

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## Forage Management Academic Specialist

**DUTIES:** This position will provide leadership in Michigan forage production and management. This is a fixed term position renewable annually based upon performance and availability of funding. The successful applicant will develop and deliver an externally funded, nationally recognized extension and research program in forage cropping systems. This person will develop and disseminate educational information using appropriate technologies for a range of stakeholders including: dairy, livestock, equine, and commercial forage growers. This person will work with multidisciplinary teams of Faculty and Extension Educators to organize continuing education events for industry professionals such as field days, short-courses, seminars and webinars. The selected individual will be expected to develop a complementary and innovative applied research program that addresses relevant issues affecting forage production and its integration into dairy and livestock production systems including mixed species pasture-based grazing systems. Participation on graduate student committees is encouraged. Professional multidisciplinary collaboration and demonstrated scholarship in all areas are expected.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ph.D. in Agronomy, Ecology, Horticulture or related fields.

Qualifications other than degree: Specialized training in forage production is required. The candidate must be knowledgeable about forage physiology, soil fertility and nutrient management, pest management, general agronomy, and forage-livestock systems, as they pertain to forage science and production settings. Demonstrated skills in outreach communication techniques and their connection to extension education and established research in forage management is highly desirable.

**APPLICATIONS:** Due November 1, 2011. Applicants can apply for this position via the link at <https://jobs.msu.edu>, (posting #5295). Three letters of reference should be sent directly to Sandie Litchfield at the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Plant and Soil Sciences Building, E. Lansing, MI 48824 or by email to [litchfi9@msu.edu](mailto:litchfi9@msu.edu). Questions can be directed to Kurt Thelen, Chair of the Search Committee, ([thelenk3@msu.edu](mailto:thelenk3@msu.edu)). MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. MSU is committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. The University actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, persons of color, veterans and persons with disabilities.



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