



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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POSITION: County Extension Educator
Agriculture and Natural Resources

LOCATION: Holmes County
Headquarters in Millersburg, OH

DATE OPEN: Immediately

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 9, 2008



COUNTY PROFILE: Over 40% of the population in Holmes County is Amish. County information may be found at the following web address: <http://holmes.osu.edu/>

BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop and conduct educational programs primarily in the areas of animal agriculture (emphasis on dairy), future needs in farm management, innovative agricultural business opportunities, rural economic development, and agricultural profitability within Holmes County.
- Collaborate with other extension professionals to address rural/urban issues and farm sustainability.
- Identify, recruit and develop volunteer leadership and stakeholders to carry out and support the local ANR Extension program. Expected to develop and maintain ongoing and effective ANR program advisory committees.
- Work closely with local advisory committees, industry representatives and volunteers to conduct needs assessment and priority setting to determine emphasis of educational programs.
- Give leadership to the development of pro-active educational programs using innovative educational methods while serving a diverse population that includes a large Amish community.
- Utilize variable methods of reaching and teaching clientele to include mass media, newsletters, in office and on farm consultations, meetings, workshops, tours, applied research and emerging technology.
- Maintain a high level of visibility and facilitate communications with a wide range of clientele including traditional and non-traditional learners, elected officials, agricultural and non-agricultural stakeholders, and environmental and special interest groups to promote the understanding of agriculture and natural resource issues.
- Seek out specialized grants and other funding opportunities including sponsorships and gifts to development and enhance ANR programming efforts to meet local needs.
- Be an effective team player and participate in selected statewide OSUE ANR Teams as appropriate.
- Work closely with county extension professionals as a source of animal agriculture expertise serving volunteer and youth development needs.

- Maintain a close working relationship with local federal, state, and county agencies relating to agriculture and natural resources for educational opportunities and assistance. Maintain ongoing communications as appropriate and seek out stakeholders for creative Extension programming.
- Serve as a source of ANR subject matter to the community and give educational leadership to emerging issues.
- Develop an area of specialization consistent with local and regional needs, academic discipline and training and become an integral member of an appropriate program commodity/issue team.
- Maintain a program of individual professional improvement in selected subject areas.
- Ensure a diversity among potential clientele and learners and equal access to programs and facilities without regard to age, race, creed, color, handicap, sex, sexual orientation, developmental disability, national origin, marital status, arrest or non-program related conviction record.
- 10% of Educator's time will be dedicated to statewide issues.

QUALIFICATIONS: An earned Master's degree and at least one degree in agriculture is required. Leadership ability and strong teaching and subject matter expertise background in livestock, preferably dairy, is necessary. The successful candidate will have strong written, oral communication and computer skills. Experience in working with diverse clientele and organizations is required. Demonstrated success in working as part of a team and initiating collaborative partnerships is sought. Candidates must be willing to work flexible hours with a minimum of supervision. The successful candidate will be asked to complete, submit and have on file in the OSU Extension Human Resources Office a fingerprint criminal background report and a DMA (Declaration of Material Assistance) form before their start date.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience/credentials. Must provide own transportation with mileage allowance at the Department of Extension rate.

ANTICIPATED INTERVIEW DATES: Selected candidates will be invited to interview at Ohio State University's main campus on either December 8 or 9, 2008 and in the county at a later date.

OTHER BENEFITS OFFERED: Group life, medical-surgical, major medical, hospitalization, vision, dental and disability insurance, retirement plans, Workers' Compensation, annual vacation, OSU fee allowance and sick leave.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER: Garee W. Earnest, Ph.D., Leader, Human Resources, OSU Extension, 2120 Fyffe Road, Room 10, Columbus, OH 43210-1084

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TO APPLY: Complete application instructions at http://extensionhr.osu.edu/career/career_application.html To receive full consideration for this position, qualified applicants must submit the following materials: **1)** Completed OSU online application at <http://jobs.osu.edu/> **Email items 2-5 to:** bahnsen.9@cfaes.osu.edu **2)** Cover letter **3)** Resume/Vita and list of experiences and abilities **4)** List of at least three professional references; include email addresses, names, addresses, phone numbers **5)** Official graduate and undergraduate transcripts showing the dates conferred (copies are acceptable); email as a pdf or have ordered transcripts sent to: Ohio State University Extension / Human Resources / Attention: Toni M. Bahnsen / 2120 Fyffe Road, Room 10 / Columbus, OH 43210. **Application materials must be submitted on or before the deadline date listed.**