

PLANT SCIENTIST/SCIENTIST-IN-CHARGE
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
SOUTHEAST AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EXTENSION
CENTER

Position: Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences seeks a plant scientist to conduct research (65%) and cooperative extension (35%) programs and to serve as scientist-in-charge of the Southeast Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Landisville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This station supports research and extension efforts focused on agronomic and horticultural interests of the region. This is a non-tenure track position and reports to the Director, Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station. Affiliation with appropriate PSU academic department is expected.

Research Responsibilities: Collaborate with and support researchers from the Departments of Crop & Soil Sciences, Entomology, Horticulture, and Plant Pathology. Cooperate with research and demonstration activities initiated by Capital and Southeastern Region extension personnel. Duties include assigning land areas, supervising land preparation, fertilization, planting, pest management, irrigation, and data collection. Independent research is encouraged.

Cooperative Extension Responsibilities: Initiate extension programs, collaborate with/support field-based educators and extension specialists on field days, tours, and clinics at the SE Center, participate in other educational activities, prepare extension materials, and participate in other statewide extension activities.

Scientist-in-Charge Responsibilities: Supervise technical/hourly employees, supervise/maintain equipment, facility and grounds, maintain records, develop and manage budget, and market surplus crops.

Qualifications: *Required:* MS or PhD in agronomy, horticulture, or closely related discipline; research experience in applied plant science; demonstrated oral and written communication skills. *Desirable:* Coursework, training, or experience in: statistics, plot design, computer applications, integrated pest management, and managing budgets and personnel; experience with farm equipment; public pesticide applicator's license; experience in seeking external funding.

Availability: Immediately

Salary: Competitive salary and benefits package will be offered.

Closing Date: Until a suitable candidate is identified.

Application: Submit resume, full contact information for 3 references, and one-page statement of the opportunities and challenges of managing this PSU research and extension facility to:

Dr. Bruce A. McPheron

Director, Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station

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Contact Dr. McPheron at the above address or by email at bam10@psu.edu for more information.

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