

CUSTOM APPLICATOR

A Custom Applicator makes sure that spray equipment is working properly and applies pesticides or fertilizer in 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



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

An associate's degree in diesel mechanics or crop science is not required but would enhance the opportunity to obtain work

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, biology, chemistry, mathematics, business, industrial technology

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Seed companies, crop protection companies, cooperatives, large farms, or you may be self-employed

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Soil Science Society of America
- National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants
- American Society of Agronomy

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$32,000