FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

SPECIALIST IN COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN LIVESTOCK AND RANGELAND ECONOMICS
in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics,
University of California, Davis

Title: Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension – Livestock and Rangeland Economics, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Davis Campus.

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE) is seeking applications for a Specialist in Cooperative Extension (CE) at the Assistant rank in the field of agricultural economics, with specialization in livestock and rangeland economics and management. A CE Specialist is being recruited to conduct original applied research resulting in information that can contribute to (i) the ability of the California livestock industries to develop and thrive as a key part of a competitive and sustainable food system, and (ii) the sustainable management of rangeland natural resources. The successful candidate is expected to develop an extension education and outreach program that extends information to various clientele (e.g., farmers and ranchers, staff of federal, state, and local government agencies, and extension personnel at the campus and county levels) including under-represented groups. The candidate who fills this position will bring visibility and leadership to campus- and county-based CE academics and other researchers and educators involved in issues pertaining to livestock and rangeland economics and management. Research and extension outreach activities will be closely integrated with UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), county-based CE academics and clientele, as well as campus-based CE and ladder rank faculty. The appointee will be a faculty member of the Department of ARE and in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis.

Responsibilities: This is a full time, career-track appointment that includes the expectation that the appointee will conduct mission-oriented research and engage in extension education and outreach that advances the mission of the Department of ARE and ANR. The focus of this position will be on livestock and rangeland economics and management issues, problems, and challenges relevant to California. Accordingly, applicants should have the professional background necessary to conduct original research in one or both of these areas. By developing reciprocal and mutually beneficial relationships with colleagues and with various stakeholders, the candidate should become a knowledgeable partner who can provide reliable information and build research-informed networks to address issues of regional and statewide importance in the state of California.

Extension Teaching: A person in this position is expected to provide leadership as a liaison between campus-based researchers, CE campus and county based academics, and clientele and colleague groups. This will include providing information to clientele through print publications, web-based resources, and in-person presentations, and collaborating with and serving as a resource for other CE academics.

Applied Research: The successful candidate will: 1) coordinate applied research related to livestock and rangeland economics and management; 2) conduct, and publish the results of applied research or other creative activities designed to enhance the ability of the range and livestock sector to develop and thrive in a competitive food system. Areas of emphasis may include any of the following:

1. Competitiveness and economic viability of livestock production in California.
2. Value-added practices and marketing strategies that can be used by livestock producers to respond to emerging consumer demands for animal products that are produced sustainably, naturally, and humanely.
3. Livestock production practices and how they can be adapted to changes in environmental regulations, secular increases in costs of supplemental feeds, and evolving preferences of consumers.

4. Rangeland management and ecosystem sustainability to determine how ranchers must adapt to meet environmental standards and possibly generate revenues from providing environmental services.

**Professional Competence and Activity:** The candidate will be expected to participate in professional society activities including presenting papers at national and international meetings; reviewing manuscripts and grant proposals in his/her area of expertise; and establishing productive working relationships with scientists and extension personnel in other states and countries. The goal is to gain national and international recognition for scholarly contributions in the field of agricultural economics and in particular to livestock and rangeland economics and management, as he/she advances to the higher ranks in the UC system.

**Qualifications:** Ph.D. degree in agricultural economics, economics, or other closely related discipline is required. The successful candidate must have a record that documents productivity in research as evidenced by publications in peer-reviewed journals or the strong potential for such productivity. In addition, the candidate should either demonstrate experience in extending knowledge to producers or other stakeholders, or exhibit a strong interest in developing an outreach program to a diverse stakeholder audience.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience.

**Appointment Date:** Applications will be reviewed with the expectation that the appointee will be available for service on or soon after July 1, 2016.

**Applications:** Applications should be submitted on-line at [https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF00785](https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF00785). Additional inquiries should be directed to Rachael Goodhue, Search Committee Chair (goodhe-recruit@primal.ucdavis.edu).

**Applicants should submit:** curriculum vitae, including publication list; statement of research and extension interests and goals; one or more publications or working papers; copies or links to recent relevant publications; and should arrange to have three letters of reference provided. The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by December 15, 2015.

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