POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position # 00013147
Requisition # 0901521

TITLE: Assistant Professor of Animal Sciences – Beef Cattle Management

LOCATION: University of Florida – IFAS
Range Cattle Research and Education Center, Ona

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

APPLICATION DEADLINE: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by November 1, 2012. The position will open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-track position and will be 60% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 40% Extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service). The percentage assignment could change depending on the program needs of IFAS. The research responsibilities of this position may be related to beef cattle management systems, beef cattle nutrition, or beef-forage systems. An understanding of commercial cow/calf production systems and the influence of these systems on the productivity and value of weaned feeder calves is essential. Based on a solid understanding of both applied and basic research techniques, the successful candidate must have the ability to develop a successful and recognized beef cattle research and extension program. Extramural funding support will be important to the success of this program and an indication of ability to secure extramural funding is desirable. Products of the program will illustrate original research that addresses the needs of the beef cattle industry. Interdisciplinary, multi-unit, and multi-institutional collaborations in beef cattle management systems are expected. Communication of research results to the scientific community and livestock stakeholders in appropriate peer-reviewed scientific and trade publications is an essential requirement of this position. Recruitment and supervision of graduate students also is expected.
Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in the animal sciences with emphasis in beef cattle nutrition and or management, or other closely related area. PhD candidates that have completed their preliminary exams, but have not yet graduated, may also apply. Demonstration of strong oral communication skills with professional peers and good written communication skills in appropriate publications are necessary. A strong knowledge of cow-calf production systems is required. Candidates must be supportive of the tripartite teaching, research, and extension mission of the Land-Grant system and also have a commitment to the IFAS’ core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** This position will reside at the Range Cattle Research and Education Center (http://rcrec-ona.ifas.ufl.edu), which is a unit of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), and is located on a 2840-acre site eight miles south of Ona, FL. Ona is located, 45 miles east of the Bradenton/Sarasota area and 170 miles south of the University of Florida main campus at Gainesville. The Center is located in an agricultural region where beef and dairy cattle, citrus, vegetables, and ornamental horticulture are major industries. Nearly 80% of Florida’s 1 million beef cows are located with 150 miles of the Center. Currently, the Center has 7 faculty programs and 19 support staff. Tenure of this position is assigned to the Department of Animal Sciences in Gainesville (http://www.animal.ufl.edu). A strong current and historical collaboration exists among research and education faculty at the Range Cattle REC and Animal Sciences Department in Gainesville. The Department of Animal Sciences has an emphasis on forage consuming species, particularly cattle and horses, and their products of meat, milk and power. There are significant strengths in the Department in the areas of physiology, nutrition and meat science that will serve as fertile collaborative potential for the incumbent to this position.

The University of Florida (http://www.ufl.edu) is a Land-Grant and Sea-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 53,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (http://ifas.ufl.edu) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (http://cals.ufl.edu), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (http://research.ifas.ufl.edu), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu), the College of Veterinary Medicine (http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu), the Florida Sea Grant program (http://www.flseagrant.org/), and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, School of Natural Resources and Environment, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation’s largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of
Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

**EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS:** This position is available November 15, 2012 and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

**NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS:** Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

Applications must be submitted online. Individuals wishing to apply should visit [http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/32592](http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/32592), and submit the following materials:

- Application
- Letter of application that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above;
- Complete vita (which includes description of current position and responsibilities)

Also, an official transcript documenting awarding of the Master’s degree and PhD degree if completed, as well as at least three letters of reference must be sent directly to the search committee chair.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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*The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida’s ‘Government in the Sunshine’ and Public Records Laws. Search committee meetings and interviews will be open to the public, and applications, resumes, and many other documents related to the search will be available for public inspection. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.*