

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
Employment Skills (Job Interview) Contest
2025-2026
JOB DESCRIPTIONS & CONTACT PERSONS

NOTE: Prepare a letter of introduction to ONLY ONE of the job interview titles listed below. All information on the application, included in the cover letter, listed on your resume, communicated during the interview, etc. is to be true. Please do not contact these individuals and/or companies directly, as this is a Leadership Development Event for the California Association FFA.

Agriculture Business Management – Agribusiness Assistant

Employer: Wilbur-Ellis

Location: 2900 Peralta Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536

Contact: Alicia Navarro, Operations Coordinator

Website: <https://www.wilburellis.com>

Description: Looking for someone who will support sales, supply chain, and administrative tasks for the agricultural solutions division. Duties include entering customer orders, maintaining inventory and stock records, coordinating with logistics/shipping, liaising with vendors, preparing sales reports, and assisting with marketing campaigns or trade show logistics. You will interact with farmers, dealers, and internal teams. This role gives exposure to agribusiness operations, crop input products (fertilizers, crop protection, seed), and business-to-business customer relations.

Agriculture Mechanics – Agricultural Equipment Technician Assistant

Employer: Garton Tractor Inc.

Location: 5933 McHenry Avenue, Modesto, CA 95356

Contact: Marco Green, Senior Mechanic

Website: <https://www.gartontractor.com/>

Description: Looking for someone who will work in a service shop supporting repair and maintenance of tractors, irrigation systems, implements, and farm equipment. Responsibilities include cleaning and inspecting parts, performing basic servicing (such as oil changes, filter replacements, and belt/chain adjustments), assisting with hydraulic, electrical, and mechanical repairs under guidance, calibrating machinery, and documenting maintenance activities. You'll learn diagnostic tools, preventative maintenance, and safe shop practices.

Animal Science – Animal Health Intern

Employer: California Department of Food & Agriculture – Animal Health Branch

Location: 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Contact: Gavin Hamilton, Head of Research Studies

Website: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/

Description: Looking for someone who will assist with daily care of small mammal or poultry research herds involved in pollinator or breeding studies. Tasks include feeding, watering, cleaning pens, monitoring behavior and health, assisting with administering vaccines or medications, and maintaining records of health metrics. You may also support breeding programs, tag or weigh animals, and assist in carrying out protocols under supervision. Role demands attention to animal welfare, biosecurity, and safety.

Floriculture – Floriculture Production Assistant

Employer: Bridget's Blooms

Location: 1055 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037

Contact: Bridget McEntire, Owner

Website: <https://www.bridgetslajollablooms.com/>

Description: Looking for someone who will support the daily operations of our boutique floral shop. This entry-level position is ideal for individuals passionate about flowers and eager to learn the art of floral design. Duties will include: preparing and processing fresh flowers for arrangements, supporting the design team in creating floral arrangements for various occasions, maintaining a clean and organized work environment, assisting with inventory management and restocking supplies, providing excellent customer service by answering questions, and assisting customers with their floral needs.

Forestry & Natural Resources – Forestry Technician

Employer: California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Location: 7000 Franklin Blvd, Building F, Sacramento, CA 95823

Contact: Rebecca Whitten, Field Supervisor

Website: <https://www.fire.ca.gov>

Description: Looking for someone who will support forest management, wildfire prevention, and resource protection efforts. Duties include tree planting, performing forest health surveys, marking timber, data collection on species, diameter, and health metrics, assisting with fuel reduction, trail maintenance, and supporting controlled burns. Work outdoors in rugged terrain and variable weather. You'll work with crews, learn GIS and mapping, natural resource protocols, and public land stewardship practices.

Ornamental Horticulture – Greenhouse / Nursery Assistant

Employer: California Greenhouses

Location: 3350 Warner Avenue #1/2, Irvine, CA 92606

Contact: Richard Vega, Production Supervisor

Website: <https://calgreenhouses.com>

Description: Looking for someone who will support production of interior and tropical plants in greenhouse settings. Tasks include sowing, transplanting, irrigation, fertilization, pest scouting and treatment, pruning, and potting. Monitor environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, light), maintain greenhouse infrastructure (vents, shading, benches), and assist with inventory and plant shipping. Also help in the retail/wholesale side: customer assistance, order packing, and plant handling logistics.

Plant and Soil Science – Field / Soil Technician

Employer: Bowles Farming Company

Location: 893 Shaw Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257

Contact: Dr. Jasmine Lee, Soil Science Lead

Website: <https://www.bfarm.com>

Description: Looking for someone who will collect soil, water, and plant tissue samples across Bowles' fields. Operate soil probes, augers, moisture sensors, and GPS mapping tools. Label and preserve samples for lab analysis, measure pH, nutrient content, organic matter in the field, and assist with fertilizer and amendment trials. Expect hiking, outdoor work, and basic data entry.