AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST
Grade A2/A3 - two posts
Trade and Markets Division,
Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries

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The OECD is an international organisation based in Paris with some 2000 staff. We are looking for two Agricultural Economists to conduct economic analyses of, and draft documents on, agricultural policy issues and contribute to the annual Agricultural Outlook publication. These persons will work under the direction of the Head of Division and the supervision of a Senior Economist in the Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (http://www.oecd.org/agr/).

The job...

1. Analyse the policy issues concerning agricultural commodity markets and trade and, in particular, work with the Secretariat's AGLINK model for agriculture to provide forward-looking assessments of domestic and trade policies in agricultural markets.

2. Participate in the maintenance and improvement of the AGLINK model. Undertake the necessary model development for one of the commodities covered by the model. Assure that parameters are current (through estimation and other means), that the model is well designed and that relevant policies are incorporated.

3. Contribute, in the context of a cross-divisional task force, to the development of a consistent set of projections for OECD and world commodity markets which serve as a baseline for scenario analyses of agricultural policies and policy options.

4. Prepare reports or part of reports to be transmitted to the Committee for Agriculture and its subsidiary bodies, synthesising the results of the analyses mentioned under point 1 above. Present these reports to these meetings and take an active part in the discussions.

5. Establish and maintain regular contacts with national and international experts, governmental and non-governmental organisations working in the above-mentioned areas. Attend, on behalf of the Organisation, international meetings whenever required.

6. Participate in and contribute, whenever necessary, to other activities included in the Programme of Work of the Directorate and the Organisation in general, that require economic analyses and modelling skills related to the agricultural sector.

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The person we are looking for should have...

1. An advanced university degree in economics or agricultural economics, with a specialisation in quantitative methods.

2. Extensive knowledge and practical experience, gained over at least five years, of the functioning of agricultural markets and of the policies affecting production, processing, distribution and trade of agricultural products.

3. Proven ability to apply quantitative tools, together with information obtained from other sources, to generate projections for agricultural commodity markets; practical experience in the modelling of agricultural markets and related policies and in the quantitative assessment of market developments and policy changes.

4. Ability to draft quickly, concisely and clearly and to participate in discussions on agricultural policy issues. Sense of organisation and ability to work as a member of a multicultural team.

5. Excellent ability to speak and write in one of the official languages of the Organisation (English and French); working knowledge of the other. Knowledge of other languages of Member countries would be an advantage.

We are an equal opportunity employer and encourage applications from female candidates.

Applications (in English or French) from nationals of OECD Member countries should quote reference EXD/HRM/VAC(2001)017 and be sent via our on-line application form on www.oecd.org/hrm by 15 March 2001.

Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

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