Position # 0001-4177  
Livestock Multi-county Agent             Agent II, III or IV  
Hendry County (South District)           LaBelle, Florida  

Application Deadline: February 1, 2007  
Date available: April 1, 2007  

This livestock position is responsible for planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs for an important multi-county (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties) livestock and forage production program.

A Masters degree with a strong academic background in animal science, agronomy and forage production is preferred (Bachelors is required). An academic curriculum or experience that includes soil science and economics is highly desired. The successful candidate must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Livestock producers in this area range from small individual to large corporate cattle operations. There are over 120,000 brood cows and 1.2 million acres of pasture in this five-county area. The Beef and Forage Program development will be a major component of this assignment and will be based on input from the Extension Beef and Forage Advisory Committee. The successful applicant will also be responsible for conducting environmental, water and government regulation programming for livestock producers and government agency personnel.

Experience working in multicultural settings and coursework/training on multicultural topics are desirable. A criminal background check will be conducted on finalists. A drug test must produce acceptable results prior to employment.

Extension programming in Hendry County is a cooperative undertaking between the County, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida, and the US Department of Agriculture. All three partners contribute to the salary and support resources and the county and the state are involved in the supervision of the office.

Hendry County with a population of over 36,000 is located in south-central Florida. The office is located in the town of LaBelle, which is about 30 miles west of Lake Okeechobee’s southern tip.

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