

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Connecticut FSA: Farm Service Agency Seeking Loss Adjusters

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TOLLAND, CT, Feb. 11, 2020 – The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently accepting offers from individuals interested in providing contracted crop adjusting services throughout Connecticut for the 2020 crop year. Loss Adjuster applications are due April 15, 2020 to the Connecticut FSA State Office.

Loss Adjusters perform crop loss and related program services as assigned by FSA. Duties associated with these services include: 1) visiting farms to inspect damaged or destroyed crops; 2) appraising potential crop production; 3) determining and verifying the cause and time of loss; 4) determining farm-stored production; 5) visiting FSA offices and/or farms to perform inspections, reviews or other loss services.

As part of the contract process, Loss Adjusters must pass a required fingerprint background check.

Starting pay for new adjusters is \$13.50/hour. A pay raise to \$19.55/hour is contingent on satisfactory completion of a full certification on at least one crop. Equipment necessary to perform loss-adjusting measurements is provided by FSA. Mileage and per diem will be paid by FSA; however, contracted adjusters are expected to provide their own mode of transportation.

Applications should be emailed to <u>Clark.Chapin@usda.gov</u> or mailed to the Connecticut Farm Service Agency State Office, 344 Merrow Road, Suite B, Tolland, CT 06084. All applications postmarked or delivered by April 15, 2020 will be reviewed. Selections for interviews will be based on work experience, agriculture background, availability and the need for loss adjusters in the area.

Applications and a complete position description may be found at any FSA county office in Connecticut or online at https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/State-Offices/Connecticut/pdfs/ctfsa_lacapplication.pdf.

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