

#20-17 Vacancy
Extension State Specialist, Senior Economist
Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC)
Lakewood, CO

The **Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC)** began over 60 years ago. It is a North American cooperative effort involving 28 U.S. Land-Grant University Extension programs, six USDA agencies, and associate industry and educational organizations. Associate members include both U.S. and Canadian institutions. Our mission statement is "provide timely and comprehensive livestock marketing resources through cooperation". The LMIC is a non-advocacy virtual center of excellence. Commodities/sectors focused on are cattle/beef; hogs/pork; sheep/lamb; dairy; poultry; and feedstuffs.

Staff continuously produces unbiased and science-based materials to strengthen and supplement education and research activities of cooperating institutions. In particular, specialists at the Center conduct applied market analysis and staff maintain a comprehensive database. The LMIC maintains a website (www.lmic.info) and uses other forms of electronic distribution.

This position is supported by a combination of funds from the participating cooperating institutions and is administered by Colorado State University Extension. The position is located in Lakewood, Colorado, a suburb west of Denver and located on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Several Federal and state government agencies are located in the area. Key agricultural organizations and industries are located in Denver. The metropolitan area is an important regional center for transportation and recreation as well as cultural activities.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE: All materials must be RECEIVED **no later than 11:59 PM Mountain Time on Tuesday September 12, 2017**. Please submit the following to <https://jobs.colostate.edu> to apply:

- Resume
- Cover letter
- Transcripts of college(s) course work showing degrees conferred. Please remove all references to birth date or social security number prior to submission. Only one document upload is allowed, no larger than 9 megabytes. Please convert all transcript pages into one PDF File to upload.
- Please be sure to include 4 references. References will not be contacted without prior notification of applicants.
- Special Required Documentation:
 - Statement (no more than 5 pages) of how you meet all the "Required" and "Preferred" criteria listed in the Vacancy Announcement. Please respond to each bullet point separately. Only one document upload is allowed, no larger than 9 megabytes. Please convert your Statement pages into one PDF file.

For questions regarding the application process, contact <https://jobs.colostate.edu/help>. For questions regarding the job vacancy and responsibilities, please contact James Pritchett, (970) 491-6274, or james.pritchett@colostate.edu.

PURPOSE OF POSITION: This position assembles, analyzes, reports and publishes economic outlook and marketing/management information related to the livestock and feedstuff industries.

Economic Analysis, Development and Distribution 70%

- Conducts market analysis including situation and outlook.
- Writes articles and works closely with central office staff and cooperators to publish newsletters and report (technical and popular press).
- Performs data evaluation and assists with database management.
- Assists specialists at partner institutions with data and research needs.
- Develops materials for and gives presentations and reports to a wide range of audiences (including producer, industry, Federal government, and academic).
- Provides leadership for economic analysis and market outlook.
- Provide critical Center administrative functions regarding personnel, budgets, and planning.
- Oversees enhancement and management of Center database system.
- Supports multi-state and multi-institution outreach efforts and program development.

Note: % of job assigned to this duty may be changed as the program develops.

Initiate and Develop Relationships & Partnerships 30%

- Maintains strong working relationships with livestock industry organizations and government agencies.
- Assure compliance with affirmative action policies including reaching underserved and underrepresented audiences.

Note: % of job assigned to this duty may be changed as the program develops.

SALARY: Salary range is \$56,000-100,000. Starting salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

- Completed master's degree in the area of agricultural economics or other relevant discipline. Formal training must include agricultural commodity marketing and price analysis – if transcripts do not clearly identify those specific courses, please highlight and describe applicable studies in application materials.
- Ability to analyze and integrate data and information from diverse sources.
- Experience or strong interest in U.S. agriculture and food systems.
- Demonstrated experience in working with individuals, groups, and staff (teamwork) to accomplish individual and/or group goals as indicated by experience and references.
- Evidence of drive and initiative as demonstrated by personal experiences and employment (must be a self-starter).
- Ability to communicate through teaching, public speaking/presentation and writing as demonstrated through application materials and experience, formal training, and publications.
- Demonstrated evidence of skills with computer applications (spreadsheet, database, word processing, website tools).
- Must have a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain a driver's license or access to a licensed driver by the employment start date.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE PREFERRED:

- Completed Ph.D. in the area of agricultural economics or other relevant discipline.
- Academic training and experience in analytical forecasting techniques (e.g. econometric analysis).
- Recognized economic expert in one or more of the LMIC focus commodities/sectors.
- Understanding of commodity market risk management tools.
- Experience with USDA data/information sources.
- Broad knowledge of management and policy issues in food and agriculture system.
- Experience regarding key countries that import and export meat and livestock to the U.S.
- Previous administrative and office management experience.
- Evidence of successful grant funding and grant program administration.
- Experience with websites for delivery of information and data and interest in using social media for educational outreach.
- Understanding of statistical analysis software.
- Leadership ability as demonstrated by experience and elected and/or appointed positions of responsibility.
- Knowledge and familiarity with Cooperative Extension and the Land Grant University system.
- Ability to speak Spanish.

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: <https://jobs.Colostate.edu/postings/48496>.

#20-17 Deadline 11:59 pm Mountain Time 9/12/2017