



Assistant Professor - Extension Entomologist

We are seeking an Assistant Professor and State Extension Specialist for an 11-month tenure-track 100% extension appointment to provide statewide leadership programs focused on management of arthropod pests in fruits and nuts in commercial and small farm production, and pesticide safety education. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. The successful candidate is expected to develop educational programs for arthropod management (including pollinators) in fruits, nuts and one or two additional commodities for delivery to county Extension educators, area Extension specialists, producers, allied agribusiness and industry personnel and the Master Gardener program. Responsibilities include providing curricula, training and support for Extension educators and area Extension specialists, developing timely, proactive publications and presentations regarding management of insect pests affecting fruits and nuts. The successful candidate is expected to work closely with other Research and Extension teams and allied agencies, and acquire extramural funds to support program delivery and conduct an applied research program that complements the Extension program. Mentoring graduate students is expected. The incumbent will also serve as the Oklahoma Pesticide Coordinator who provides leadership for the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), a well-established nationally recognized extension program dealing with initial and re-certification of Private, Commercial, and Non-commercial pesticide applicators throughout Oklahoma. PSEP is responsible for developing resource materials (print, digital, web-based) to support educational programs in Private and Commercial pesticide applicator training. The PSEP is also a resource for responding to questions and issues of pesticide use and regulations by the general public and the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources faculty, staff, students, and governmental agencies. The Pesticide Education Coordinator is expected to work closely with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, to review Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requests from numerous organizations, and provide subject-matter expertise in all applicable pesticide certification categories. The successful candidate is expected to interact with the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) at both the national and Region VI levels. The successful candidate is also expected to foster collaborations with the OSU Integrated Pest Management program and the Plant Disease and Insect Diagnostic Laboratory to develop extension materials and deliver pest management recommendations, as well as cultivate interactive working relationships with key agricultural, consumer, industry, and commodity groups. An earned doctorate in entomology or a closely related field is required. Preferred qualifications include experience in pesticide applicator certification training, Worker Protection Standards, Section 18 (emergency or crisis exemptions) and 24c (state local needs) labels. Experience with fruit, nut, and vegetable crop protection is desirable.

Email applications are acceptable. Applicants should include the following:

- (1) application letter,
- (2) curriculum vitae,
- (3) statement of extension and research interests,
- (4) official transcripts that include the date Ph.D. conferred, and
- (5) contact information for four persons available to provide a letter of recommendation.

Review of applicants will begin **December 3, 2012**. Filling position is contingent upon available funding.

This information should be sent to:

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