



Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries
Aphid Alert Program
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Aphid Alert Student Position

The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries is looking to hire a student for the Aphid Alert Program based out of the Wicklow, NB office. Located at 39 Barker Lane in Wicklow, this position will be one half of a 2-person team that collects aphids from FLORA traps across the St. John River Valley from May until early September. The Aphid Alert program was initiated by the NB Seed Potato Growers Association in collaboration with the NB Provincial government and later Potatoes New Brunswick. The purpose of the program is to keep the seed growers abreast of aphid populations in their surrounding areas allowing timely: oil, pesticide, and top-kill applications, ensuring clean seed for NB potato producers.

This position operates as a 40-hour work week (Monday to Friday, 8-hour workdays) and follows a regular routine by mid-June until September. This routine consists of three days working out in the field and two days working in the office. The three days in the field require the candidate and their partner to collect the contents of insect traps across a pre-determined route in the mornings, then use a microscope to sort the aphids from other insects in the afternoon. The two office days include cleaning collection vials, updating paperwork, preparing for the next collection day, and assisting with overall activities at the office. Before this weekly routine begins, the candidate will assist with planting potato trials and preparing for the upcoming season.

The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries is seeking a motivated individual who can work without consistent supervision for this position. The ideal candidate will have completed at least 1 year of University/College and possess a valid Class 5 Driver's License. Candidates must be capable of carrying a 4L water jug while walking through fields. Due to spraying of fields, condensation in the mornings, and rain, candidates will be required to wear hip waders for most of the growing season while collecting.

Start date – Week of May 11th
Pay Rate – Based on completed years of university (16.30-19.65/hr)

If you are interested in this position, please send your cover letter and resumé to Mitchell.Smith@gnb.ca and Nash.Derrah@gnb.ca for consideration.