

Position Announcement
Department of Agronomy and Horticulture
at the Panhandle Research & Extension Center in Scottsbluff

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The Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska, is accepting applications for a Range and Forage Management Specialist, a 50% research, 50% extension, twelve-month, tenure-leading faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank in the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture and located at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center (PHREC) in Scottsbluff, NE. Tenure home for this position is the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, with administrative assignment to the PHREC. Focus of extension and research programs will be on grazing management, rangeland health, ecosystem services and alternative uses of native rangeland, pastureland, and forage crops in western Nebraska.

Research and Extension responsibilities: Incumbent will conduct research on the sustainable use and management of semi-arid rangelands, the integration of annual and perennial forage crops to supplement range and the ecological implications of grazing and sustainable livestock production on rangelands. Extension programming will be designed to help clientele enhance profitability, sustainability and ecosystem services of rangeland-based enterprises in Nebraska that may include forage production alternatives to supplement rangeland. The incumbent will provide research- and scientifically-based educational programs and products that are problem-solving oriented and quantifiable in terms of impacts, including training programs, decision-support tools, workshops, demonstration projects, and field tours to area producers. Expected scholarship includes communication of research results in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, presentations at scientific conferences, and supervision of graduate student research. Contributions to extension publications and electronic educational resources are expected. Acquisition of grant funds to maintain an active research program is also essential for this position.

Requires a Ph.D. degree or Ph.D. in place by date of hire in Range Management/Ecology, or closely related field, with training in forage production.

To review the complete position details and apply for this position, go to: <http://employment.unl.edu>, search for requisition number F_140063. Click on "Apply to this Job." Attach a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and an overview of research and extension experience and interests. Arrange for 3 letters of reference to be sent via e-mail to: kdanforth2@unl.edu. Review of applications will begin on September 1, 2014 and continue until the position is filled or the search is closed.

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The Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources serves the people of Nebraska in the three-fold mission of teaching, research, and extension. Commonly referred to as IANR, the Institute is administered by the Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Natural Resources and has faculty and staff located throughout the State. IANR faculty and staff have appointments in the following divisions: **Agricultural Research Division, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, College of Education and Human Sciences (Research and Extension) and the Cooperative Extension Division**. Each division is administered by a Dean or Director. The Institute is comprised of 19 academic departments, four regional research and extension centers, 15 specialized centers and units, and administers the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis.

The Institute was established in 1973 by the Nebraska State Legislature to give added emphasis to agriculture and the management of natural resources in Nebraska.

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PANHANDLE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER
Scottsbluff, Nebraska*

The University of Nebraska **Panhandle Research and Extension Center** is located on the northern outskirts of Scottsbluff. This unit serves as the District Headquarters for the Agricultural Research Division and the Cooperative Extension Division and other Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources activities and functions.

The **Panhandle Research and Extension Center** is headquartered in the 70,000 ft Elliott Building which provides faculty offices, research laboratories, greenhouses, a multimedia computer lab, a multimedia development center and numerous meeting rooms. Communication technology includes both Ethernet and wireless networks, extensive server capacity and interactive videoconferencing and satellite technology.

Land resources for research and extension programs include the **Scotts Bluff Ag Lab** (425 acres of irrigated crop land), the **Sioux County Experimental Range** (800 acres), the **Panhandle Research Feedlot** (expanded to 103 pens in 2006) located northwest of Scottsbluff, and the **High Plains Ag Lab** located near Sidney, NE (710 acres of rain-fed crop land and 1,600 acres of crested wheatgrass pasture).

The **Panhandle Research and Extension Center** is staffed with 14 District Specialists (most with joint research and extension appointments) who hold academic appointments in their appropriate campus departments. These Specialists represent 14 different discipline areas making teamwork the platform for many of our most effective programs. The unit is also served by 35 support staff providing clerical and technical assistance to the Specialists.

Extension programming is delivered to the 16 counties of the District by 29 Extension professionals. Extension Educators and Assistants are distributed across the region and work collaboratively with other county, district and state personnel to provide timely and innovative extension education programming.

Additional information about the Panhandle Research & Extension Center is available at www.panhandle.unl.edu.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

The Twin Cities of Scottsbluff and Gering are located in the center of Scotts Bluff County, the fifth most populous county in the state. Approximately 40,000 people reside in the county and over 24,000 live in Scottsbluff/Gering. Regional West Medical Center with 80 physicians is the third largest in the state, and is the largest employer, followed by Western Sugar Cooperative.

The community is the regional center for retail, distribution, health care and governmental agencies (www.scottsbluffgering.net). Twin Cities Development conducts an aggressive economic development effort focused on the development of new businesses and new jobs. It has an excellent educational system, including Western Nebraska Community College and an outreach teaching program from Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska. Recreation facilities include three golf courses, many recreational sport venues, public parks, lakes, rivers, fishing, water sports and hunting. An outstanding YMCA serves these communities. The area is noted for its rich historical heritage with Scotts Bluff National Monument, Chimney Rock, and the Oregon/Mormon Trails located nearby. Other attractions include the Wildcat Hills Nature Center and the Legacy of the Plains Museum.

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