Job Vacancy #15-13: Extension Specialist (Agricultural Economics)
Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC)
Denver, Colorado

The Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) began in 1955. It is a North American cooperative effort including 29 U.S. Land-Grant University Extension programs (see map), six USDA agencies, and associate organizations. Associate members include both U.S. and Canadian institutions. The LMIC is an internationally recognized non-advocacy virtual center of excellence for the evaluation of livestock, meat, and feedstuffs markets.

Center staff continuously produces unbiased and science-based materials to strengthen and supplement education and livestock research activities of cooperating institutions. In particular, the LMIC staff role includes maintaining a comprehensive database and conducting applied market analysis. LMIC maintains a website (www.lmic.info) and other forms of electronic distribution of data and market analysis.

Denver is located on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Several Federal and state government agencies are located in the area. The Denver metropolitan region is an important regional center for transportation and recreation as well as agricultural and cultural activities.

This position is supported by a combination of funds from the participating cooperating institutions and is administered by Colorado State University Extension. LMIC staff members are co-located with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies at the Denver Federal Center in Colorado.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE: The position will remain open until it is filled. All materials must be RECEIVED no later than Noon Mountain Time, August 28, 2013 for full consideration. Please submit the following via e-mail to apply:
- Cover letter
- Statement (no more than 5 pages) of how you meet all the “Required” and “Desired” criteria listed in the Vacancy Announcement
- Resume
- Name, address, telephone, e-mail address, and your relationship to at least four (4) references. References will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates.
- Transcripts of college(s) course work showing degrees conferred (if degree is soon to be granted, signed letter by academic administrator is required).

E-mail all materials to coopext_personnel@Mail.colostate.edu. If you are unable to e-mail your materials, please call 970-491-1617 for alternate delivery methods.
For questions regarding the application process, contact 970-491-1617 or coopext_personnel@Mail.colostate.edu.
For questions regarding the job vacancy and responsibilities, please contact James Robb (Center Director) at: (303) 236-0462 (direct line) or e-mail james.robb@lmic.info.

PURPOSE OF POSITION: Assembling, analyzing, reporting, and publishing economic outlook and marketing/management information related to the livestock and feedstuffs industries.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS: The individual in this position is part of the LMIC staff, working under the supervision of the Center Director with program direction and guidance from the Executive Committee of the LMIC’s Technical Advisory Committee. Duties include but are not limited to:
- Conducting applied economic analysis.
- Writing articles and working closely with a central office team to publish newsletters and special reports.
- Supporting members by providing materials for use in educational programs and by making presentations as requested.
- Data evaluation and assisting with dataset updates/management.
- Respond to information or assistance requests directed to the Center.
- Maintain strong working relationships with livestock industry organizations and government agencies.
- Assure compliance with civil rights and affirmation action policies including reaching out to underserved and underrepresented audiences.
- Other duties as assigned by the Center Director.

SALARY: Compensation will be commensurate with education and relevant prior work experience. -- LMIC follows Colorado State University procedures and generally uses the U.S. Office of Personnel Management General Schedule for the Denver region (e.g. entry level M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics is GS-9 step 1; entry level Ph.D. is GS-12 step 1) to determine salaries.
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:
• Minimum of a master’s degree required in the area of agricultural economics or other relevant discipline (must show evidence of completion of advanced degree by date of appointment). Formal coursework must include both agricultural commodity marketing and price analysis -- if transcripts do not clearly identify those specific courses, please highlight and describe in application materials.
• Background and/or training/education regarding the U.S. agriculture and food system.
• Ability to analyze and integrate data and information from diverse sources.
• Experience and/or strong interest in developing expertise in one or more of these sectors/commodities: hogs/pork, cattle/beef, sheep/lamb, poultry, feed grains.
• Demonstrated skill working with people both individually and within a team to accomplish goals.
• Must be a self-starter with demonstrated evidence of drive and initiative.
• Ability to communicate clearly in written and oral formats with both technical and non-technical (e.g. producer) audiences.
• Knowledge of and experience with computer applications (e.g. spreadsheet, database, word processing).
• Understanding of different ethnic and socioeconomic audiences, commitment to include diverse voices in program prioritization and planning.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE DESIRED:
• Experience in analytical forecasting techniques and implementation of models (e.g. econometric analysis).
• Detailed knowledge of U.S. livestock, poultry, feed grain, and/or forage markets.
• Experience with USDA data and information sources.
• Understanding of commodity market risk management tools.
• Knowledge and familiarity with Extension and the Land Grant University system.
• Experience or interest in global markets and issues.
• Experience with websites for delivery of information and data.
• Understanding of statistical analysis software.
• Ability to speak Spanish (priority language as designated by Colorado State University); also indicate other language skills besides English.

BENEFITS: Based on full-time employment. Twenty-four working days vacation each year, 15 days sick leave. Enrollment in group health, life and accident insurance, various retirement plans, work injury benefits, and disability insurance are all available. Available personal transportation required, travel allowance provided. A full description of benefits is available at: http://www.hrs.colostate.edu/benefits/.

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Colorado State University Extension operates in compliance with the same laws and executive orders as the University as administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture relations. As a part of the USDA regulations, the Extension Equal Employment Opportunity representative may be contacted at 1311 South College Avenue, Room 102, Colorado State University.

BACKGROUND CHECK: Colorado State University is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and living community. To achieve that goal, we conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Background checks may include, but are not limited to, criminal history, national sex offender search and motor vehicle history. Specific to the LMIC given its working relationships with USDA, the successful candidate will be required to undergo and pass a full Federal security clearance.

Application process and additional information may be obtained at our Web site: www.ext.colostate.edu (click on Employment) or by contacting:

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