



# Vacancy Announcement

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## Position Title and Location

Area Food-Animal Quality & Health Specialist  
Office Headquarters: Muskogee, OK or Ada, OK  
To provide service to NE & SE Extension Districts

## Date Available

This position is available on or after April 1, 2014

## Salary

Commensurate with education and experience.

## Background Information

This is a full-time (12-month) appointment. The incumbent is administratively responsible to the district directors in the districts served. The district directors have responsibility for coordinating, with

assistance from the respective department and assistant director, the program direction, along with approval of the annual plan of work and conducting the performance appraisal.

## Job Summary

The Area Food –Animal Quality & Health Specialist will have primary responsibilities in the eastern two extension districts of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service with interim assignment in counties outside the two districts as determined by extension administration.

The Area Extension Food Animal-Quality & Health Specialist will: Plan, develop, and implement a plan of work based on identified needs;

Develop new outreach programs for, and support existing outreach programs of county extension staff as well as local veterinarians. Cooperative efforts among extension staff and the veterinary community are expected;

Prepare educational programs and materials and train county educators in program delivery on high-priority needs and issues identified for the assigned subject matter and geographical area. Develop and lead in-service educational programs in cooperation with state and area extension specialists;

Participate in outreach efforts by the College of Veterinary Medicine targeting practicing veterinarians and complement efforts by the Office of the State Veterinarians.

Provide leadership and assistance to the efforts of county, area and state extension staff to develop and implement educational programming to meet the needs of targeted audiences including livestock producers, practicing veterinarians, commodity and consumer groups.

Use a variety of delivery methods to implement educational program including direct teaching, media, exhibits, field trials and electronic information.

Make presentations at county, area, regional, state, and national educational meetings on topics relating to subject matter area when appropriate;

Seek extramural funding for research and demonstration livestock/food safety related trials, as well as educational programming;

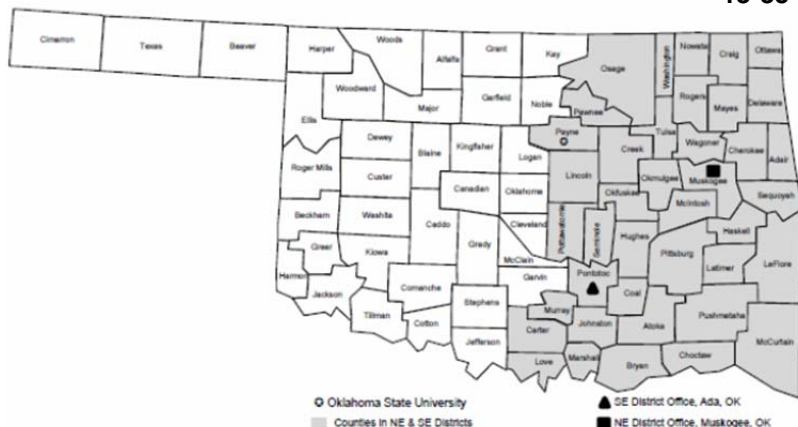
Conduct veterinary science related research/demonstration trials in accordance with needs of educators and clientele in cooperation with county educators, other area and state specialists, local veterinarians, and others;

Organize and conduct extension programming for the livestock industry and markets on issues including zoonotic diseases (diseases transmissible from animal to man) and diseases with potentially significant economic impact such as, but not limited to, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), foot-mouth disease (FMD), and anthrax. Food safety, Beef Quality Assurance, agriterrorism, the Oklahoma Quality Beef Network (OQBN), and animal welfare;

Promote and facilitate collaborative educational efforts between the College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Animal Science and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service educators and area and state extension specialists, practicing veterinarians, USDA, ODAFF, office of the State Veterinarian, commodity groups and others;

Follow a continuous professional development program and assure compliance with civil rights and affirmative action policies.

Be administratively accountable to OCES administration with program and technical support from the College of Veterinary Medicine, primarily, and the Department of Animal Science.



## Qualifications

A Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine with emphasis in food animal practice is required. Applicants must possess or be eligible to obtain licensure as an accredited veterinarian in the state of Oklahoma.

Applicants must possess current USDA federal veterinary accreditation and be willing to maintain said accreditation.

The selected applicant must possess strong knowledge and appreciation for the livestock industry in Oklahoma with an understanding of major issues facing individual species.

Demonstrates people skills and a practical attitude, and be: accepted by practicing veterinarians and relate to extension personnel, comfortable with producers, experienced with animal management practices, industry oriented, and able to develop industry and academic contacts across the state.

Demonstrates ability to effectively listen, communicate, and foster a professional image of OCES by displaying a positive view of the organization both internally and externally.

Demonstrates willingness and ability to effectively manage time and resources and adapts well to changing priorities, situations, and day to day demands.

Possesses writing, communication, and organization skills.

Affirms a commitment to continued personal professional development.

Demonstrates leadership ability in designing, promoting, presenting, and evaluating educational programs and the desire to program and reach diverse audiences.

Provides evidence of ability to build and maintain relationships and work effectively with clientele advisory groups, volunteers, and other professionals, etc.

Demonstrates competency and effective use of computing and computer-based communications technology.

Exhibits willingness to work extended hours including evenings and weekends. Occasional overnight travel is required. Available personal transportation is required and a travel allowance is provided.

## Application Procedure

Review of applications will begin February 17, 2014, and will continue until a suitable candidate(s) is identified. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of application, resume, transcript(s) of all university credits, and the name, address, and phone number for three references.

Application material should be mailed to:

**Agriculture Human Resources  
Oklahoma State University  
Room 235 Agricultural Hall  
Stillwater, OK 74078-6022  
Telephone (405) 744-5524  
Fax (405) 744-8863  
E-Mail: [cesjobs@okstate.edu](mailto:cesjobs@okstate.edu)**

*Extension professionals are hired into the organization not into a specific geographical location. It is possible that future circumstances may require relocation. Individuals who bring a diverse perspective and are supportive of diversity are strongly encouraged to apply.*

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service is to disseminate information to the people of Oklahoma and encourage the adoption of research-generated knowledge relating to agriculture, family and consumer sciences, rural development, and 4-H youth development.

Information about the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources may be accessed on the internet at:

**[www.dasnr.okstate.edu](http://www.dasnr.okstate.edu)** Information about Cooperative Extension professional positions may be accessed on the internet at:

**<http://hr.dasnr.okstate.edu/OCES-careers>**

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