

Assistant/Associate/Professor (Cotton and Corn Specialist) WORK LOCATION: Dean Lee Research Station, Alexandria or Scott Research and Extension Center, Winnsboro, LSU AgCenter, Louisiana.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Full-time 12 month, tenure-track position with a 100% extension (statewide cotton and corn specialist) appointment. The individual will be a faculty member of the LSU AgCenter's Central or Northeast Region. The successful candidate will have statewide extension responsibilities for developing, coordinating and conducting education programs for cotton, corn, and grain sorghum production based on Best Management Practices (BMPs). He/she will work collaboratively with other LSU AgCenter faculty, private crop consultants, commodity groups, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and Louisiana Farm Bureau to identify and address emerging issues and problems associated with these crops. He/she will prepare extension publications in format suitable for both hard copy and web-based dissemination, including commodity-based newsletters and web sites. The specialist will work collaboratively with other specialists and researchers to provide in-service training opportunities for extension agents across the state. He/she will also be actively involved in planning and delivering a variety of educational programs at workshops, field days and meetings/conferences. The incumbent will be responsible for working with other AgCenter faculty to annually update the LSU AgCenter's cotton variety recommendations and disseminate the information to clientele in a timely fashion. The successful candidate will be required to develop a plan of work for extension programming, implement a system of program evaluation, and report accomplishments. The successful candidate will work closely with the regional director as well as other research and extension faculty to ensure that his/her and extension programs support the mission of the LSU AgCenter. Participation in regional, departmental and AgCenter committees as well as professional societies is expected as a faculty member in a land grant university.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. in Agronomy, Plant Science, Soil Science or other appropriate agriculture-related field is required. Experience in production of agronomic crops, pest management, soil fertility and plant nutrition is highly desirable. Good interpersonal skills and leadership abilities are required for working effectively with diverse professional and lay audiences and cooperators. The candidate must be able to communicate effectively (orally and in writing) with diverse audiences including scientific peers, producers, agrichemical company representatives, etc. Development of scholarly (peer-reviewed) articles and educational curricula/programs for appropriate publications/journals and other outlets, including LSU AgCenter numbered publications, is required.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 20, 2009 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Apply online at <https://lsusystemcareers.lsu.edu/> by attaching cover letter with resume including a statement of professional interest and goals, original university transcripts, and three letters of reference. In lieu of attaching the letters of reference, they may be sent directly to the hiring manager listed below. For more information contact: Dr. John Barnett, Regional Director, Dean Lee Research and Extension Center, 8105 Tom Bowman Drive, Alexandria, LA 71302. Phone: 318.427.4424; FAX: 318.473.6535. Email: jbarnett@agcenter.lsu.edu Web site: www.lsuagcenter.com. The LSU Agricultural Center is a statewide campus of the LSU System and provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.