

Position: # 0001-4097
Requisition: # 0803277
Title: Dairy/Water Quality Agent (Extension Agent I, II, or III)
Location: Okeechobee County (South District), Okeechobee, FL

Application Deadline: November 15, 2009

Major Responsibilities: This position is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs on effective nutrient management and water quality systems pertaining to dairy operations. The successful applicant will develop educational materials and conduct training workshop/seminars for dairy producers and governmental agencies. This position will also be responsible for developing an expertise in bio-energy, such as biogas produced from manure and other feedstocks, to respond to the increasing interest from the agriculture community. All agents are expected to assist with 4-H/Youth Development programming.

Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in Dairy/Animal Science, Agriculture, Extension Education, Adult Education (only if candidate also has agricultural background), or closely related field is required. A Master's degree is strongly preferred. Candidates without a Master's degree would be expected to obtain this degree within 5 years. Employee must be able to: 1) work effectively as a team member; 2) communicate well both verbally and in writing; 3) obtain a Florida Driver's License; 4) work irregular hours; and 5) travel. Computer competence is required. Experience working in multicultural settings or coursework/training on multicultural topics is desirable. A drug test for Okeechobee County will be required and a driver's record check must be found acceptable prior to employment.

Application instructions:

Apply through the online UF GatorJobs application system (at <https://jobs.ufl.edu>), referencing requisition # 0803277. Although an Extension Agent is classified as a Faculty position, a "TEAMS, OPS ...Cooperative Extension application" is required.

Please attach your Resume or CV, and a cover letter that describes how your experience and qualifications have prepared you for this position.

TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

You must submit unofficial copies of all transcripts and/or coursework of your professional degrees. You may attach these as an "other" document, or you may submit to our office as directed below. An unofficial copy is acceptable for the application process, but before you can be hired, IFAS Human Resources must have the official transcript for your highest degree on file. Official transcripts must be issued directly to our office.

Also, all applicants must have at least three reference rating forms on file. Reference forms must be less than one year old. If you have not already done so, please contact your references and ask that they complete a reference rating form on your behalf. The form is located at http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/ref_form.pdf .

With the exception of official transcripts, all items submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than the next business day of the position closing date. All documents submitted by fax or email must be received no later than the next business day.

Requested forms and transcripts should be submitted as follows:

Faxed to the IFAS Office of Human Resources, Faculty Recruitment and Hiring, Attention Dana LeCuyer at 352-392-3226

OR

Emailed to dlecuyer@ufl.edu

OR

Mailed to:

Dana LeCuyer
UF IFAS Human Resources
Faculty Recruitment and Hiring
P O Box 110281
Gainesville, FL 32611-0281

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Background Information: The University of Florida is the state's Land Grant, <http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/>, and Sea Grant institution, with a student population of 51,000, and is a member of the prestigious American Association of Universities. Okeechobee County, <http://www.co.okeechobee.fl.us/>, is the largest milk producing county in Florida with approximately 35,000 head of cattle on 11 dairies. In total, these businesses milk in 17 milking facilities. Most of these are confinement barns and 3 are grazing dairies. These dairy producers have indicated that environmental requirements/expense is their biggest concern and burden. The ever escalating need to satisfy environmental regulation has necessitated the rebuilding and/or retrofitting of virtually all of these dairies.

Excellent support resources are available for this position. The South Florida Beef Forage Program, <http://sfbfp.ifas.ufl.edu/>, is composed of several South Florida faculty that cooperate to coordinate Extension and Research activities for enhanced forage and cattle production. The Range Cattle Research and Education Center at Ona, Florida, <http://rcrec-ona.ifas.ufl.edu/RCREC.html>, is a 2,840-acre facility where faculty conduct research to provide information that will solve problems related to improving profitability of beef, forage, and dairy production.

Proactive extension programs offered through the Okeechobee Extension office, <http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu/>, include: Livestock, Environmental Horticulture, and 4-H/Youth Development. Information on other topics is also delivered as requested.