Position: # 00023525  
Title: Regional Specialized Livestock (Dairy) Agent II, III or IV  
Location: Northeast District (Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, Madison)  
Application Deadline: 4/6/2007 or until filled

Major Responsibilities: This is a 12-month, permanent status accruing position with the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, (UF/IFAS) and is 100% appointment with the Florida Cooperative Extension Service. The successful candidate will have district and collaborative statewide dairy 80% and 4-H youth 20% responsibilities that focus on the following areas:

- The individual will be responsible for planning, developing, implementing and evaluating programs in dairy production and management, forages and pastures, and other livestock species as appropriate.

- The individual will be expected to serve as a resource person and work cooperatively with producer groups, associations, state and local governmental and regulatory agencies in topic areas relevant to the dairy industry, and other livestock species as appropriate.

- This individual will provide district wide leadership in dairy management, generating training programs, written and electronic resources, and quality Extension educational programs.

- The individual will provide district wide leadership to support effective and efficient planning, implementation and reporting of dairy 4-H youth development programs (e.g., clubs, camps, fairs, school enrichment, etc.) at the county, district and state levels in cooperation with faculty, staff, and volunteers.

- The individual will serve as a liaison between county faculty, state specialists, and other partners and collaborators.

- The individual will identify and secure funding (i.e. gifts, grants, donations) that supports programming needs.
**Administrative Relationships:** The position has both district and statewide responsibilities. As such, supervisory oversight will be as follows:

- Will be a member of the Northeast Extension District faculty under the supervision of the Northeast District Director and the Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences. The agent will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Northeast District Director and the Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences.

**Qualifications:** The Regional Specialized Agent candidate must hold the following qualifications:

- Masters Degree required, PhD preferred from an accredited University with a degree that focuses on Dairy Management or similar field.
- Hold the Agent II, III or IV rank or be eligible for this rank within University of Florida IFAS Extension.
- Demonstrated ability in designing, promoting, implementing and evaluating educational programs based on the experiential learning principles with emphasis on livestock (Dairy) programs. Ability to work with diverse clientele; ability to utilize current technologies; willingness to work irregular hours and occasional weekends; and maintain a Florida driver license
- Experience in youth programming and an understanding of youth development principles that include evidence of strong support for cultural diversity and inclusion in 4-H Youth Development educational programs.
- Successful at communicating effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups, and through mass media.
- Grantsmanship experience and knowledge necessary.
- Must pass a national background check.

**Salary:** Commensurate With Qualifications and Experience

**Background Information:** The University of Florida is the state’s Land Grant and Sea Grant institution, with a student population of 47,000, and is a member of the prestigious American Association of Universities. The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program supports University of Florida IFAS Extension outreach efforts to youth ages 5-18 in all of Florida’s 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe.