

University of Georgia
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Department of Crop and Soil Sciences

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Assistant/Associate Professor/Extension and Research Agronomist – Corn, Soybean, Small Grain. This position is a 12-month, tenure-track appointment (80% Extension and 20% Research) in the University of Georgia’s Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. The position will be located with UGA at the Tifton Campus. The successful candidate will coordinate a contemporary program in agronomic management of field corn, soybean, and small grain production focused on the development and delivery of timely educational programs to various clientele including county agents, growers, and industry representatives. The successful candidate will maintain an applied research program supported through extramural funding, publish research findings in appropriate peer-reviewed journals, and participate in graduate student education.

Qualifications:

- To be considered at either the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor level, candidates must hold a PhD in plant or soil sciences, or closely related field of study.
- To be considered for the Associate Professor level, candidates must demonstrate clear and convincing evidence of emerging stature as a regional or national authority, as appropriate for the position’s duties. This is consistent with UGA expectations for Associate Professors in Crop and Soil Sciences (For details of UGA promotion and tenure policies, see https://provost.uga.edu/resources/documents/Crop_and_Soil_Science_2015.pdf and https://provost.uga.edu/resources/documents/UGA_Guidelines_for_APT_42017online.pdf).

Preferred Qualifications:

- Working knowledge of applied agronomic principles including soil fertility, crop physiology, stand establishment, and harvest management.
- Knowledge of pesticide registrations for field corn, soybean and small grain.
- Candidate should be knowledgeable of pesticide modes of action, weed, insect and pathogen management, and the mechanisms of resistance prevention and development.
- Excellent organizational, written, and oral communication skills.
- Ability to function independently and with commodity-oriented teams of extension and research scientists.
- Competent computer skills related to data analyses and information delivery technologies.

Major Responsibilities:

- Provide team leadership for multidisciplinary UGA Corn, Soybean, and Small Grain Teams for development of educational programs appropriate to field corn, soybean and small grain establishment, agronomics, pest management and utilization.
- Provide assistance to county extension agents through demonstrations, in-service-trainings, meetings, county visits, remote and on-site trouble-shooting and telephone consultations.

- Develop and fund field-oriented applied field corn, soybean and small grain demonstration programs, and applied research programs necessary to resolve basic issues facing grain producers in Georgia.
- Develop an applied research program to resolve basic issues facing field corn, soybean and small grain producers in Georgia.
- Develop and maintain cooperative relationships with agri-business, commodity and livestock associations, personnel with the USDA ARS, and government agency representatives.

Other Information: The University of Georgia is a comprehensive university with approximately 38,000 students in 15 schools and colleges. The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences resides in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. The College operates at three campuses throughout the state: the main campus in Athens, GA; the Tifton Campus is located on the Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Tifton, GA; and the Griffin Campus is located on the Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin, GA. The Department of Crop and Soil Sciences has teaching, research and extension faculty resident at all three locations which conduct basic and applied research that is important to clientele throughout the state of Georgia and that adds to the body of knowledge basic to agricultural production and environmental preservation throughout the world. Research in the department is classed into three general areas: Cultivar Development, Genetics, and Biotechnology; Crop Management, Physiology, and Weed Management; and Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management.

The UGA Tifton Campus which includes The Coastal Plain Experiment Station is located in south central Georgia, approximately 65 miles north of the Georgia-Florida state line and is representative of much of Georgia's southern half, as well as the southern coastal plain that runs through 9 southeastern states. More than 75 scientists affiliated with UGA (80%) and USDA (20%) are based on the Tifton Campus and work along with more than 375 support personnel to conduct world class research, teaching and extension programs. Tifton, named one of the "100 Best Small Communities in America" and nicknamed "The Friendly City," has a population of 17,000 with 23,000 living in the surrounding county, and a rich agricultural heritage. The presence of a regional medical facility, additional undergraduate university programs, numerous light industries, as well as public and private K-12 school systems combine to give Tifton the reputation of having one of the highest concentrations of advanced degree holding residents south of Atlanta. Given its location and prevalence of major thoroughfares (e.g., I-75, US 41, US 82, US 319, etc.), Tifton is a major crossroads and a hub for the agricultural industry in the southern coastal plain.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Application: A curriculum vita with cover letter and qualifications for this position; unofficial transcripts; three letters of reference; and any other information that reflects on professional qualifications must be submitted through the UGAJobs website at <http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/33603>.

Any questions about this position should be addressed to:

Dr. J. Michael Moore, Search Committee Chair

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To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 15, 2018.

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