

**Technical Officer (Mosaic Agriculture)  
Grains and Livestock Industries**

**Position:** 20145134

**Salary:** Level 1-5 \$23,869 - \$93,994 pa PSGOGA

**Location:** Broome

**Tenure:** FTC 22 December 2017

**We are seeking a Technical Officer to work within a small team to help develop the beef industry in the Kimberley and Pilbara Regions through mosaic agriculture, while safeguarding the environment. Mosaic agriculture is based on irrigated forages which is a component of the Northern Beef Futures project funded by Royalties for Regions. This project aims to expand markets for the beef industry in northern WA.**

This position will have a key role in the on-going management and data collection for a series of field experimental sites in the northern rangelands. In particular, a series of trials to collect data on the weed risk of non-indigenous forage plants in key environments (climates, soils) across the Kimberley and Pilbara and agronomic trials with pasture and fodder crops grown under irrigation to assist pastoralists maximise returns and minimise risk from undertaking mosaic agriculture developments.

The successful applicant will have:

- the ability to provide technical support in a mosaic agricultural research and development environment
- the ability to undertake fieldwork independently in remote locations and potentially under arduous environmental conditions
- knowledge of, or experience in, scientific methods and analytical procedures appropriate to agricultural research and development
- experience in operating agricultural machinery and a willingness to work with agricultural chemicals
- effective workplace communication skills including oral, written and inter-personal skills

Desirable attributes include:

- experience in field-based agricultural research
- knowledge of pasture and/or crop agronomy including perennial pastures, tropical legumes and fodder crops
- knowledge of herbicides and application
- practical farm management skills including the ability to manage small-scale irrigation systems

This position is for applicants who enjoy the challenge of outdoor field work. The position is based in Broome but will require field trips across the region to remote locations. Please note subsidised rental housing may be available.

**Benefits of working for DAFWA:** In addition to the salary offered, other benefits include superannuation, leave loading and access to salary packaging arrangements. Our department is a progressive and innovative agency that offers family-friendly flexible working conditions and where personal and professional development is continuously promoted.

Take advantage of this opportunity to work for a department that is committed to achieving a progressive, innovative and profitable agriculture and food sector that benefits Western Australia.

**Level Ranges:** This position will suit a person with the ability to provide experienced high level technical support under general direction. The level of appointment upon commencement will depend on qualifications, skills and/or experience.

Level 1 \$23,869 – \$57,376 pa (Provides supervised routine support)

Level 2 \$59,172 - \$64,256 pa (Provides unsupervised technical support)

Level 3 \$67,896 - \$73,717 pa (Provides experienced high level technical support under general direction)

Level 4 \$76,452 - \$80,797 pa (Provides high level support in a defined technical area)

Level 5 \$85,047 - \$93,994 pa (Provides high level support in a broad expertise area)

**Tenure:** Fixed term opportunity until 22 December 2017. Consideration may then be given to offering a further term(s) or permanent appointment, subject to conditions.

**Location:** Broome. The town of Broome is a popular tourist destination at the western gateway of the Kimberley region and is located 2,200km north of Perth. The vibrant landscapes and Cable Beach are just some of Broome's many attractions. For more information please visit the [Tourism WA](#) website.

**Application Package:** A Job Description Form and other relevant information are available from [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au). Here you can find the advertisement by searching the position number or job title in the keywords box. Once you have viewed the advertisement in full, and the relevant attachments, you are encouraged to apply online by clicking "Apply for Job" at the bottom of that advertisement.

To apply for this position, you need to send us:

- A detailed and current resume.
- A covering letter/statement that demonstrates how your skills and experience relate to the work related requirements of this position as outlined in the JDF.

Applicants who do not provide the above mentioned documents may not be considered competitive for further assessment.

Suitable applicants, not recommended for the advertised position, may be considered for fixed term or permanent employment opportunities in like positions and like locations during the next 12 months.

If you are having any trouble applying online or downloading the attachments please telephone (08) 9368 3338 or email [recruitment@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@agric.wa.gov.au) **before the closing date and time.**

General Information about the Department of Agriculture and Food is available from our website at [www.agric.wa.gov.au](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au)

Late or pro forma applications will not be accepted.

Closing Date: 5.00pm Tuesday 1 May 2017.