

**MSU EXTENSION
AGRICULTURE AND
AGRIBUSINESS INSTITUTE****Position Information****Position Title**

Extension Specialist

Salary

Commensurate with education and experience

BenefitsComprehensive benefits package:
<https://www.hr.msu.edu/benefits/index.html>**Location**

Berrien County, MI

To Apply**Current MSU Employees:**

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External Applicants:Visit <http://careers.msu.edu>**Posting Number:**

742530

Application Deadline:

11/29/2021

Contact for Questionsmsue.hr@msu.edu**Extension Vegetable Specialist****Position Overview**

As part of MSU Extension (MSUE), the Agriculture and Agribusiness Institute (AABI), and MSU AgBioResearch (ABR), this position will conduct programming and applied research to address challenges germane to the vegetable industry in southwest Michigan.

In this position, you will develop an applied research program that addresses concerns of the vegetable industry. You will develop a program that communicates results to growers, as well as addresses programmatic topics on issues that are germane to the industry. You will identify, design, and implement educational projects that address priority concerns of vegetable growers and evaluate programs that meet industry needs. This may include improved production methods, improved understanding of emerging vegetable production systems, integrated pest management, improved financial management, as well as alternative and emerging markets. Your work will include developing an intra- and extramurally funded applied research program, completing on-farm consultations, virtual and in-person meetings, and conducting demonstrations.

Through collaboration in research, engagement with vegetable industry clients, and dissemination of research through various methods, including in-person and multimedia programming and written communications, you will implement programs that lead to public knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors that improve the viability of the vegetable industry. You will also develop, produce, and deliver outreach materials with messaging and content that is accessible, inclusive, and is consistent with AABI and ABR messaging.

Your work will include collaboration with colleagues at MSU, as well as the diverse network of partner groups that include regional and state vegetable organizations and the Michigan Vegetable Council.

There will be space available for this position to work from the [Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center](#) in Berrien County, Michigan.

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

- Master's degree in horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, crop science, or related field.

Application Process

View full description and apply through the [MSU careers](#) page. **Search for posting 742530 using the Job Search field.**

Application Deadline: November 29, 2021.

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