POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #0001-4565

Title: Assistant Professor – Extension Forage Specialist

Location: Range Cattle Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Ona, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: Review of application materials will begin on or before February 15, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Duties and Responsibilities

This 12-month, tenure accruing position is 70% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 30% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station). Extension activities include field research and demonstration studies, interpreting those results to assist county extension personnel in conducting statewide producer education activities. These extension education efforts will be focused on finding solutions to industry problems. Extension methods will include demonstrations, field days, meetings, conferences, tours, and communication by extension newsletters and other periodic written materials. Extension programming in forage production will be conducted in close cooperation with other state-wide specialists and county extension faculty, with emphasis on electronic, distance education methods. Periodic in-service training programs will be delivered to keep county extension faculty informed of current technology relating to forage crops and production practices. Applied and basic research on forage production will be conducted and results published in refereed journals, trade journals, and other appropriate media. The faculty member will actively seek contract and grant funding to support his/her program. The faculty member will actively participate in graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis, and dissertation research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. This assignment may change with the needs of the unit. Tenure will accrue in the Agronomy Department.

Qualifications
A Ph.D. in Agronomy or closely related field. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Experience in extension is preferred. 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 Range Cattle Research and Education Center is a unit of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), and is located on a 2840-acre site eight miles south of Ona, FL. Ona is located, 45 miles east of the Bradenton/Sarasota area and 170 miles south of the University of Florida main campus at Gainesville. The Center serves an agricultural region where beef and dairy cattle, citrus, vegetables, and ornamental horticulture are major industries. The Center has six faculty programs and 19 support staff.

The University of Florida (UF) is a Land-Grant and Sea Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of over 48,000 students. UF is a member of the Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, 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. IFAS employs over 3,400 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, and is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: The Dean of 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. The Agronomy Department is a unit of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and has diverse teaching, research, and extension programs with 25 active faculty located on the main campus in Gainesville and 14 faculty located at Research and Education Centers throughout the state.

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

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 that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above;
- Complete vita (which includes statement of current position and responsibilities);
- Official transcript showing receipt of the doctoral degree;
- Contact information of three individuals that may serve as reference.
Review of application materials will begin on or before February 15, 2007, and will continue until a suitable applicant is identified. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Please refer to Position #0001-4565
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