

## Employment Opportunities with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

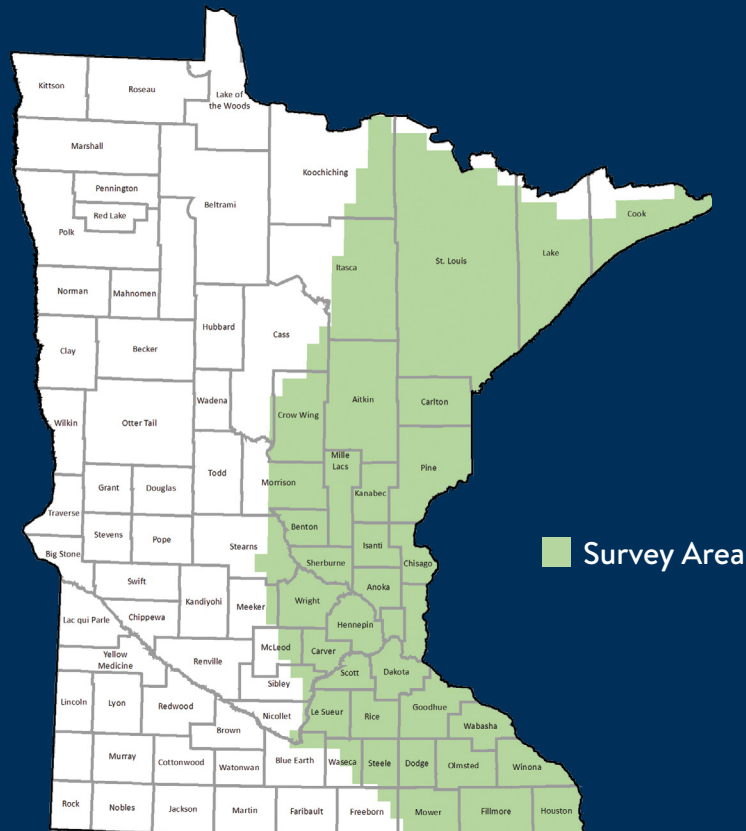
# Forest Pest Surveyors [Gypsy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*)] (Agricultural Technicians)

Job will be posted between February 2-March 1, 2022

Deadline for Applications: March 1, 2022



Gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*): male left, female right



■ Survey Area

2022 MDA Gypsy Moth Trapping Survey Project Area



## Position Description

The European gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) is a human nuisance and causes extensive, costly damage when the caterpillars defoliate North American forests and urban trees. The trapping survey will detect and monitor for the moth, identify potential problem areas, and provide data necessary to make future management decisions to slow the spread of this highly invasive pest into the State of Minnesota.

Job duties include assembling, setting, monitoring and removing up to 800 cardboard detection traps within

a designated route. Surveyors collect data using a GPS-enabled tablet (training provided) and report to a lead surveyor. Surveyors work based out of their home office which is close to or within their survey route. A reliable vehicle is necessary for driving survey routes. Mileage is reimbursed.

## Salary Range

Step 1 base pay: \$15.85/hr.

## Areas Hiring

See map.

## Schedule

These are temporary, intermittent positions; however work days will typically be as follows:

### Southern Region

Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be approximately 3 weeks of intermittent scheduled unpaid leave during the season for approximately 12 weeks of employment.

**Mandatory training** for the Southern region is May 17-19.

Position ends August 26.

### Northern Region

Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be approximately 4 weeks of intermittent scheduled unpaid leave during the season for approximately 14 weeks of employment

**Mandatory training** for the Northern region is May 31-June 2.

Position ends October 7.



*Lymantria dispar* Detection Trap

## Qualifications

### Minimum Qualifications:

1. High school diploma or GED.
2. Must possess and maintain an active/valid driver's license with an acceptable motor vehicle record subject to review and must maintain liability insurance on your own vehicle if using it for work purposes. If selected for an interview, you will be required to provide info from your driver's license and proof of vehicle insurance.

### Preferred Qualifications:

1. A background in biology or related field.
2. Previous field survey and data collection experience.
3. The ability to work well independently with minimal supervision and with others as a team.
4. The ability to prioritize, set goals and meet deadlines.
5. Good interpersonal skills and ability to explain assigned activities to any interested party.
6. The ability to navigate using paper maps and/or GPS-enabled mapping applications.
7. Attention to detail.
8. Good written communication to record all relevant data and report findings.

### Physical Requirements

1. The ability to transport up to 20 pounds by hand.
2. The ability to drive for prolonged periods of time.
3. The ability to drive on all kinds of roads up to 250 miles per day.
4. The ability to get in and out of a vehicle up to 60 times per day.
5. The ability to quickly and efficiently navigate to and move to survey sites (25-60 per day) within a designated route to set, monitor and remove traps under various weather conditions and terrain. Some positions will require extensive movement in rough wooded terrain.

## To Apply

Apply on-line at [www.mn.gov/careers](http://www.mn.gov/careers). Search for "surveyor", "gypsy moth", "*Lymantria dispar*", or Job ID: 52276. If you are unable to apply online, please contact the job information line at 651-259-3637. For additional information about the application process, go to [www.mn.gov/careers](http://www.mn.gov/careers).

## Contact for More Info

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