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## Position Information

### Position Title

Extension Specialist

### Salary

Commensurate with education and experience

### Benefits

Comprehensive benefits package:  
<https://www.hr.msu.edu/benefits/index.html>

### Location

Kent County, MI

### To Apply

#### Current MSU Employees:

Access the EBS portal. Under the My Career and Training section, select the Careers @ MSU tile to view Internal Job Postings.

#### External Applicants:

Visit <http://careers.msu.edu>

#### Posting Number:

641088

#### Application Deadline:

4/30/2020

### Contact for Questions

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## Extension Specialist- Apple Production

### Position Overview

As part of MSU Extension, the Agriculture and Agribusiness Institute and MSU AgBioResearch, this position provides local and statewide leadership, educational programming expertise and completes applied research in apple production. The position will be based in Kent County with an expectation to complete programming and research locally and at the [Clarksville Research Center located in](#) Clarksville, Michigan.

Michigan is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading apple producing state in the U.S. and this position is located in a major apple production region in Michigan. The position will conduct Extension programming and research germane to the apple industry and work with apple growers as needed. The successful applicant will collaborate across work teams and Institutes including working with faculty, specialists and educators to achieve efficient, profitable and sustainable apple production and overall advancement for the Michigan apple industry.

In this position, you will also design, implement and evaluate educational programming based on basic and applied research addressing the needs of Michigan growers. You will secure intra- and extramural grant funding to support your research and Extension programs; ensure dissemination of research-based information through various methods, including multi-media, social media, personal education and written articles; provide growers, processors and agri-business professionals with the knowledge to profitably produce their crop while minimizing environmental impact; and, serve as an informational resource for MSU Personnel and clientele.

### Qualifications

#### Minimum Qualifications (see full description for complete list of requirements)

- Master's degree from an accredited institution in a field of study related to horticulture, entomology, plant pathology or crop science.
- Background in apple production, and experience in horticulture practices related to apple research and education.

### Application Process

To view the full position description and required qualifications, please visit the applicable Michigan State University careers page (internal candidate or external candidate) as noted under the To Apply section. **Search for posting number 641088 using the Job Search field.**

Applicants are asked to provide a current resume, cover letter and four (4) professional references (at least two prior supervisors) including email addresses.

This position is a full-time, fixed term end dated appointment.

### Application Deadline: April 30, 2020

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