



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT X1662

Extension Dairy Cattle Specialist

The University of Tennessee, [Department of Animal Science](#) invites applications for a full-time, 12 month, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor.

Location: Knoxville, Tennessee

Position Responsibilities: 100% Extension

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. or D.V.M. in dairy, animal science, or related field
- Ability to work independently or within a team to develop and implement science-based dairy educational material and programs for adult and youth (4-H) audiences
- Ability to communicate effectively using oral, written, and electronic methods
- Demonstrated positive interpersonal skills and experience serving diverse audiences
- Must be self-motivated and directed with the ability to achieve measurable results
- Ability and willingness to meet travel requirements
- Knowledge of U.S. dairy production systems

Responsibilities include:

- Lead efforts to develop, implement and evaluate practical, science-based dairy cattle educational programs that benefit the Tennessee dairy cattle industry (such as the UT Master Dairy Producer Program)
- Develop a strong network of individuals from university faculty, Extension specialists, county agricultural extension agents, and associated industry personnel to aid in developing programs that help strengthen the Tennessee dairy cattle industry
- Independently or collaboratively develop and/or implement science-based dairy educational material for adult and youth (4-H) audiences
- Establish and maintain strong working relationships with Tennessee dairy producers and related industries
- Apply for and receive extramural funding (grants, contracts, gifts and fees)
- Create scholarly, peer reviewed publications (Extension publications, abstracts and journal articles)
- Independently or collaboratively conduct applied research projects leading to needed science-based knowledge and peer-reviewed publications
- Provide timely and accurate information in response to public requests
- Participate in the [UT Extension Strategic Plan](#) structure as requested
- Establish and/or maintain cooperative efforts with Extension specialists at other institutions; both regionally and nationally
- Participate in other activities of the Animal Science Department, such as committee service and recruitment

About the Department: The Department of Animal Science is a diverse and fascinating blend of applied and basic life sciences, ultimately focused on enhancing the efficiency, profitability and sustainability of the domestic animal industries. The department's activities are accomplished by its 28 faculty members and 15 professionals and support staff on the Knoxville campus and at locations across Tennessee. Approximately 550 undergraduate students are enrolled in the department's bachelor's degree programs with academic concentrations in animal industries, biosciences and pre-veterinary medicine. In addition, there are approximately 30 graduate students enrolled in the department's MS and PhD programs. Encouraging undergraduate participation in research, creative achievement and real-world experience is a departmental goal.

Extension and research programs in the department serve the areas of animal health and well-being, nutrition physiological genomics and reproduction. Of these *a strong nucleus of 6 dairy-related faculty are in the department with research targeting behavior and welfare, immunity, microbiology, and reproduction.* In addition, multidisciplinary and multifunctional dual biomedical and agricultural purpose (animal and human health) programs with emphasis on obesity and metabolic complications are conducted. Extensive field and animal resources are available through six Research and Education Centers throughout Tennessee (see <http://taes.tennessee.edu/>). This currently includes 3 dairy research stations, 1 located in east Tennessee and 2 in middle Tennessee. In addition, Extension leads adult and 4H youth programs in dairy cattle, beef cattle, goats, equine, poultry, sheep, swine and environmental management. Departmental programs encompass the full range of the land grant university mission (teaching, research and service) and are administered by the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, UT AgResearch, and UT Extension. Opportunities abound to form collaborative and interdisciplinary activities with the College of Veterinary Medicine, Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the nearby Oak Ridge National Laboratory, commodity and industrial partners, other university units and regional industries. Additional information is available at <http://animalscience.utk.edu/>

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Benefits: Benefits available include group hospitalization and life insurance, state employees retirement, worker's compensation, study, sick and annual leave, paid holidays and administrative leave days, unemployment compensation, educational waivers, and use of numerous University Services.

To Apply: Review of applications will commence November 7, 2016 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Applicants should submit as a single PDF document a letter of application; statement describing Extension programming philosophy; official transcripts; names and addresses of at least three individuals willing to serve as references; a detailed curriculum vitae highlighting education, relevant experience, qualifications, grant and contract activities and publications to:

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