POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 0001-3095

Title: Assistant Professor Livestock Systems Management

Location: Department of Animal Sciences
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of application materials will begin on or before March 1, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 60% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 40% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service), available in the Department of Animal Sciences, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit.

Duties will include the following:

The successful candidate is expected to provide leadership in integrating animal biology, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, and animal health in the development of new technologies and decision-making tools which will enhance the economic viability of the Florida livestock industry.

Potential areas of research include, but are not limited to, farm financial management, modeling livestock production systems, and integration of knowledge and new technologies from other disciplines (nutrition, physiology, epidemiology, or genetics). Research will build on application of operation research, enterprise economics, decision-theory, systems analysis, or business management to the management of livestock production systems. It is expected that the successful candidate will train graduate students, publish results in peer-reviewed journals and secure extramural competitive funding.

Extension efforts include working with the livestock industry to improve on-farm decision making by using results from bio-economic models. High priority will be extension activities and programming that generate data-based decision-making tools for livestock producers and

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professional farm consultants. Interaction with county faculty to develop and implement programming is expected. Publication in EDIS and other Extension resources as appropriate is expected. The extension appointment may also include providing statewide leadership in youth livestock extension programming.

The person in this position has the unique opportunity for collaboration and synergism with discipline-based faculty within the department, as well as with faculty and staff associated with Agronomy, Food and Resource Economics, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The University of Florida provides an outstanding opportunity for a candidate who is committed to excellence in research and extension in livestock systems management. All IFAS faculty are expected to demonstrate commitment and responsibility to the three functions of the Land-Grant mission.

Qualifications
An earned doctorate in Animal Science, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering or related field or a DVM with experience in livestock production systems research or a closely related discipline is required. Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Background Information:
The Department of Animal Sciences consists of 32 faculty engaged in research, teaching and extension activities in support of the beef, dairy, horse and meats industries of Florida. The Department includes 75 support staff in Gainesville and at seven off-campus research and education units. There are 559 undergraduate and 65 graduate students in training in the department. 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 48,000 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), and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 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 July 1, 2007, 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.

Individuals wishing to apply should submit the following materials:
- Letter of application including a description of research and extension experience and qualifications related to this position and states applicant’s interest in the position;
- Complete vita (which includes statement of current position and responsibilities);
- Official transcript of all graduate academic training;
- A minimum of three letters of reference

Review of application materials will begin on or before March 1, 2007, and will continue until a qualified applicant is identified. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

**Contact Information and Application and Nomination Submission Information**

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