

Seasonal Field Inspector – Northeast Montana

Montana Seed Growers Association (MSGA)

The Montana Seed Growers Association (MSGA) is seeking one to two seasonal Field Inspectors to work in the northeast corner of Montana during the 2026 inspection season. This position is ideal for individuals with agricultural experience who enjoy independent work, travel, and being outdoors.

Location

Preferred candidates will be centrally located near Sidney, Montana. The inspection territory includes the following counties:

- Valley
- Garfield
- McCone
- Daniels
- Roosevelt
- Sheridan
- Richland
- Dawson
- Wibaux

This territory requires extensive travel, including occasional overnight stays.

Position Responsibilities

- Conduct field inspections for seed certification
- Travel independently throughout the assigned counties
- Communicate with growers to schedule and conduct inspections
- Accurately record inspection data using a tablet

Desired Qualifications

- Knowledge of Montana seed crops or general agricultural experience
- Strong foundation in crop, weed, and disease identification
- Ability to walk long hours in summer heat and uneven field conditions
- Comfort communicating with customers by phone, including cold calling
- Ability to use a tablet or similar device for field data entry
- Flexible schedule to accommodate last-minute inspections
- Ability to work independently and manage one's own schedule

Requirements

- Valid driver's license and reliable vehicle (mileage reimbursed at the State of Montana rate)
- Ability to attend a required annual training program in May (dates for 2026 to be determined)

Season Duration

- June–August, with the possibility of extending into September
- Hours per week vary based on inspection demand
- This is a seasonal, part-time position and is not full-time
- Payroll is processed monthly
- Be part of an organization that supports growers and maintains high seed quality standards statewide
- Opportunity to travel and work outdoors throughout northeast Montana
- Flexible, self-managed schedule during the growing season
- Gain hands-on experience across a diverse range of crops and production systems
- Work independently while supporting Montana's agricultural and seed certification system

Why Work for MSGA

If you enjoy independent work, being outdoors, and have a passion for agriculture, field inspecting with MSGA brings all of these together. This role offers the opportunity to explore parts of Montana that are off the beaten path while gaining hands-on experience in seed certification. You will also build valuable relationships and partnerships with local growers and contractors, contributing directly to the success and integrity of Montana's agricultural industry.

How to Apply

If you are interested in this seasonal opportunity, please contact:

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