

Biosecurity and Animal Health Jobs and Careers Report/Factsheet

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Career or job title: Extension Educator
Education and experience required: college degree, master's degree, or PhD
Businesses, organizations, or agencies where these jobs exist: University Extension Service, Land Grant University
Salary or wage (optional): \$35,000 - \$80,000
Description of duties and responsibilities: Extension educators work with researchers and scientists to deliver valid and reputable evidence-based information and advice to clients. Clients may include farmers and ranchers, food processors, consumers and households, youth and students, emergency responders, policy makers, and many other stakeholders in animal and food systems. They work on behalf of the public as part of state universities or USDA.
Why is biosecurity important to this job/career? Extension educators have broad and some expert-level knowledge of agriculture, food, and health. They are viewed as sources of science-based information and can advise people on biosecurity specifically, or why it is generally important in animal and food systems. Since Extension educators work with many farm and ranch families, households, or the food industry they must practice biosecurity while travelling and visiting farms, ranches, fairs and events, and homes, so they don't spread a pathogen or animal disease.
References (websites, publications, interviews and personal communication): Ag Careers Website: https://www.agcareers.com/career-profiles/extension-agent.cfm Biosecurity for Extension Personnel: https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/vme-5 Personal interview: Joanne Jones, Extension Agent, Hazzard County Extension

Notes:

This was an interesting project. I think I would like to be an Extension educator for my state and county.