

Manager – Dairy Research and Teaching Facility/Lecturer
Dairy Science Department
South Dakota State University

The Dairy Science Department at South Dakota State University is inviting applicants for the position of Lecturer and Manager of the Dairy Research and Training Facility. This individual will be responsible for daily operations at the University Dairy Farm, work closely with students and researchers, and serve as liaison between the department and dairy producers and professionals.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Manage daily operations and oversee all facets of the Dairy Research and Training Facility. Specific duties include: coordinate execution of research protocols and data collection in consultation with researchers; teach classes including Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Cattle Judging, and Field Experience; coach the Dairy Cattle Judging team; assist on-farm laboratories and short courses; host tours of the facility; work closely with the student Dairy Club, arranging and participating in club activities; develop and supervise dairy farm staff members including hiring, training, providing work direction and disciplining; assure proper maintenance and housekeeping of all facilities; maintain sufficient inventory of livestock, feed and supplies to accomplish program needs; develop short and long range plans for the dairy farm to optimize resources and manage the unit within budgetary constraints. Staff members supervised by this individual include full-time employees, undergraduate employees, and graduate students. The candidate will also be expected to develop a work relationship with dairy industry professionals including producers, assist with developing workshops and other linkages with producers in concert with the Extension and other department faculty. The Manager will represent the SDSU Dairy Research and Training Facility at producer meetings and extension functions.

QUALIFICATIONS: Earned B.S. in Dairy Production/Animal Science with 2 years post-B.S. experience in dairy farm management. Effective verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills and interest in managing a dairy research and teaching farm are essential. Knowledge of the dairy industry and ability to effectively communicate with producers and industry are essential. The candidate must be interested in training students on hands-on activities at the facility.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: M.S. in Dairy Production related major; experience with dairy cattle judging.

ORGANIZATION: SDSU is a land grant institution and the state's largest institution of higher education with an enrollment of 12,376 students. The Dairy Science Department includes undergraduate and graduate programs in dairy production and manufacturing with 11 full-time faculty members and 85 undergraduate students. Facilities in the Dairy Science Department include the Dairy Research and Training Facility with capacity for 140 head of lactating cows in a modern free-stall barn and parallel parlor as well as a new dairy processing plant under construction. Details of the department can be found at: <http://dairysci.sdstate.edu>. SDSU is located in Brookings, South Dakota, a community of approximately 18,800 near the east central border of South Dakota on Interstate 29 and central to a growing dairy industry in South Dakota. The city has an excellent K-12 education system, is accessible to major medical facilities, has an active cultural and social environment, and has numerous lakes and parks within driving distance. It is 50 miles north of Sioux Falls, a city of close to 150,000.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: October 15th 2010. Applications will continue to be considered until an acceptable candidate is recruited.

TO APPLY: Visit: <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu>, search by the position title, view the job announcement, and click on “apply for this posting.” The system will guide you through the electronic application form. The employment site will require the attachment of a resume, cover letter with details regarding interest, ability to meet responsibilities, and reference page. In addition to the online application process, applicants must arrange to have three letters of recommendation and official transcripts sent to Dr. Arnold Hippen Search Committee Chair, Dairy Science Department, SDM 113/2104, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57007, Ph: (605) 688-5490, arnold.hippen@sdstate.edu. Contact SDSU Human Resources at (605) 688-4128 if you require assistance with the online process.

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