KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY | College of Agriculture
Department of Agronomy
Crop, Soil, and Range Sciences

Position Announcement

Position: Assistant Professor, Extension Specialist, Wheat, and Forages, 12-month tenure-eligible position, 80% Extension, 20% Research

Location: Department of Agronomy
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-5501

Position Description: This individual will provide the leadership for an interdisciplinary team to develop a strong extension and applied research program primarily in winter wheat, but also including forages, for Kansas and the Central Great Plains. Kansas, is the number 1 wheat producing state in the USA, plants just under 10 million acres of wheat and produces over 350 million bushels of wheat annually. In addition, Kansas produces just under 2 million tons of alfalfa and 2.5 million tons of other forages annually. The successful applicant will be expected to develop educational programs for a broad clientele of farmers, crop advisors, ag-businesses, and agency personnel including all wheat oriented agencies and the Kansas Forage and Grassland Council. Evidence of extension scholarship, including development and participation in traditional educational meetings and workshops, producing extension publications, newsletters and news releases, and developing or contributing to appropriate websites, social media, and other innovative information delivery methods is expected. Have or develop an understanding and appreciation of the role of the state and area specialists, and county/district Extension agent in developing successful state, area, district, and county programs that have positive impact. Additional interactions will include colleagues in Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Economics, Animal Science and Industry, Entomology, and Plant Pathology on wheat and forage production, soil and water management, enterprise profitability and utilization of the harvested crops. Development of a strong, grant funded applied research program which complements and supports the extension program, including the training of graduate students and publication of research results is also an expectation of the position. The candidate must be able to work in a multi-cultural setting and create an environment that fosters collegiality, diversity and teamwork.

Qualifications: **Required:** Ph.D. in agronomy, crop science, or related field, with a strong background in crop production and crop ecology with experience in wheat production and physiology. Evidence of excellent skills to communicate English orally and in writing. Strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity in the department. **Desirable:** Experience in extension activities at the state, region, and local level. Experience in leading or working as part of an interdisciplinary extension and/or research team. Experience in forages production including alfalfa management and other tame forages.. Experience in field plot research with agronomic crops and Great Plains crop production systems. Demonstrated experience in grant writing and obtaining extramural funding. Demonstrated skills to effectively use electronic media to communicate technical agronomic information.

Salary and Benefits: Salary commensurate with background and experience. Position eligible for KSU unclassified position benefits: http://www.k-state.edu/hr/current-employees/benefits/summary.html.

How to apply: Applications should include a letter of application articulating experience or training relative to the qualifications for the position, a statement of interest and vision regarding extension and applied research (maximum of 2 pages), resume, and undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Applicants must arrange for (and we must receive) three letters of reference that explicitly address the qualifications of the applicant for the position. All application materials should be sent via e-mail in PDF format to: Ms. Brittany Green at bdgreen@ksu.edu.

Please refer to position W0007330 – Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist in the subject line when applying.

Date available: January 1, 2015

Information: For further information, please feel free to contact Dr. Gary Pierzynski, Department Head, at 785-532-6101, gmp@ksu.edu; or Dr. Ignacio Ciampitti, Search Committee Chair at 785-532-6940, ciampitti@ksu.edu. Information about the Department of Agronomy is available at the home page for the department: http://www.agronomy.k-state.edu.

Application Deadline: Screening of applicants will begin September 15, 2014 and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is identified.

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