

Looking for a career with purpose and passion?

Director, Animal Health and Chief Veterinary Officer

Ministry of Agriculture

This position could be based in multiple locations in Saskatchewan

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The Ministry of Agriculture is seeking an energetic, self-motivated individual to join our team in developing and delivering animal health programs across the province and the nation.

As the Director Animal Health and Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) for the province you will:

- represent Saskatchewan at provincial, national and international forums as the lead veterinary expert on provincial animal health and disease surveillance matters;
- participate in implementing the vision, mandate and long-term strategies of the Ministry;
- provide advice to senior decision makers on legislative, regulatory, or administrative matters impacting animal health and welfare, public health, zoonotic diseases, food safety, and biosecurity;
- work closely with livestock industry groups in Saskatchewan and Canada to advance animal health priorities that support industry growth, market development and trade;
- be the lead Ministry spokesperson on animal health and welfare issues; and
- lead a team of veterinarians and other professional staff in the Animal Health Unit in the Livestock Branch.

The ideal candidate will have:

- a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree;
- met criteria to be eligible to be licensed with the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association to practice in Saskatchewan and be in good standing with the Provincial association
- a thorough understanding of the livestock industry and issues related to animal health and food safety;
- knowledge and understanding of epidemiology;
- knowledge of the regulatory development and enforcement processes pertaining to animal disease surveillance and management;
- strong analytical, public relations and communication skills in order to resolve complex, intense issues involving several competing interests;
- demonstrated ability to develop and maintain partnerships with stakeholder groups;
- strong organizational skills to manage competing priorities;
- the ability to manage a broad scope of issues under pressure and within limited timeframes; and
- experience leading a team to achieve results.

The Ministry's deep rooted values system of Innovation, Teamwork, Integrity, Service Excellence and Leadership at all Levels serve as the foundation to ensure results are achieved. The successful candidate must be a team player, able to both lead and collaborate, with a reputation for integrity and a focus on service excellence and innovation in their work.

Closing Date: March 1, 2020

Competition Number: CON001723

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