Director
Central Grasslands Research Extension Center

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Develop and maintain excellence in agricultural research and educational programs in the Coteau Region of North Dakota.

Position Information
The Director will have administrative responsibility to develop and maintain excellence in agricultural research and educational programs for the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center, located near Streeter, ND. The Director will provide leadership, supervision and performance evaluations for nine Center staff, and facilitate collaboration of the Center staff with other research and extension professionals in the NDSU system, agencies, organizations, and entities that aid agriculture, related industries, or economic activities in the region. The Director will manage the Center's budget and coordinate budget development in conjunction with the Director of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, the CGREC advisory board and State Board of Agricultural Research and Education. The Director will provide leadership in obtaining external, competitively funded research and/or educational awards, and develop collaborative projects important to the well-being of rural communities, agricultural production systems and natural resources in the Missouri Coteau region. The Director also is expected to carry out research and outreach that is consistent with the AES mission and relevant to the region and the state. The program emphasis areas at CGREC include management of rangeland natural resources and grasslands in the Missouri Coteau region. In addition, the CGREC conducts research on beef cattle production and forage production systems. Additional collaborative projects include long-term ecological studies, alternative forage systems and forage production for biofuels.

The Central Grasslands Research Extension Center is one of seven out-state NDSU Research Extension Centers. The CGREC is located in the Missouri Coteau region of North Dakota in an area bounded by the Missouri River on the west and James River on the east. The CGREC base of operation is on 5,300 acres of land with 3,800 acres as native, mixed-grass prairie and 1,500 acres of cultivated annual and perennial forages and crops. A herd of over 400 head of beef cattle is used in range and livestock research projects. The surrounding area has an abundance of wildlife species including generous waterfowl populations.

Minimum Qualifications
• Earned M.S. in Range Science, Natural Resource Management, Animal Science or a closely related field from an accredited institution.
• Three years of documented experience in planning, designing, and implementing rangeland, natural resource management or livestock research.
• Demonstrated ability and skills in leadership, fiscal management, organization, and building teamwork.
• Demonstrated success in obtaining extramural funding, and experience developing collaborative research with other scientists, research extension centers and/or agencies and organizations.
• Demonstrated ability working with diverse agricultural clientele, agri-business, community groups, local and state policy makers.
• Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, with scientists, agricultural producers, and other clientele associated with agriculture and natural resources.

Preferred Qualifications
• Earned Ph.D. in Range Science, Natural Resource Management, Animal Science or a closely related field from an accredited institution.
• Five years of documented experience in planning, designing, and implementing rangeland, natural resource management or livestock research.
• Commitment to the core mission of a land-grant university, experience and understanding of administration and project development at a land-grant university, and the application and use of information technology to further that mission.
• Extensive and documented experience as a leader of multi-disciplinary research and extension.
• Ability to work across distance to accomplish research and extension mission with main station and other research extension centers.