

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
WEST VIRGINIA MILITARY AUTHORITY
1703 COONSKIN DRIVE
CHARLESTON, WV 25311-1085**

**POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: ML220415**

OPENING DATE: 27 April 2022 **CLOSING DATE:** 11 May 2022

LOCATION: West Virginia National Guard, Muddlety, WV

JOB TITLE: MA Trades Specialist 3

WORKING TITLE: MA Agriculture Pesticide Specialist

SALARY RANGE: \$ 35,688- \$52,452 per annum

HOW TO APPLY: Anyone interested in applying for this position must submit a **completed West Virginia Military Authority Employment Application form and resume** to West Virginia Military Authority, 1703 Coonskin Drive, Charleston, WV 25311- 1085 or email to deborah.s.taylor28.nfg@army.mil **Applications must be received by close date.**

Applications may be obtained from the West Virginia Military Authority web site:
<https://militaryauthority.wv.gov/FormSearch/WVMA%20Application.pdf>

NATURE AND SCOPE OF WORK:

Under general supervision, performs agriculture, farming and maintenance work, to include planting and maintenance of trees, shrubs and other plants, with a focus on activities related to pesticide application and farm safety management. Responsible for oversight of the orchard pesticides spray program and application of chemicals as related to the operation. Supports the federal and state missions of the West Virginia National Guard through the performance of a variety of semi-skilled work in connection with agriculture projects and initiatives, maintenance of agriculture facilities, buildings, grounds, and spray equipment. The primary function of this position is to perform task related to the overall health and wellness of the orchard and high tunnels through a structured pesticide spray program. Work assignments require knowledge of agriculture, farming, pesticide application, farm safety management, pesticide rotation, scheduling, inventory, record keeping and storage, as well as operation and management of related equipment and machinery. Performs related work as required. Work will support the vision and mission of Patriot Gardens and similar agriculture initiatives within the context of strategic relationships among federal, state and local government, military organizations, and economic and community development organizations. Call-out and work in inclement weather and on difficult terrain is required. Statewide and occasional national travel is required. Performs other duties as assigned.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Perform activities to include maintaining inventory of chemicals and necessary paperwork on site, follow spray schedule and apply chemicals in rotation based on guidance of program lead, maintenance of spray based equipment, oversee safety protocols for all site chemical applications and storage.
2. Perform general farming activities to include planting, grafting and maintenance of fruit and nut trees.
3. Perform additional work associated with the construction, maintenance and operation of green houses, plant nurseries and high tensile electric fencing.
4. Operate equipment and machinery related to fanning, to include dozers, excavators, backhoes, trucks, farm tractors, spray equipment, tilling equipment and generators.
5. Maintain equipment and machinery, as needed, to include changing oil and filters and basic preventive maintenance.
6. Obtaining a West Virginia Pesticide License is necessary
7. Perform carpentry work as needed to include operation of finger jointer, router, table saw and cut off saw.
8. Repair and replace lighting fixtures and bulbs; installs simple electrical equipment.
9. Perform basic plumbing skills.
10. Perform masonry repair work such as preparing cement, installing reinforcing steel rods, patching and finishing cement, and replacing damaged masonry.
11. Paint window frames, tables, chairs, buildings, sheds, rooms and equipment.
12. Move, load and unload supplies, move equipment by hand or with dollies and perform manual tasks.
13. Perform groundwork such as mowing and trimming, removing snow, sweeping sidewalks, and picking up trash.
14. Assist with the collection and recording of data from experimental plot and field trials on site.
15. Assist in plot development and design of field trials and experiments
16. Perform other duties as assigned.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

1. Knowledge of the agriculture and farming.
2. Ability to obtain and maintain active pesticide certification and apply chemicals appropriately.
3. Ability to maintain tools and equipment used in pesticide application as well as a variety of farming, maintenance, carpentry, building and grounds maintenance.
4. Ability to safely operate tools and equipment used in fanning, maintenance, carpentry, building and grounds maintenance.
5. Ability to perform farming activities to include tilling, planting, sowing, grafting, spraying, food processing, construction, equipment operation and maintenance.
6. Ability to perform activities such as clearing land, grubbing, building roads, cutting grass, trimming, snow and ice removal and related work.
7. Ability to assist in carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry work.
8. Ability to perform physically arduous tasks.
9. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
10. Ability to safely work at various heights on ladders, platforms and scaffolds.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School diploma or equivalent. Must obtain and maintain active pesticide certification.

EXPERIENCE: One year of paid experience or self-employment in farming, agriculture, pesticide application, building maintenance or building trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, plasterer, welder, custodial or grounds maintenance work.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. POSITION IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF CONTINUED FUNDING.
2. THIS POSITION FALLS UNDER THE WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS).
3. THIS POSITION MUST POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
4. CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICS, AGE, MEMBERSHIP OR NON-MEMBERSHIP IN AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.
5. **A pre-employment drug is mandatory.**