

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

EXTENSION ASSOCIATE, FARM AND AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT - [Cooperative Extension](#) at [North Carolina State University](#). Master's degree in agricultural economics or a comparable field of study such as farm or agribusiness management is required. Experience in developing educational programs for agricultural audiences is highly preferred. The successful candidate must be able to work with diverse audiences and collaborate in a team setting. Good written and oral communications skills are required. Knowledge in agricultural business management, in particular for value-added agriculture and/or fruit and vegetable industry, is preferred. A valid driver's license is required.

The successful candidate will develop an extension program as a part of the Value-Added and Alternative Agriculture Program at the North Carolina Research Campus. The extension program will support and complement horticultural and specialty crop management educational programs that exist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Duties include but are not limited to: 1) working with extension agents to conduct applied farm management programs; 2) working with producer groups and extension faculty to assess value-added and alternative enterprise opportunities in the specialty crops area; 3) working with extension faculty, and producer groups to examine economic options for initiating cooling and post harvest handling programs in fruits and vegetables; 4) working with extension faculty and other appropriate groups in evaluating economic components involved in compliance with food safety protocols concerning specialty and horticultural crop production; and 5) collecting information and developing cost and return estimates for specialty crops. This person is expected to collaborate with and seek guidance from other faculty members to develop and implement educational programs that assist producers and producer groups as they evaluate specialty crops to improve net farm income in North Carolina. Training and resource development for extension faculty will be primary program delivery tools.

The position will begin whenever a suitable candidate is found. The extension associate will operate as a member of the Value-Added and Alternative Agriculture Program team, www.ncvalueadded.org, at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis, NC and report to the program's director. The position will co-report to and be affiliated with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at NC State University in Raleigh.

Applicants should submit a complete vita, cover letter, and three letters of recommendation will be required. Please apply at www.ncsu.edu/jobs, position number, 01-64-0808. Position closes whenever a suitable candidate is identified.

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