



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Dairy Biology and Management
50% Extension/ 50% Teaching
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Position: Assistant Professor, Full Time Tenure-Track Position (9 months) in Extension and Teaching in Dairy Biology and Management in the Department of Animal Sciences

Qualifications: Ph.D. or D.V.M. (from AVMA-accredited institution) plus M.S., experience and commitment to excellence in teaching, and ability to establish a nationally-recognized program in extension and applied research. Individuals working toward the above degrees will be considered but the degree must be obtained by the starting date.

Proposed Start Date: Negotiable after the closing date.

Responsibilities: The Department of Animal Sciences seeks candidates for a position as Assistant Professor of Dairy Biology and Management (50% resident instruction, 50% extension). The successful applicant will play a crucial role in the teaching program of the department and will lead an innovative program of extension education. The Department, College, and campus expect that a program of applied research will be an integral component of the extension appointment. The successful applicant will be expected to teach, advise, and interact with undergraduate students, compete effectively for external funding, and work with dairy producers and other stakeholders to implement an extension program and applied research program directed towards improving the efficiency and well-being of dairy cattle in modern production systems. The disciplinary focus should be in a key area within the biology of dairy cattle (nutrition, reproductive or lactation physiology, genetics, animal behavior, or dairy systems management). It is expected that the successful applicant will integrate his/her disciplinary focus with the dynamics of dairy management systems. The individual hired in this position should be motivated to build strong collaborations within the Department and across the campus. Teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate courses on Principles of Dairy Production and Dairy Herd Management and participation in teaching Introduction to Animal Sciences. The successful applicant may also develop a course that is commensurate with their area of specialization. It is expected that this faculty member will also provide leadership to the Dairy Challenge program and to the Dairy Club.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Location: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Resources: The Urbana-Champaign campus of the University of Illinois (<http://illinois.edu/>) is located approximately 120 miles south of Chicago in a community of more than 125,000 people. The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) (<http://www.aces.uiuc.edu>) is widely recognized for excellence in undergraduate and graduate education, research, outreach, and international programs. The College also serves the State of Illinois through the University of Illinois Extension system. In addition to its mission as a land-grant university, the campus offers exceptional programs in the arts, humanities, sciences, engineering, and computer science. The Department of Animal Sciences (<http://www.ansci.illinois.edu/>) currently has over 500 undergraduate students and maintains a Dairy Research and Teaching Center that houses approximately 400 cattle. The Department has been a leader in establishing capabilities for on-line instructional programs.

Closing Date: To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by November 7, 2011.

Applications: Please create your candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload your *curriculum vitae* with a complete list of publications, and a concise summary of accomplishments and future plans for an innovative program of instruction and extension education. Applicants should also ask three qualified individuals to send letters of reference in pdf format to Gloria Sax at saxg@illinois.edu.

Questions can be directed to Dr. Jim Drackley, Chair of the Search Committee (drackley@illinois.edu, (217) 244-3157) or to Dr. Neal Merchen, Head of the Department, (nmerchen@illinois.edu, (217) 333-3462).

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