



# Agricultural Assistant I

(Extra Help/Seasonal)

Agricultural Commissioner's Office

\$21.13 - \$25.69 per hour

Apply by February 18, 2026



## ABOUT THE COUNTY

Stanislaus County is located in Central California within 90 minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area, the Silicon Valley, Sacramento, the Sierra Nevada Mountains and California's Central Coast. With an estimated 552,878 people calling this area home, the community reflects a region rich in diversity with a strong sense of community. Two of California's major north-south transportation routes (Interstate 5 and Highway 99) intersect the area and the County has quickly become one of the dominant logistics center locations on the west coast.

The County is home to a vibrant arts community with the world-class Gallo Center for the Arts, a symphony orchestra, and abundant visual and performing arts. Stanislaus County is a global center for agribusiness, positioned by its mild Mediterranean climate, rich soils and progressive farming practices. The area is recognized internationally for agricultural innovation with wine, almonds, poultry, milk, cattle, and walnuts being some of the featured industries. The County is also home to California State University Stanislaus, Modesto Junior College and benefits from satellite locations of other high-quality educational institutions. The County was established in 1854 and has a total land area of 1,515 square miles. Temperatures range from an average low of 43 degrees in the winter, to an average high of 92 degrees in the summer. Temperatures move up into the high 90s during the summer months with low humidity and cool evening breezes from the San Joaquin Delta.

*Scan the QR code to learn more about the  
Agricultural Commissioner's Office!*



*Stanislaus County is ranked in the  
Top 10 Agricultural Counties in California  
bringing in over \$3 billion in revenue each year!*

## THE DEPARTMENT

The office of the Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures is a regulatory agency acting under the authority of the State of California and direction of the California Department of Food and Agriculture; the Department of Pesticide Regulation; the Division of Measurement Standards; and in collaboration with various other federal, state, and local agencies.

## THE POSITION

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office is looking for individuals who are detail-oriented, self-motivated, enjoy working outdoors, and exhibit a customer-oriented attitude. Home gardening experience is a plus. The ideal candidate should have the ability to identify common plants in our County, to read and draw maps, be comfortable using computers and tablets, and work well with others.

Individuals in this role will perform a wide variety of semi-skilled field tasks in pest detection, reporting directly to the Supervising Agricultural/Weights and Measures Inspector. This role assist Agricultural/Weights and Measures Inspectors by performing a variety of routine and repetitive tasks that do not require the skill and knowledge of Inspectors. Incumbents do not perform the full range of Inspector duties and are not empowered to issue certificates or to enforce agriculture and weights and measures laws and regulations. These programs include, but are not limited to, pest detection, pest management, pest exclusion, pesticide use enforcement, seed inspection, nursery inspection, fruit and vegetable quality control, apiary activity, mapping, geographical information systems, weights and measures, Agricultural Center facility coordination and/or special or emergency agricultural projects. Many Extra-Help/Seasonal Agricultural Assistants return to work seasonally year after year. Incumbents may occasionally be asked to work at other times during the year based on environmental needs; however, the primary work season for this position is May through October.

*Scan the QR code for the full physical requirements of the position.*





## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Possession of a high school diploma or GED; AND
- Possess and maintain a valid California Driver's License.

## DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the minimum qualifications, applicant screening may focus on the following desirable qualifications. Please list any of these qualifications you may have within the "Duties" section of the online application.

- Six (6) months relevant work experience involving entomology, plant science, or biological/horticultural/agricultural pest survey or inspection work, OR
- Satisfactory completion of at least three (3) courses in either agricultural or biological science at the college level.

Proof of education required at time of application.

For the full **Minimum Qualifications**, including the **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**, scan the QR code or [click here](#).



## TYPICAL TASKS

- Maintain equipment and supplies as necessary;
- Travel and work independently and collaboratively;
- Prepare and maintain accurate documentation and compile reports on duties performed;
- Use a computer and electronic devices/tools to collect and input data, and prepare reports;
- Perform a wide variety of agricultural and/or weights and measures program support duties under the supervision of licensed inspectors;
- Place, inspect, and maintain pest detection traps;
- Collect and submit to supervisor any specimens suspected of being target pests;
- Perform specific pest surveys and explain to the public the purpose and importance of the pest detection survey program;
- Keep detailed records and maps of trap locations, dates of servicing and trap conditions;
- Perform outdoor manual labor relating to trap maintenance in varying weather conditions; and
- Perform a wide variety of agricultural inspection, survey and pest detection duties as needed.

# QUICK GUIDE TO APPLYING



## APPLICATION PROCESS



Find the  
Right Job



Update Your  
Application



Submit Your  
Application



Wait for  
Processing



Receive Notice of  
Application Status

## APPLICATION BEST PRACTICES

### BE COMPLETE

We screen for qualifications based on the information provided on your application, not on your resume. **Please make sure all relevant experience is listed within the body of your application.**

### BE DETAILED

Connect your professional experiences to the job's knowledge, skills and abilities. **Share your work history and how it relates to the minimum qualifications of the position.**

### UPDATE YOUR APPLICATION

Take the time to review and update your application each time you apply for a new position. **Ensure that your employment dates are correct and that any relevant skills or experiences are listed.**

### ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attach any required supporting documentation listed in the Minimum Qualifications. **Not submitting that typing certificate or proof of education could be the reason you are disqualified!**

### HIGHLIGHT DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

If there are desirable qualifications listed, they may influence the screening process. **Detail how you meet both minimum qualifications and desirable qualifications in the duties section of your application.**

## COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

### WRITING "SEE RESUME"

Relying on your resume instead of completing the application can hurt your chances. **Be sure to fill out all sections and attach proof of education when required, as resumes alone don't provide the details needed to evaluate your qualifications.**

### OUTDATED OR MISSING REFERENCES

Submitting old contact information or leaving references blank can delay the reference check process. **Include current, reachable contact information for all references.**

### INCLUDING TOO MUCH OR UNRELATED INFO

Adding long paragraphs or unrelated experiences can make your application unclear. **Keep your application clear, concise, and focused on relevant qualifications.**

### ASSUMING COMPUTERS SCREEN APPLICATIONS

Believing that a computer or automated system selects qualified candidates is a common misconception. **All applications are reviewed by trained recruitment analysts, so make sure your experience is clearly detailed.**

## **CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION**

Part-time extra-help is a provisional classification where permanent status may not be obtained. This position is subject to overtime, standby, shift, and callback assignments and will perform related duties as assigned. This position is non-benefited except for participation in a 401a program with Nationwide.

The Job Task Analysis provides information detailing the physical and functional demands of the classification. For the complete job task analysis, visit the Risk Management website at <https://www.stancounty.com/riskmgmt/risk-dm-jta-class-sub-main.shtm>.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES/FINAL FILING DATE: February 18, 2026**

### **Oral Examinations are tentatively scheduled: Week of March 2, 2026**

Applications cannot be submitted later than 5:00 p.m. on the final filing date. Make your online application as complete as possible so a full and realistic appraisal may be made of your qualifications.

Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application.

Attaching your resume and cover letter are an optional feature for those who wish to do so in addition to completing the required application. Information on your resume and cover letter will not substitute for the education, work experience and required fields on the County application. The online County application is the primary tool used to evaluate your job qualifications.

## **RECRUITMENT ACCOMMODATIONS**

Arrangements may be made to accommodate disabilities and religious convictions. Applicants requiring testing accommodations are required to complete and submit the Testing Accommodations Request Form prior to the test administration date. Special arrangements for religious convictions should be included in the "Additional Information" section of the application form.

## **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Pass County-paid pre-employment job-related background investigation.
- Perform job duties in a manner assuring a safe working environment for oneself and others.
- Maintain confidential information according to the legal standards and/or County regulations as required.
- Some positions may be required to possess and maintain a valid California Driver's License and meet County insurability requirements.

## **APPLICATION AND/OR EXAMINATION APPEAL RIGHTS**

Application and/or examination results may be appealed by applicants presenting facts alleging irregularity, fraud and/or error in application screening or in exam scoring. Appeals must be in writing and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer within seven (7) days after the examination results are mailed.

## **DISCLAIMER**

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