

JOB TITLE: Extension Specialist III/Research Horticulturist (Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs and Spices)

Department: Cooperative Extension Program

Date: April 12, 2021

FLSA Status: EXEMPT

Location: Pine Bluff, AR, US, 71601

County: Jefferson

Posting End Date: April 30, 2021

SUMMARY

The Horticulturist must have extensive knowledge about horticultural crops including fruits, vegetables, flowers, nuts, herbs and spices. The successful candidate must have displayed ability to work with all people and empathy for working with diverse farmers, families, and communities. Knowledge and experience in computer applications, educational methods and developing educational resources are highly desirable. The ability to communicate well verbally and in writing is required. The incumbent must be flexible and willing to work irregular hours and on weekends. A personal vehicle is required for reimbursable travel.

FUNCTIONS

This is a statewide position with special emphasis on working with small-scale and limited-resource farmers in the Delta Region of the state. The horticulturist will work with farmers on a variety of fruits, vegetables, flowers, nuts, herbs and spices production topics. Responsibilities include;

1. Planning, organizing, implementing and documenting impacts of Extension and Research programs.
2. Working to secure resources for effective Extension programs.
3. Supporting Extension youth development programs.
4. Maintaining on-going coordination activities with cooperating county agents and district personnel.
5. Conducting in-service training for county Extension educators and others.
6. Developing educational and resource materials.
7. Developing strategies to help farmers market their produce.
8. Maintaining active research and/or demonstration project(s) to support extension efforts.

The horticulturist is assigned to the unit of Extension and Outreach. Programmatic efforts are cooperatively planned with and conducted under the supervision of the Assistant Dean for Extension and Outreach.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A masters' degree is required, but a Ph.D. is strongly preferred; with a strong background in horticulture.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF JOB APPLICATION

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