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# **Natural Resource Systems**

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**Test Type:** The Natural Resource Systems industry-based credential is included in NOCTI's Pathway assessment battery. Pathway assessments assess knowledge and skills at a broader level than the Job Ready assessments and focus on the Pathways established as part of the national career cluster model. Pathway assessments are delivered entirely online which allows NOCTI to include engaging interactive items.

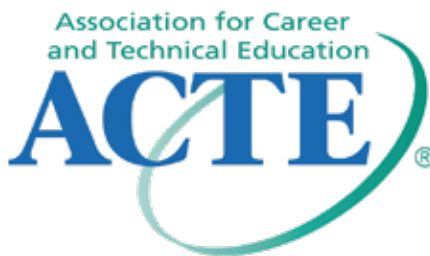
**Revision Team:** The assessment content is based on input from secondary, post-secondary, and business/industry representatives from the states of Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.



03.9999-Natural Resources and Conservation, Other



Career Cluster 1-Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources



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In the lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in Natural Resources Systems

## Written Assessment

NOCTI written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual's factual theoretical knowledge.

**Administration Time:** 2 hours

**Number of Questions:** 113

**Number of Sessions:** This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

### Areas Covered



## Specific Standards and Competencies Included in this Assessment

### General Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Technical Skills

- Apply knowledge of the basics of animal systems
- Apply knowledge of the basics of plant and insect systems
- Apply knowledge of the basics of soil, water, and air systems
- Use, maintain, and store tools and equipment appropriately
- Analyze current issues in the fields of Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Biotechnology

### Natural Resource Systems Technical Skills

- Recognize importance of resource and human interrelations to conduct management activities in natural resources
- Understand importance and methods of protecting natural resources
- Apply scientific principles to natural resource management activities

### Academic Foundations

- Apply reading skills in an Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Biotechnology environment
- Apply writing skills in an Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Biotechnology environment
- Apply mathematical skills in an Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Biotechnology environment
- Apply science skills in an Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Biotechnology environment



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## Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

### Systems

- Understand the major governing bodies and groups that impact how Animal Science, Natural Resources, and/or Agricultural Biotechnology organizations function (e.g., EPA)
- Demonstrate knowledge of economic principles as applied to Animal Science, Natural Resources, and/or Agricultural Biotechnology systems (e.g., supply and demand, profit)

### Ethics and Legal Responsibilities

- Understand the major laws and regulations that impact the Animal Science, Natural Resources, and/or Agricultural Biotechnology industry
- Identify and practice ethical behavior in the workplace

### Communications

- Locate, organize, and reference written information from reliable sources to communicate with coworkers and clients
- Develop and deliver formal and informal presentations using appropriate media to engage and inform audiences
- Apply listening skills and interpret verbal and nonverbal behaviors to enhance communication with coworkers and clients
- Interpret and use tables, charts, and graphics to support written and oral communication

### Information Technology Applications

- Use computers and software to increase general work efficiency
- Use information technology tools specific to Animal Science, Natural Resources, and/or Agricultural Biotechnology to access and manage information (e.g., GPS)

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## Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

### **Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, and Decision Making**

- Use problem solving and critical thinking skills to locate sources of information about problems and determine appropriate methods for investigating causes
- Use problem solving and critical thinking skills to determine root causes of problems and suggest solutions

### **Leadership and Teamwork**

- Exhibit leadership practices to improve production and quality of work and work environment
- Work effectively in a team environment to improve the quality of work and the work environment

### **Safety, Health, and Environmental**

- Identify and practice appropriate environmental, health, and safety procedures for Animal Science, Natural Resources, and/or Agricultural Biotechnology occupations
- Demonstrate appropriate first aid knowledge and procedures for Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Biotechnology occupations

### **Employability and Career Development**

- Demonstrate employability skills related to a career in Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Biotechnology
- Pursue career development skills to advance in Animal Science, Natural Resources, and/or Agricultural Biotechnology careers



## Sample Questions

**Individual state Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture manage**

- A. pesticides
- B. food safety
- C. timber
- D. pet stores

**The technique used to practice water conservation in creative landscapes is called**

- A. hardscaping
- B. xeriscaping
- C. landscaping
- D. greenscaping

**An agronomist is primarily concerned with what use of soil?**

- A. construction
- B. acting as a filter for the hydraulic cycle
- C. supporting crop growth
- D. natural beauty

**The thread-like structures that exist in pairs and carry genes are called**

- A. gametes
- B. mitosis
- C. meiosis
- D. chromosomes

**A product of decaying plants or animal matter is**

- A. nitrous oxide
- B. ozone
- C. chlorofluorocarbon
- D. methane

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### Sample Questions (continued)

**The purpose of a summary in a report is to emphasize**

- A. an introduction
- B. references and sources
- C. key points
- D. an autobiographical sketch

**Select the sentence below that is correctly written.**

- A. The stock was to expensive for me to buy.
- B. I think she said she worked their.
- C. Jim's patients was wearing thin by the end of the day.
- D. I left the correspondence on the manager's desk.

**Meat inspection is the governmental responsibility of the**

- A. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- B. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- C. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- D. Cooperative Extension Services (CES)

**It is unethical to administer \_\_\_\_\_ to healthy animals.**

- A. steroids
- B. vitamins
- C. glucose
- D. electrolytes

**Acid rain from the hydrological cycle is most harmful to the**

- A. atmosphere
- B. hydrosphere
- C. biosphere
- D. lithosphere



# Notes