

Golden Prairie District Crop Production Extension Agent

Lead dynamic horticultural and crop production extension programs in Golden Prairie District.

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TITLE:

Extension Agent

PRIMARY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Crop Production
Local Unit Director

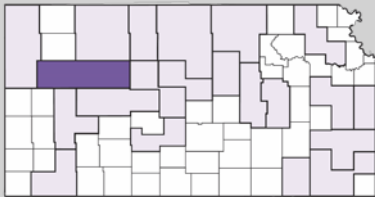
APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, February 09, 2022
Interviews held on March 07, 2022

LOCATION:

Offices Located in Grainfield, Oakley,
and WaKeeney, KS.

Primary office located in Wakeeney, KS.



Golden Prairie District is comprised of Trego, Gove, and Logan Counties in northwest Kansas. The current district staff consists of three agents, three office professionals, and three 4-H program assistants. The district has a combined population of approximately 9,000 with ten rural communities and six school districts.

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Extension agents are professional educators who serve as a link between Kansas State University and communities across Kansas. Agents are administratively responsible to the Director of K-State Research and Extension (represented by a designated administrator) and the local extension board.

- Provide primary leadership for the development and implementation of research-based educational programs related to production, management and marketing issues involved in crop production. Programs will include but are not limited to: tillage, planting, and variety selection; irrigation; weed, disease, and pest control; soil testing and fertilization; harvesting and post-harvest handling; and horticulture.
- Serve as the local unit director, providing administrative oversight for the fiscal operations, coordination of personnel, development, delivery and reporting of program impact and other administrative functions assigned by the regional director and the extension board.
- Share responsibility for the 4-H youth development programming related to Crop Production.
- Share responsibility for community vitality programming that helps our communities become better places to live, work, and play. Programming will strengthen social, civic, economic, and technological capacity of communities through leadership development and civic engagement.
- Programming will include these steps:
 - Identify local needs and emerging issues related to K-State Research and Extension's five Grand Challenges (water, community vitality, health, developing tomorrow's leaders and global food systems) by engaging with program development committees and other community organizations and professionals.
 - Design appropriate educational strategies to engage clientele. These strategies might include delivering educational programming in a community-based setting, coordinating events and activities that provide experiential learning opportunities, using innovative technologies, providing individual educational consultations, and facilitating groups seeking similar educational outcomes. Some overnight travel and evening and weekend work will be required.
 - Develop and implement strategies to expand the reach of educational programming to under-served audiences and to make certain K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider of educational programming.
 - Collect and communicate evidence of educational program impact.
 - Develop specialized knowledge and skills by engaging as a member of the Crop Production Program Focus Team.
- Secure external funding such as grants, gifts, and cost recovery to supplement local tax revenue to support and expand educational programming.
- Serve as a member of the Golden Prairie District team cooperating in the planning and delivery of district-wide programming and related events.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree.
- Academic coursework and/or professional development and professional employment related to the position responsibilities.
- Evidence of strong academic and/or professional performance as documented by college transcripts, acceptance into a graduate program or documented success in increasingly responsible professional positions.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups and through mass media.
- Experience managing fiscal responsibilities, including budget development, financial oversight, and securing of extramural funds.
- Leadership skills as evidenced by working with individuals, groups, and co-workers.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree.
- Experience working with adults and youth from various ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Commitment to personal professional development.
- Ability to utilize electronic communication and computer applications to fulfill programming responsibilities.
- Self-motivation and ability to work with a minimum of supervision, balancing multiple projects.
- Ability to design, promote, implement, and evaluate educational programs.
- Skills in group facilitation.
- Knowledge of adult and youth teaching/learning processes.
- Experience in seeking and administering external grant funding.
- Ability to communicate effectively with both English and Spanish learners.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- **Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment.**
- Access to a personal vehicle and the ability to obtain/maintain a valid driver's license.

SALARY, BENEFITS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Salary commensurate with professional experience and available funding as negotiated by the regional extension director, the local extension board, and the applicant. The base starting salary is \$43,000 for a BS degree with no professional experience and \$47,000 for a MS degree with no professional experience.
- Extension agents are Kansas State University educators and have the Board of Regents retirement plan, health and life insurance and vacation and sick leave. There is a 30-day waiting period for health insurance. See a [complete list of benefits](#).
- Reimbursement for travel related to achieving program objectives.
- New agents are provided approximately 15 days of new agent professional development on the K-State campus or online during their first six to nine months. These 15 days are spread out in four different weeks. In addition, new agents spend at least three weeks with a mentor agent during the first year.
- Tuition assistance is available to full-time employees and their spouse/dependents.

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- Visit the [K-State Research and Extension](#) website.
- Contact Jennifer Wilson, Leader of Extension Operations via email (jrwilson@ksu.edu) or phone ([785-532-5790](tel:785-532-5790)) with questions about this position.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

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