Ag Research Technician
Hettinger Research Extension Center
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Provide support for agriculture research in southwest ND.

Position Information
Perform animal care activities: Daily observation of livestock. Daily feeding of livestock. Breeding (potentially AI or natural service). Calving, calf care, and management of replacement breeding animals (branding, vaccinations, treatments, etc.). Maintain regular communication with supervisors. Follow IACUC and Hettinger REC standard operating procedures.
Perform farm activities: Assist in farming activities (haying, fixing fence, pasture and water maintenance, equipment maintenance and repair).
Support cow herd research, extension, and teaching efforts: Assist a multi-disciplinary team of animal, range, soil, wildlife, and social scientists in research, teaching, and extension. Assist and teach student employees in livestock care and handling. Follow IACUC protocols. Assist in data entry (computer based).
Work safely and adhere to applicable rules and regulations related to animal care (IACUC rules): Follow guidelines set forth by the Safety Office. Train and monitor employees to work in a safe manner. Follow all IACUC guidelines and training. Help identify unsafe working conditions. Stop co-workers who are working in an unsafe manner. Communicate with supervisor and center Director regarding any safety concerns, animal welfare issues, and other regulatory matters.

Minimum Qualifications
• Associate degree in Animal/Agriculture Science or related field, or 4 years relative experience.
• Computer literacy, written and verbal communication skills.
• Desire for involvement in cattle research, management, and teaching activities.
• Ability to perform basic cattle husbandry tasks such as feeding, animal health, and calving.
• Demonstrated ability to communicate appropriately and work willingly with staff and faculty on various tasks, and assist in the training and supervision of student employees.
• Ability to accomplish vital tasks while working alone.
• A flexible schedule is a requisite in order to accommodate some weekends and holidays.
• Demonstrated ability to perform various duties that require heavy lifting (50+ lbs).
• Driver's license.

Preferred Qualifications
• Bachelor of Science in Animal/Agriculture Science or related field.
• Three year’s work experience in cattle-related activities.
• Demonstrated ability to operate farm equipment such as pickup trucks, livestock trailers, tractors, skid steer loaders, manure spreaders, feed wagons, and haying equipment.
• Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to work as a member of a team as well as work alone.