Provide leadership for dynamic Extension crop protection programs in northwest/north central North Dakota

Area Extension Specialist/
Crop Protection
North Central Research Extension Center
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Position: Full-time
Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience
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Location: Minot, ND

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This position is exempt from North Dakota Veterans’ Preference requirement.

Position Information
The area specialist will provide crop protection/pest management education and information about crops grown in the region. The North Central Research Extension Center Director will provide supervision for this position. This position includes, but is not limited to the following responsibilities:

- Provide leadership for the identification, assessment, coordination, and delivery of crop pest management programs in the region. Assist in providing leadership and assistance to statewide crop pest management programs. This will be accomplished through cooperation with appropriate area and state extension specialists, research faculty and staff, and extension agents. Provide program leadership for at least one major program effort with regional/statewide emphasis.

- Provide special program leadership emphasis in integrated pest management and cropping systems management as it affects the management of crop pests. Crop pest management focus will include insects and diseases with the emphasis shifting depending on the conditions and needs.

- Provide information on crop pest management to producers, extension agents, and industry personnel through personal contact and a variety of educational media including meetings, field days, news releases, videos, publications, electronic delivery, and other methods, as appropriate.

- Communicate with other extension specialists and appropriate research extension center and main experiment station researchers and producers about issues that need new or additional research. When appropriate, provide leadership for the development of demonstration and applied research as an educational tool to address the needs of clientele.

- Collaborate with agencies, industry, crop organizations, and crop commodity groups, as appropriate, to teach and provide comprehensive programming in crop protection.

- Secure grant funding to support program effort.

The North Central Research Extension Center is one of seven out-state NDSU research extension centers. The center is located one mile south of Minot, North Dakota. Minot is a city of 45,000 in north central North Dakota. Minot is an All-American City with excellent healthcare, educational, recreational, and community facilities and a modern international airport. The area is noted for small grain, oilseed, pulse crop, livestock, and energy production. More information about the area is available at www.minotchamber.org/community/.

Minimum Qualifications
- Master’s degree in Entomology, Plant Pathology, Plant Protection, or closely related discipline.
- Course work and experience in crop insect, crop disease, soils, and weed management.
- Ability to demonstrate professional and technical competency in crop protection and Integrated Pest Management.
- Demonstrated effective oral and written communication skills.
- Experience with and commitment to enhancing skills in anticipatory planning, needs assessment, interdisciplinary program delivery, networking and coalition building, program evaluation, and distance learning strategies.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in working with varied audiences, with individuals and groups, as a team member.
- Demonstrated skills in computer, data analysis and presentation, web-based education and communication, and other electronic equipment usage.
- Valid driver’s license.

Preferred Qualifications
- Work experience in an extension and/or land-grant university system.
- Experience with Midwest or Northern Great Plains agriculture.
- Experience in field crop research.
- Documented success in securing grant funds.

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