

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist: Cropping Systems Agronomist

LOCATION: Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University

CLOSING DATE: April 17, 2009 or until position is filled

APPOINTMENT: 12-Month tenure track

RESPONSIBILITIES: This position is 60% Extension, 25% Research and 15% Teaching. The position will provide leadership and coordination of research and extension efforts related to corn (grain and silage), soybean and wheat crop management systems in Michigan. An integrative approach to both extension and research is expected, working with multidisciplinary teams of research scientists, extension specialists, and stakeholders. The research should address key aspects of economically and environmentally sound integrated crop management systems. Candidates should be able to integrate new and novel technologies into research programs. Primary emphasis will be on applied research and information transfer to clientele groups. The incumbent will be expected to develop a strong externally funded nationally recognized research program, publish in refereed journals, and train graduate students. The successful candidate will provide leadership and direction for on-farm demonstration and research efforts of the Extension Field Crops Area of Expertise (AoE) Team, as well as developing innovative educational programs for field crop producers. The successful candidate also will provide oversight for the corn hybrid testing program. The incumbent is expected to teach an undergraduate course in Advanced Crop Production (CSS 212) and contribute cropping systems information in other courses.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. in agronomy or a closely related field is required. Experience in conducting applied research, extension, and teaching is desirable. Candidates should possess excellent communication skills, a history of successful grant applications, and a demonstrated ability to work effectively with other researchers and clientele groups.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit the following electronically.

1. Letter of application including a summary of relevant experiences and accomplishments.
2. A vision statement regarding goals in extension, research and teaching for this position.
3. A detailed vitae including a list of publications, grant proposals and a summary of extension and teaching activities.
4. Official academic transcripts.
5. Applicants should forward a list and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent.

Applications will be accepted until April 17, 2009 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

Submit applications electronically to Ms. Sandie Litchfield, litchfi9@msu.edu, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University.

Inquires about the position should be addressed to: Dr. Russ Freed, Search Committee Chair, freed@msu.edu, ph. 517-355-0271x1187.

MSU is committed to excellence and actively encourages applications from persons regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and/or disabilities.