



DAIRY HERDER

Job Description:

The Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences is currently seeking a Dairy Herder to manage the research and production operations of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES) Bearden Dairy Research Center (Bearden Center). The Bearden Center is a 350-animal dairy consisting of a modern double eight parallel milking parlor, modern working facilities for the care of the replacement heifers, and approximately 1,200 acres of pasture and crop land.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Maintain and manage all dairy operations including managing the parlor, staff, students, reproduction operations, and equipment and computer programs.
- Managing of heifer and cow breeding programs and artificial insemination of animals.
- Keep extensive records using PC Dart Herd Management Software.
- Ensure all animal medical treatments and procedures are kept up to date and interact with veterinary faculty and staff.
- Manage and maintain the Double 8 milking parlor equipment and the Dairy Plan 21 system.
- Assist and support research project activities.
- Train and manage Assistant Herders and Dairy Milkers with daily tasks and education.
- Order commodities and manage commodity inventory and delivery of feed rations.
- Other duties as assigned.

Shifts will vary. The successful candidate will be expected to work weekends and holidays as needed, and job requires flexible scheduling.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science degree in animal or dairy science or a closely related field. Certification in artificial insemination is required. Valid driver's license. Preference will be given to candidates with dairy cattle production and farm equipment operational experience.

Physical Requirements:

Considerable physical activity. Requires heavy physical work; heavy lifting, pushing, or pulling required of objects up to 50 pounds. Physical work is a primary part (more than 70%) of job. Work may involve moderate exposure to unusual elements, such as extreme temperatures, dirt, dust, fumes, smoke, unpleasant odors, and/or loud noises.

Application Procedure:

All applicants must apply online at www.jobs.msstate.edu to be considered for this position. Attach to the online application college transcripts, resume, and cover letter. Any social security numbers included on requested transcripts should be redacted prior to submitting online. Three names of reference along with contact information should be submitted with the application. Any

questions should be directed to Ginger Cavinder, PO Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762, (662)325-2803, or glc140@msstate.edu.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement:

MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, pregnancy, gender identity, status as a U.S. veteran, and/or any other status protected by applicable law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.

What do I do if I need an accommodation?

In compliance with the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA), if you have a disability and would like to request an accommodation in order to apply for a position with Mississippi State University, please contact the Department of Human Resources Management at tel: (662) 325-3713 or ada@hrm.msstate.edu.

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