Position # 0001-3984

County Extension Director
Extension Agent II, III or IV
Calhoun County (Northwest Extension District) Blountstown, Florida

Application Deadline: 1/11/07* or until position is filled.
Date Available: 02/01/07

The University of Florida IFAS Extension Calhoun County Extension Director (CED) will be responsible for administration, supervision, coordination and leadership of the total Calhoun County Extension program. This person must represent Extension, marketing all county Extension programs and develop working relationships with community leaders, county and city governments, appropriate agencies, various non-profit groups, overall advisory committee and the media. This person must have excellent interpersonal, management, budgeting and administrative skills. Currently Calhoun County Extension has one additional full time county faculty member and one support staff.

The CED will have educational responsibilities in agriculture, natural resources, home horticulture and community resource development programs. All County Faculty also have a responsibility to the 4H youth program. The individual will particularly conduct educational programs with emphasis in commercial agriculture, natural resources, environmental horticulture, livestock and forages.

Calhoun County boasts rich farmlands, timber, livestock, wood products, manufacturing and ship building. The Apalachicola River, navigable from Columbus, Georgia to the Gulf of Mexico, offers a great potential for rural development. The Calhoun County Extension office is located in north Florida in Blountstown. Calhoun County is a growing rural community of 15,000+ people located in Northwest Florida. Agriculture in Calhoun is very diverse, consisting of over 130 farms with a $16 million market value of agricultural products sold.

A Master’s degree and five years of Extension or related experience is required. The Master’s degree may be in extension education, agriculture, natural resources, or other related Extension fields. Experience with small office operations, personnel management, computers and information technology and educational delivery methods are necessary.

Established residency in Calhoun County is required, and it is expected that the CED will become a part of community life. The candidate must possess and maintain a Florida driver’s license; travel in/out of the county with overnight travel, irregular hours and some weekends. The successful candidate must pass an appropriate background check.