

Position Announcement
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
The University of Georgia

Title: Assistant Professor in Agribusiness

Appointment: Full-Time Tenure Track, 9-Month Appointment, 60% extension and 40% teaching split.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics or a closely related field is required with a strong knowledge of economic theory and quantitative methods, willingness to work in a team environment, and excellent oral and written communication skills. Experience in ornamental horticulture and its allied industries (such as greenhouse, field nursery, container nursery and turfgrass production) is highly desirable but not required.

Job Description: The successful candidate is expected to work closely with other extension and research faculty from the department and other units within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to deliver a nationally recognized marketing/production economics/management extension program in ornamental horticulture and related industries. This faculty member will provide valuable support in production economics, marketing and other areas of business and operations management to county Extension agents, allied industry personnel, producers, and others involved in implementing or supporting the production of greenhouse, nursery and turfgrass crops throughout the State. Examples of specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to: providing county agents, producers, and other stakeholders with timely production management and marketing information, conducting county agent in-service training and local market outlook presentations, developing and updating annual enterprise budgets, and working closely with counterparts in the Department of Horticulture to conduct economic analyses of new technologies and other emerging concerns related to ornamental horticulture production. A research expectation comes along with the extension appointment whereby the faculty member is also expected to conduct and publish applied research results through refereed journal articles in applied economics and related journals, in addition to peer-reviewed extension bulletins, popular media articles and interviews, and other forms of communication to share expertise with policy makers, industry, and other constituents. The faculty member will also be expected to teach three classes per academic year, along with advising undergraduate and graduate students. A strong commitment to the department's instructional programs and to excellence in teaching is expected of all faculty members. There is also an expectation of securing external funding to support graduate student research and the implementation of outreach programs.

About the Department: The department has 27 tenure-track and two public service-track faculty members, about 275 undergraduate and 70 graduate students. The Department offers excellent support and opportunities for professional growth and development. Along with a Ph.D. degree, the department offers Master of Science programs in Agricultural and Applied Economics and Environmental Economics, a Masters of Agribusiness, four undergraduate bachelor's degrees, and five minors. The position is located on The University of Georgia campus in Athens, a city of 67,000 and located 65 miles northeast of Atlanta. Additional information about the department can be found at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/departments/agecon/>. Interested candidates are also encouraged to visit the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences' website at <http://www.caes.uga.edu/> and The University of Georgia's website <http://www.uga.edu/>.

Application Materials: Please send a cover letter, vita, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, a job market paper, and arrange for three reference letters to be sent to: Dr. Cesar L. Escalante, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Phone: 706-542-0740. Email: cescal@uga.edu. Electronic submission of applications is required. Please indicate "UGA Faculty Position Application" in the subject line of your submission.

Closing Date: Review of applications will begin on **April 30, 2015** and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

Expected Start Date: August, 2015 (later start date can be accommodated)

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