requirements are Ten (10) years of experience in the diagnosis and management of animal diseases in a university, governmental, industrial or private practice, including five (5) years experience in a supervisory capacity directing professional and technical staff.
- NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a DVM/VMD degree from an AMVA or AVMA approved college.
- Salary range \$87,257 to \$132,656 commensurate with experience.
- This permanent position is located at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture headquarters in Harrisburg, PA (Dauphin Co.).
- Applicants must apply by going to the Bureau of State Employment website [www.employment.pa.gov](http://www.employment.pa.gov) "Job Opportunities" and apply to the Director, Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services link no later than April 22, 2016. A detailed description of duties and additional details are available at [www.agriculture.state.pa.us](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us) (About PDA – Employment Opportunities).

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Smith in the Human Resource Office at 717-787-1065.

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