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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

Ionia County – Clarksville
Research Center

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:

#912070

Application Deadline:

Open until filled; applicant review to begin 1/8/2024

Contact for Questions

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Apple Extension Specialist

Position Overview

Located near the major apple production region in Michigan, this position will conduct Extension programming and research germane to the apple industry, work with growers, collaborate across work teams and Institutes, and work with faculty, specialists, and educators to achieve efficient, profitable, and sustainable apple production and overall advancement for the Michigan apple industry.

This position works with apple growers and conducts applied research both in grower orchards, and research centers to respond to apple grower needs. Michigan is the second-most agriculturally diverse state within the United States and is the 3rd leading apple producing state in the U.S.

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, to address, but limited to, such themes as fertility, pruning, training systems, plant growth regulators, as well as topics related to climate resiliency in apple production. You will be expected to be an effective communicator and ensure dissemination of research-based information through various methods, including multi-media, distance education technologies, social media, written articles, and in-person meetings, and will provide growers, processors, and agri-business professionals with the knowledge to profitably produce their crop, while minimizing environmental impact.

The position will be based at the 440-acre [Clarksville Research Center](#), located in Clarksville, Michigan.

This position may be eligible to utilize a flexible work environment, however, there is an expectation to work from the Clarksville Research Center. The needs, responsibilities, and opportunities of an individual's position and office location drive the ability and amount of work-location flexibility.

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 or crop science, and/or related to apple production must be earned by date of hire.

Application Process

View full description and apply through the [MSU careers](#) page. **Search for posting 912070 using the Job Search field.**

Application Deadline: Open until filled with applicant review to begin week of January 8, 2024.

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