



# Economist

## Policy Analysis and Development Staff Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service United States Department of Agriculture

### Position Information

**Starting Date:** Negotiable

**Location:** Washington, DC Metro (Riverdale, MD)

**Duration:** Permanent

**Citizenship Required:** Yes

### Specialty Desired

Agricultural Economics (International Trade/Public Policy/Resource and Environmental Economics)

### Position Description

As a member of the Policy Analysis and Development staff of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, the incumbent will perform a variety of economic analyses of regulatory proposals and policy issues concerning animal and plant health. A solid quantitative background in economics and analytical techniques, and proficient written and oral communication skills are essential. The incumbent is expected to be capable of designing appropriate approaches for evaluating economic impacts, selecting appropriate analytical methodologies, determining relevant data requirements, collecting and analyzing information, and presenting conclusions or options in a lucid and concise manner to senior management. While the ability to work independently is requisite, the incumbent should also enjoy regularly interacting with other professionals; the APHIS mandate to both safeguard America's animal and plant resources and facilitate agricultural trade is inherently multi-disciplinary. The incumbent will also serve as a resource to APHIS policy officials on the benefits and costs of eradication, control, prevention, and education programs for various animal and plant pests and diseases. The location of the position is at the Agency's headquarters in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, specifically, Riverdale, MD. There may be project-related travel on occasion. Depending upon a candidate's qualifications, the position can be filled at a senior level. More than one position may be filled from this announcement.

**We'll be interviewing at the 2008 AAEA Meetings (July 26-29) in Orlando, FL. Interested candidates can contact us early to schedule an appointment.**

### Contact

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