Research Technician - Livestock

Position Information

Opening Number: 1800643
Position Title: Research Technician - Livestock
Position Number: 00021254
FTE: 1.0
Salary: Salary commensurate with experience
Benefits Eligibility: Benefited - includes retirement plan and full coverage for family health insurance
Search by Group: Technical/Paraprofessional
Division: Agriculture and University Extension
Department: Carrington Research Extension Center

Position Summary Information

Position Description: Research technician at an agricultural research center (Carrington, ND) responsible for assisting scientists in conducting projects within the livestock research program. Position requires diverse skills with major responsibilities to include animal care and handling including weighing and vaccinations, preparation of feed rations, feed delivery, assisting cows with birthing, collecting research data, operating all equipment and addressing facility needs such as maintaining water supply and pen structures.

Minimum Qualifications:
- Associate degree in related field, OR equivalent related work experience.
- Two years' hands-on experience in livestock production, management and care.
- Experience in the operation, maintenance and repair of feedlot equipment.
- Experience with administering vaccinations, related animal health inputs and procedures.
- Computer experience, including working with Microsoft Office.
- Ability to work extended days and select weekends along with maintaining consistent work schedule.
- Good oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Valid Driver's License.

Preferred Qualifications:
- B.S. degree in animal science or closely related discipline.
- Greater than three years' experience of direct participation in livestock production and management.
- Experience with assisting cows at calving and calf care.
- Experience with livestock research procedures and trial management.
- Experience with equipment operation including hay and forage harvest.

Physical Demands:
Stand, walk, work with hands, reach frequently. Frequent climbing on and off of equipment. Moderate requirement for lifting. Working with beef cows during calving, working with large and strong animals including beef bulls, handling farm chemicals, working in a dusty environment, working outdoors during extreme winter weather conditions.

**Screening Date:**
03/07/2018

**Open Until Filled:**
No

**Search Type:**
Internal/External Simultaneously: Open to all applicants

**Special Instructions to Applicants:**

**Special Conditions:**

**No Smoking Notice:**
As an employer, the State of North Dakota prohibits smoking in all places of state employment in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 23-12-10.

**EO/AA Statement:**
North Dakota State University is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.

**Veteran’s Preference Notice:**
This position is subject to North Dakota Veteran’s Preference requirements.

**Location (City, State):**
Carrington, ND

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**Posting Specific Questions**

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (*).

1. * Are you a North Dakota resident?
   - Yes
   - No

2. * Do you qualify for North Dakota veteran's preference?
   - Yes
   - No

3. * If yes, list exact dates of service:
   (Open Ended Question)

4. * Do you qualify for North Dakota disabled veteran's preference?
   - Yes
   - No

5. * How did you hear about this position?
   - Academic Department
   - Bismarck Tribune
   - CareerFargo.com
   - Chronicle of Higher Education
   - Fargo Forum
   - JobHQ
   - Friend/Co-worker/Family member
   - Higheredjobs.com
   - Indeed.com
   - Job Service of North Dakota
   - NDSU Employee
6. If Other, please specify:
   (Open Ended Question)
7. * Do you have a valid driver's license?
   • Yes
   • No
8. Would you be able to work with pesticides?
   • Yes
   • No
9. * Do you now or will you in the future require sponsorship for employment visa status (e.g. H-1B visa status)?
   • Yes
   • No
10. Do you have a current Commercial Pesticide Applicators License in North Dakota or the ability to attain one?
    • Yes
    • No

**Applicant Documents**

**Required Documents**
1. Cover Letter
2. Resume

**Optional Documents**
1. Veterans Preference Claim Form (DD214)
2. Veterans Administration Letter
3. Other Document 1