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1 About this career

The Investigator is the Agriculture Department's staff for gathering and checking farm data — estimates of crop area and production, crop-cutting experiments, agricultural cost and price data, and the field surveys used to evaluate schemes. Those figures go on to underpin decisions on crop insurance, support prices and drought relief, so the work of this post is little seen and counts for a great deal. Recruitment is by the Rajasthan Staff Selection Board. One thing on this page is deliberately left incomplete, and the reason is stated plainly under "Age limit" — the upper age for this cadre is not given in one place in the rules, so no figure is printed here.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	A graduate degree with Mathematics or Statistics from a university established by law in India, OR the Junior Certificate of the Institute of Agricultural Research Statistics (ICAR). Also a working knowledge of Hindi in the Devanagari script and a knowledge of Rajasthani culture
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (RSSB), Jaipur
Age limit	18 to 40 years, reckoned on the 1st of January following the last date for applications — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)
Starting salary	Pay Matrix Level 10
Demand	A small cadre; the recruitment comes at long intervals and the process runs slowly

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- An interest in farming, crops and the rural economy
- Field survey work in villages and on farms
- Gathering, checking and analysing data

ABILITIES

- Accuracy in measurement and calculation
- Spotting an inconsistency in a set of figures
- The patience and skill to get information from farmers

KEY SKILLS

- The standard procedure for a crop-cutting experiment
- Sampling, and getting survey schedules filled
- Spreadsheets and statistical tabulation
- Knowledge of the department's schemes and how they are evaluated
- Methods for estimating crop area and production
- Collecting agricultural cost and price data
- Understanding the data used in crop insurance and drought assessment

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12. A background in agriculture, science or mathematics is the most useful direction for this post.
- 2 Take a degree — agriculture, statistics, economics or mathematics are the subjects closest to this work. The exact educational condition is given in the advertisement, so it is sensible to look at a past advertisement before choosing subjects.
- 3 Confirm the age limit only from the advertisement. The upper age for this post is not given in one place in the service rules, so do not rely on a figure printed in coaching material or a news report.
- 4 Apply online through the SSO portal when the advertisement is issued, and take the written examination.
- 5 Be prepared for a long wait — this recruitment moves slowly. By the board's own record, the document verification and waiting-list steps of the 2019 cycle were still running in mid-2024.

- 6 After document verification, join at a district agriculture office or a statistics branch.

MAIN EXAMS

- The RSSB Investigator (Agriculture) written examination — the marking scheme, duration and syllabus are published in that cycle's advertisement. The board's record carries the 2019 cycle of this post.
- Note — this post is not in the Schedules to the CET Rules 2022, so a CET score is not required for it. Recruitment is by this post's own examination.
- The check on qualification and age happens at the document verification stage. Since the upper age in this cadre is given post by post in a schedule column, read that advertisement's own age table carefully before applying.
- Relaxation in the upper age limit — 5 years for male candidates of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, More Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections; 5 years for women candidates of the General category; and 10 years for women candidates of those same categories. Which means plainly that the bare figure printed against a post understates a reserved-category woman's eligibility by a decade — if you are in that category, work out your eligibility only after adding the relaxation. In Rajasthan, 30% of the posts in direct recruitment are reserved category-wise for women candidates. Widows and divorced women have no upper age limit at all — the rules say it in those words. It is Rule 13(9) of the Rajasthan State and Subordinate Services (Direct Recruitment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules 1999, it appears again as the same proviso in the Rajasthan Medical & Health Subordinate Service Rules, and RPSC advertisements reproduce it. A widow must furnish a certificate of the death of her husband from the competent authority, and a divorced woman the proof of divorce. The exact terms of relaxation and reservation are given in that recruitment's own advertisement.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Government agriculture colleges of Rajasthan — B.Sc. (Agriculture) — Jobner, Bikaner, Udaipur, Jodhpur and others (<https://www.sknaau.ac.in/>)
- Government colleges — B.A./B.Sc. with Statistics, Economics or Mathematics — In every district (<https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) — field exposure to crops and farm practice — In nearly every district (<https://icar.org.in>)

ONLINE

- कृषि विभाग, राजस्थान — योजनाएँ, फ़सल आँकड़े एवं विभागीय जानकारी — The department this post belongs to (<https://agriculture.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- आर्थिक एवं सांख्यिकी निदेशालय, राजस्थान — राज्य के फ़सल एवं क्षेत्र आँकड़े — The figures this work produces are published here (<https://statistics.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय — फ़सल कटाई प्रयोग एवं अनुमान की विधियाँ — Government of India, free (<https://agriwelfare.gov.in/>)
- आर.एस.एस.बी. — पिछले प्रश्न-पत्र, उत्तर कुंजी व पाठ्यक्रम (निःशुल्क) — The Staff Selection Board's own site — the most reliable free preparation material there is (https://rsmssb.rajasthan.gov.in/show_archived?menuName=Xj4lCb9vGxpQnfls%2FxlZ2g%3D%3D)
- विभागीय सेवा नियम (कार्मिक विभाग) — पद की योग्यता व आयु मूल दस्तावेज़ में पढ़ें — The Department of Personnel publishes the service rules for every cadre. Read these before any coaching material — qualification, age and the method of recruitment are settled here and nowhere else. (<https://dop.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — भारत सरकार के निःशुल्क ऑनलाइन कोर्स — Free (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल पुस्तकालय (NDLI) — Free books and study material (<https://ndli.iitkgp.ac.in/>)
- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)

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Graduation at a government college costs roughly Rs 3,000 - 15,000 a year; a B.Sc. (Agriculture) at a government agriculture college costs more than that but far less than at a private institution. The examination fee is a few hundred rupees, with a concession for reserved categories. A practical point — the same degree in agriculture, statistics or economics also counts for Agriculture Supervisor, Computer and agricultural officer posts in banks, so this study is not a bet on one post; and since this recruitment comes round rarely, keeping a second route open matters here more than usual.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana (free coaching, apply via SSO) (<https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in/signin>)
- Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Dept scholarships (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study scholarship search (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

District and tehsil agriculture offices, the department's statistics branches, and the fields, mandis and villages where crop-cutting experiments and surveys are done. The work is divided between office and field.

WORK CULTURE

The work is tied to the crop cycle — field tours increase at the rabi and kharif harvests and the experiments have to be done on the prescribed dates, so there is little flexibility in that period. Surveys mean talking to farmers and building enough trust to get a true figure — one schedule filled in haste can distort a whole district's estimate later. The rest of the time goes on tabulation and returns in the office. For a student who understands farming and likes data, this post is where the two meet.

WHO HIRES

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| • Agriculture Department, Government of Rajasthan | • District and tehsil agriculture offices |
| • The agricultural statistics units of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics | • Crop insurance and crop-cutting experiment programmes |
| • Surveys linked to agricultural marketing and the mandi board | • Evaluation units of the horticulture and agriculture schemes |

DEMAND (2026)

Agriculture is the base of Rajasthan's economy and decisions on crop insurance, support prices and drought relief rest on data, so the need for this work continues. But the cadre is small and the recruitment comes round rarely. One thing to know honestly — this recruitment has moved slowly. By the board's own record, the document verification and waiting-list orders connected with the 2019 cycle were issued in mid-2024, about five years after the cycle they belong to. That does not make this a bad post; it means making it your only plan is risky, and that the second line of preparation should continue even after applying. One thing to be clear about — the "demand" described above counts posts, not your chance of getting one. Selection is by open competition and the number of applicants runs to many times the number of posts, so most candidates are not selected in any given recruitment. That is not an argument against this career; it is an argument against making it your only plan. Keep studying or building a skill alongside your preparation, so that the year is not lost whichever way the result goes.

7 Career growth

- 1 Investigator (on probation) — posted to a district agriculture office or statistics branch
- 2 Supervisory posts in the department's statistics branch
- 3 Assistant Statistical Officer grade posts
- 4 Further promotion under the departmental promotion rules; check the exact order in the advertisement and the schedule to the service rules

EARNINGS

Starting	₹33,800 (मूल, लेवल-10)
Mid level	₹32,000 – ₹42,000 (भत्तों सहित, कुछ वर्षों बाद)
Senior level	₹45,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, पदोन्नति के बाद)

A travelling allowance is payable separately for field tours and crop-cutting experiments. One thing about this post bears repeating — no figure has been printed on this page that could not be confirmed from an official document, and the upper age limit is one of those. The same approach has been taken with pay. The starting figure is BASIC PAY, so that it can be compared directly against other careers. Dearness allowance (60% of basic since 1 January 2026) and house rent allowance are added on top of it, so take-home pay is appreciably higher. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate monthly income including allowances, not basic pay. Note — in Rajasthan a direct recruit is a probationer-trainee for the first 2 years and is paid a fixed remuneration, not the pay scale; dearness allowance and house rent allowance are not payable in those two years (Rajasthan Service Rules, rule 7(30A)). The full pay scale applies once probation is completed. The figures above rest on the Rajasthan 7th pay matrix, which is what applies as of 17 August 2026. The Terms of Reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission were approved on 28 October 2025 and it must report within 18 months of its constitution. State governments normally adopt a Central Pay Commission with modifications, and later than the Centre does — so Rajasthan pay will be revised too, though by how much and when is not yet settled.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- An understanding of farming and a liking for data both count on the same post
- The work feeds into large decisions like crop insurance and relief
- The same degree also counts for Agriculture Supervisor, Computer and agricultural posts in banks

The challenges

- The upper age limit is not in one place in the rules — it has to be read from the advertisement each time
- The cadre is small and the recruitment comes round rarely
- The process has been slow — the 2019 cycle was still being worked through in mid-2024

9 Sources & further reading

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