Position Announcement: #2322 County Extension Agent – Agriculture & Natural Resources
Headquarters: Thomasville, GA County: Thomas (www.thomasvillechamber.com) Position Available: Immediately

Thomas County is one of the stronger A/NR counties in Georgia and has a diversified agricultural base including cotton, peanuts, pecans, corn, and ornamentals. The county is also home to several large plantations with wildlife programming opportunities.

Qualifications: This position requires:
• Successful experience in program development and management, a demonstrated communication ability as well as skills in leadership and management, and a demonstrated ability to multi-task, work as a team member and with groups
• The ability to design, coordinate, and teach educational programs to meet community needs, and
• A Bachelor’s degree in Crop & Soil Science, Plant Protection & Pest Management, Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, Agricultural Education, General Agriculture, or closely related area (Master’s degree is preferred)

Major Responsibilities:
• Responsible for managing the Agricultural & Natural Resources program in Thomas County by providing educational opportunities in production agriculture, home and garden, pesticide, wildlife, and related areas
• Utilizes the expertise of and works closely with advisory groups, community leaders, public officials and representatives of intended audiences to analyze data, identify needs, and assist in developing educational programs
• Develops plan of work that is equitable in meeting the needs of the county’s varied socio-economic population
• Ensures the Civil Rights/Equal Opportunity plan of UGA Cooperative Extension is followed and that volunteers and clientele understand Cooperative Extension offers educational programs, assistance, and materials to all people without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, or veteran status
• Develops and conducts relevant interdisciplinary programs with other staff members based on critical issues
• Collaborates with other agencies and community groups to plan and implement programs
• Conducts promotional efforts to expand the public’s view of extension programming
• Utilizes current research data and information on emerging issues in program development and teaching
• Demonstrates personal interest and involvement in community by participating in and supporting civic/community activities/organizations and networking with community leaders
• See www.caes.uga.edu/intranet/coextopr/pdfs/coextagentjd.pdf for a listing of other responsibilities.

This position requires frequent night meetings, some weekend work, and attendance at out-of-county meetings. A valid driver’s license is required. A county vehicle and travel allowance will be provided.

Administrative Relationships: - This position serves as a UGA Public Service Faculty Member and a member of the Thomas County Extension Staff (http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/county.cfm?CountyOfficeID=313). It is under the direction and leadership of the Thomas County Extension Coordinator and the Southwest District Extension Director.

Salary & Benefits: $40,000/year for Masters Degree (Bachelor’s $34,000) in appropriate subject area as well as an excellent benefits package is available as a faculty member of the University of Georgia

Application Procedures: To ensure consideration, your application must be received in UGA Human Resources’ IPAWS system by August 7, 2011. Apply online at https://www.ugajobsearch.com/applicants/jsp/shared/Welcome_css.jsp (Posting Number 20110970 under “Staff” listings or select the “County Extension Agents” button).

Mail original transcripts and direct any questions to: UGA CAES Business Office, HR - 203B Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602, Phone: (706) 542-1147, caesohr@uga.edu

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