

## Career Profiles:

# Custom Applicator

A Custom Applicator makes sure that application equipment is working properly and applies herbicides, pesticides and fertilizer to fields.

### What Responsibilities Will I Have?

- Operate and maintain all equipment and vehicles (Sprayers, Spreaders, Trucks, etc.)
- Mixing, loading and application of pesticides/fertilizers
- Apply pesticides and fertilizers at applicable rates to the appropriate fields
- Handle and deliver bulk and packaged chemicals
- Perform daily vehicle inspections
- Clean and maintain equipment
- Maintain application/spray records
- Manage customer service relations
- Organize and coordinate application timetable with customers
- Knowledgeable with seed, chemical and fertilizer to make informed decisions
- Recertify spraying technician license and safety training every two years



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### What Education & Training is Needed?

An associates degree is not required but would enhance the opportunity to obtain a job. The Agronomy Tech post secondary education is a great tract of study to follow.

### What High School Courses Are Recommended...

Agricultural Education Courses, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Business

### Typical Employers

Employed by cooperative, seed companies, crop protection companies, large farms, or self-employed

### Other Titles

Equipment Operator, Driver, Field Operator, Facility Operator, Mechanic, Plant Operator, Equipment Maintenance