

TITLE: Conservation Technician

PAY GRADE 20: - \$26,916.02(\$12.94/hr.) - \$37,104.03(\$17.84/hr.)

Position Description

Summary:

This is a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) technical and professional team-oriented position under direction of the supervisor in the Office of Agricultural Water Policy's (OAWP) in partnership with the Hardee County Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD). The position will be assisting with the coordination and implementation of FDACS-adopted best management practices (BMPs) and assisting with agricultural related projects with the HSWCD. The primary office of the technician will be in Hardee County. The primary area of the technician will be Hardee County, but will travel to neighboring counties such as Desoto, Manatee, Polk, and Highlands County. This position will involve travel to agricultural operations, meetings, and tradeshow/workshops and will include a vehicle. These are the primary responsibilities of the technician position:

- Assisting the OAWP team with implementation of BMPs and enrollment into the FDACS-adopted BMP Program by conducting on-site field evaluations of agricultural operations using BMP manuals, checklists and other tools to assist producers in enrolling by filing with the FDACS a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Implement BMPs.
- Coordinating with partner agencies, follow-up visits with agricultural operations, generating maps, data collection and analysis, and cross-checking parcel identification information.
- Conducting evaluations for the OAWP's Implementation Assurance Program to assure implementation of FDACS-adopted BMPs.
- Assisting HSWCD and OAWP with administration, implementation and verification of the BMP cost-share program, such as the review of cost-share projects, invoices and deliverables documentation.
- Assisting partner agencies, such as the University of Florida's Extension Service, in coordinating and conducting education and outreach regarding the BMP program.
- Assisting in education, outreach, and implementation of the FDACS' responsibilities under the Florida Watershed Restoration Act/Total Maximum Daily Loads Program through producer enrollment in the FDACS-adopted BMP Programs.
- Assists in delivery of information to and input from the HSWCD, Extension Service, and the local agricultural community on non-regulatory strategies, cost-share and other incentives, technical assistance needs, and research and demonstration needs. These include assisting the FDACS and the HSWCD by helping plan, and participate in meetings, workshops, field days, and distribution of printed and electronic materials.

**Although resumes are accepted an application form must be completed and sent to:
Hardee Soil and Water Conservation District
316 N 7th AVE, STE 101
Wauchula, FL 33873
863-773-9644**

Position is open until filled.

I have read and understand this position description. I further understand that this position is grant funded and ends June 30, 2020 with possible renewal.

Name: _____

Date: _____