

Manitoba Government

Job Opportunities

Chief Veterinary Officer

Province of Manitoba, Canada

The Department of Agriculture for the Province of Manitoba is seeking a Chief Veterinary Officer to lead its provincial animal health program. This is an exciting opportunity for veterinarians with strong interests in animal health and public policy to support a vibrant commercial animal industry and the health of companion animals.

As a member of the department's senior management team, the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) is responsible for provincial leadership for commercial and companion animal health, including preparedness and response to animal disease outbreaks, enforcement of *The Animal Diseases Act* and *The Livestock Industry Diversification Act*, Manitoba's Veterinary Diagnostic Services laboratory, and recommendations on the appropriate regulatory framework and programming to protect and enhance animal health in Manitoba.

The CVO manages the human and financial resources within the Animal Health Section to enable assurance systems for commercial animal health in support of economic development, trade and public trust; surveillance through disease testing and partnerships with industry and government; preparedness and emergency response to diseases that affect animals and humans through a One Health approach; and diagnostic services to support companion animal health in Manitoba. The CVO works with the Provincial Veterinarian, Animal Welfare, the second director-equivalent position in the branch. Our approach is strongly collaborative with industry stakeholders and the federal government to align and complement efforts, where possible.

Required Qualifications:

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and general licensure with the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association or ability to obtain general licensure before appointment. An advanced degree in veterinary medicine with focus on animal health is preferred.
- Management experience working in government, or an organization focussed on animal health, including planning, budgeting, performance management, recruitment, retention, coaching and training. Experience creating and managing a diverse workforce.
- Experience providing leadership and advice to senior management in the design and implementation of legislation, policies, programs and/or initiatives impacting any of the following areas: animal health, public health, zoonotic diseases or the One Health approach.
- Experience successfully translating strategic priorities into clear operational and measurable plans.
- Proven ability to build and successfully leverage partnerships with multi disciplinary stakeholders, such as other provincial departments, federal departments, academic institutions, producers, processors and public lobby groups, using tact and diplomacy.
- Strong political acumen demonstrated through experience providing advice to senior management on complex topics and sensitive issues and approaches.

Professional Opportunities:

The Animal Health and Welfare Branch, Animal Health Section offers many opportunities for professional growth and achievement in support of animal health.

- Lead Manitoba's animal health surveillance system, supporting vibrant livestock and poultry industries, public trust and economic development and export development.
- Set the strategic direction for the branch's veterinary diagnostic laboratory with four complete laboratory sections including accessioning and anatomic pathology, clinical pathology, virology, and microbiology and is in the final stages of implementing a new Laboratory Information Management System.
- As a member of the Council of Chief Veterinary Officers in Canada, there are responsibilities and opportunities to represent the interests of Manitoba to support planning and preparedness through innovation and collaboration on animal health issues.

Remuneration and Benefits:

- The salary range corresponds to qualifications and experience.
- Benefits include medical, dental and vision coverage, vacation time, access to continuing education, and technical journal subscriptions.
- Winnipeg, Manitoba, hosts the National Microbiology Laboratory, National Centre for Foreign Animal Diseases, and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. It is a thriving center for academia, culture, and sports, offering affordable housing, a wide array of cultural and recreational activities, and convenient international airport access (<https://www.tourismwinnipeg.com>).
- Assistance with relocation expenses if applicable.

Should you require additional information and wish to discuss this regular/full-time position in detail, please contact Maurice Bouvier, Assistant Deputy Minister at maurice.bouvier@gov.mb.ca.

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