



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT *REISSUE*

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POSITION: County Extension Educator
Agriculture and Natural Resources

LOCATION: Wayne County
Headquarters in Wooster, OH

DATE OPEN: Immediately

DEADLINE DATE: November 9, 2008



COUNTY PROFILE: Wayne County is a major agricultural county located in north central Ohio. It consistently ranks as one of Ohio's top agriculture counties with 1,890 farms and a total of 259,000 acres of farmland. Over 200 million dollars in cash receipts are generated annually by Agriculture within Wayne County with nearly half of that amount coming from the dairy industry. Wayne County is ranked number one for dairy in the state. The population of the county is approximately 113,121 people with 24,811 living in Wooster, the county seat. County information may be found at the following web address: <http://wayne.osu.edu/>

BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Plan, teach, deliver and evaluate pro-active educational programs in agriculture and natural resources with a major emphasis on dairy, as well as general animal agriculture to meet current and future needs in farm management, farm land use issues, innovative agricultural business opportunities and agricultural profitability within Wayne County.
- Serve as a resource for dependable, research based agricultural information in a professional manner.
- Be an agricultural representative by maintaining a high level of visibility and facilitating 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 agricultural issues and serving as an educational resource to the public.
- Work closely with local advisory committees, industry people and volunteers to conduct needs assessment and priority setting to determine emphasis of educational programs.
- Serve as an educational advisor and liaison for the Ohio State University Extension and the University to appropriate public issues and program related organizations. Represent OSU Extension and the University with federal, state and local agencies and educational institutions at the local level.
- Collaborate with other extension professionals to address rural/urban issues and farm sustainability.
- Give leadership to the development of pro-active educational programs using innovative educational methods.
- Utilize emerging technology through variable teaching methods to work with local small and large farm operations.

- 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.
- Identify, recruit and develop the volunteer leadership necessary to carry out relevant parts of the county/local program of work. Develop effective advisory committee(s).
- 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.
- Report to local, OSU Extension, and United States Department of Agriculture leaders and stakeholders as appropriate and requested.
- 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. The candidate must be a good communicator and be willing to promote the local agricultural industry, focusing on the major agro-economic drivers within the county. As such, the successful candidate will have strong written and oral communication skills and experience in working with diverse clientele and organizations. Demonstrated success in working as part of a team and initiating collaborative partnerships is sought. Leadership ability and strong teaching and subject matter expertise in dairy is necessary. 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

REGIONAL DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS: Dr. Jack Kerrigan, North Central Region, Ohio State University Extension, OARDC, Admin. Bldg., 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691.

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.**