Position type: This is a three quarter-time graduate student position for individuals interested in pursuing a M.S. or Ph.D. in feedlot nutrition and management at Oklahoma State University.

Position Description:

- The WSBRC Research Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the daily research operations of the research and teaching feedlot at Oklahoma State University in cooperation with the faculty supervisor and the WSBRC Herd Manager.
- The Research Coordinator provides oversight, coordination, and management of all research projects conducted at the WSBRC. This position serves as a liaison between faculty in multiple departments and institutions, graduate students, cattle owners, other research facilities, staff, and student employees at the facility. The Research Coordinator must be able to manage personnel effectively and be willing to work with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, veterinarians, and administrators with a focus on effective communication and fostering teamwork. Regular communication via e-mail, text, and mobile phone are critical.
- In cooperation with the Herd Manager, the Research Coordinator will identify, interview, hire, and manage competent student workers. The Research Coordinator must be able to train undergraduate and graduate students in appropriate cattle handling and processing techniques, machinery operation, pharmaceutical administration, pen and facility maintenance, and organize monthly employee meetings and lead educational discussions.
- Assist the Herd Manager with the maintenance and repair of feedlot facilities and equipment.
- The Research Coordinator and Herdsman are responsible for following all recommended WSBRC and IACUC guidelines to ensure animal health and well-being. Applicants must have experience managing, handling, and processing confined cattle and be BQA certified or be willing to become certified within six (6) months of hire date.
- Applicants must be physically able to work in adverse conditions, lift over 50 pounds, maintain a valid driver’s license, and work flexible hours as needed to complete all required tasks.
- Applicants must be organized and able to collect and maintain research records. Strong computer skills are required including the ability to operate MS Office, feedlot feed, financial, and purchasing applications, and SAS programs competently.

Other responsibilities include:

- Operation and maintenance of a facility equipped with individual feed intake monitoring equipment.
- Aid graduate students in formulation of rations and development of research protocols for nutrition, management, and animal health experiments.
- Maintain commodity and pharmaceutical inventories, determine commodity and pharmaceutical projections, and coordinate procurement of commodities from the OSU feed mill and other vendors.
- Prepare monthly feed bills, breakeven projections, and closeouts.
- Provide tours, research updates, and demonstrations to individuals, visiting groups, and classes.
- Maintain feeding records, written protocols, and research records, including animal care and use protocols (ACUP), health records, and CAFO records.
- Write and interpret research and ACUP.

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