Position Announcement: County Extension Agent – Agriculture & Natural Resources


With its long growing season and varied types of soils, Colquitt County has traditionally been a state leader in agricultural production. It boasts of being at the top in cotton/row crop and number one in vegetable production ($125,992,000) in Georgia. The county has over 196,600 acres in cropland supporting over 7,500 jobs with a 2013 total Farm Gate Agricultural value of $545,070,910 and an Output of $2,158,855,095. The Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition is held annually each October and is the largest farm show in the Southeast attracting over 200,000 attendees.

Qualifications: This position requires:

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

Major Responsibilities:

- Responsible for managing the agricultural and natural resources program in Colquitt County by providing educational programs in production agriculture, pesticide, wildlife, and related areas
- Utilizes the expertise of advisory groups, community leaders, public officials and representatives of intended audiences to analyze data, identify needs, and assist in developing educational programs
- Develops a plan of work that is equitable in meeting the varied socio-economic needs of the county
- Targets specific audiences for educational programs addressing critical issues identified in plan of work
- Implements the CAES Civil Rights/Equal Opportunity plan and ensures that clientele understand that UGA Cooperative Extension offers its educational programs, assistance, and materials to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected 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.

Administrative Relationships: This position serves as a UGA Public Service Faculty Member and a member of the Colquitt County Extension Staff (http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/colquitt/) and is under the direction and leadership of the Colquitt County Extension Coordinator and the Southwest District Extension Director.

Starting Salary & Benefits: $40,400/year with a Master’s Degree (Bachelor’s $34,500 minimum) 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 April 19th, 2015. Apply online at www.ugajobsearch.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=65892 (Posting Number 20150505) under “County Extension Agents”. Please direct any questions to: UGA CAES Business Office, 215 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602, (706) 542-2373, caesohr@uga.edu. You will be asked to provide an official transcript of the highest degree obtained and three letters of reference if selected as the final candidate. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status.

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