POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Kansas State University

**Position:** Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, 9-month appointment, tenure-track.

**Location:** Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

**Date Available:** November 1, 2014 or until filled.

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University seeks to fill a tenure-track assistant professor position.

The Department has a reputation for excellence in all three functions of the University’s land grant mission (teaching, research, and extension). The successful candidate is expected to be an active contributor to the Department’s extension and research programs. The Department offers B.S. degrees in agricultural economics and agribusiness, M.S. degrees in agricultural economics and agribusiness, a Master of Agribusiness (MAB) degree, and a Ph.D. in economics with a specialization in agricultural economics. Currently, over 450 undergraduate and 120 graduate students are enrolled in our programs.

Areas of emphasis may include, but are not limited to farm management, agricultural finance, production economics, agricultural marketing, or agricultural policy. Specifically, the areas of emphasis of this position could include the economics of cattle and dairy production in a face of increased water competition, the economics of livestock disease and food safety in conjunction with NBAF (National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility) and the BRI (Biosecurity Research Institute) other livestock economic issues, the economics of cropping systems including such items as the economics of water, energy from agriculture, the economics of technology including precision agriculture and big-data, and the interaction of agricultural and environmental policy with firm decision-making. Other issues possibly could include agricultural and environmental policy analysis or cash rental rates and values of pasture or crop land. The specialist will cooperate with Extension agents and state/area specialists in the Department of Agricultural Economics and various other departments in the college of agriculture and communicate research needs and findings appropriately. The goal of this position is to develop an integrated research-based outreach program that focuses on the economics of livestock or cropping systems under changing water availability, and variable climate conditions.

The Department is known for research and extension programs that addresses real-world problems in local, state, national, and global agriculture and agribusiness. More information on the Department can be found at [www.ageconomics.ksu.edu](http://www.ageconomics.ksu.edu).

**Responsibilities:**
- Develop and deliver an internationally recognized extension and research program
• Develop collaborative programs/projects with other faculty, units, and departments at Kansas State University, and with allied industry organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders.
• Attract grant funds to support research/extension programs
• Mentor, advise and direct research by undergraduate and graduate students
• Create an environment that fosters diversity and collegiality while working in a multi-cultural setting
• Contribute towards the Department’s extension website (www.agmanager.info).

Required Qualifications:
• Earned doctoral degree in agricultural economics, applied economics, economics, or closely related field
• Commitment to excellence in extension programming
• Strong record of academic achievement
• Excellent written and oral communication skills
• Ability to communicate complex economic issues to a public audience
• Strong commitment to expanding and fostering diversity
• Knowledge of agricultural production practices and related previous experience
• Ability to function effectively in a team setting, both as a leader and team member

Preferred Qualifications:
• Experience in extension programming
• Research publications in peer-reviewed journals
• Experience in attracting external resources
• Self-starting and independently motivated. Ability to advance project activities with a minimum of supervision

Salary and Benefits: This is an unclassified position at Kansas State University. The salary will be commensurate with the qualifications of the applicant. The K-State benefit package includes a retirement plan, group health and life insurance, worker’s compensation, vacation, sick leave and other benefits. For additional information on benefits, see http://www.k-state.edu/hr/current-employees/benefits/summary.html.

How to Apply: Qualified persons are invited to apply by sending the following materials: (1) a letter of application that includes a statement of professional goals for extension and research; (2) a complete curriculum vitae; (3) job market paper, sample research paper, and/or sample extension output; and (4) transcripts of all university-level work. In addition, (5) three letters of reference should be arranged to be sent.

Application materials (pdf files preferred) should be sent electronically to: Judy Maberry, Program Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, 342 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 66506, Email: judym@ksu.edu, please refer to AG ECON EXT in the subject line. Questions and inquiries of interest may be made to the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Glynn Tonsor (Phone 785-532-1518; gtonsor@ksu.edu ).
Minority and female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. A background check is required prior to hiring.

**Closing Date:** Review of applications will begin on **October 15, 2014** and continue until the position is filled. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

*Kansas State University is an EOE of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans. Background check required. Kansas State University actively seeks diversity among its employees.*