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Wilson County Extension Intern

Location: Wilson County
Program Area: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources
Immediate/Site Supervisor: Hailee Whitehurst

Position Description/Responsibilities:

- Work with Extension Agents and program staff to coordinate and implement hands-on livestock educational events and activities, including livestock judging practices, clinics, workshops, and youth programs.
- Assist with 4-H livestock programs by supporting project meetings, educational activities, contests, and other program-related events.
- Participate in meetings where local livestock-related issues are identified and prioritized, and where program plans and outcomes are discussed.
- Assist in preparation for planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling educational materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from volunteers and community partners.
- As appropriate, assist with or conduct teaching, training, demonstrations, or other educational program presentations related to livestock production, evaluation, and youth development.
- Seek information from mentors and colleagues regarding the history, purpose, and mission of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, with emphasis on livestock and youth programming.
- Support Extension outreach efforts by assisting with communication materials, registration, and participant coordination.
- Assist the County Livestock Extension Agent with producer support activities, including accompanying the agent on farm visits and on-site consultations.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- academic background or strong interest in animal science, agricultural education, agribusiness, or a related field
- experience with livestock species such as beef cattle, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry
- basic knowledge of livestock production practices, animal handling, and livestock evaluation principles
- comfort working with youth, families, volunteers, and agricultural producers in a professional setting
- strong communication skills
- ability to work outdoors in farm and livestock environments and assist with physical tasks as needed
- strong organizational skills; attention to detail
- interest in learning about the Cooperative Extension system and applying research-based information in real-world settings.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- hands-on experience within the North Carolina Cooperative Extension system and an understanding of its mission, structure, and impact
- time management, responsibility, communication, and teamwork
- network with Extension professionals, agricultural producers, volunteers, and industry partners
- increase knowledge of livestock production systems, animal management practices, and local agricultural operations
- exposure to on-farm problem solving and producer support
- learn how research-based information is translated into practical recommendations for producers and youth
- confidence in public speaking, group facilitation, and youth instruction
- experience assisting with and delivering educational presentations, demonstrations, and hands-on learning activities
- learn how to communicate technical livestock concepts to diverse audiences, including youth, families, and producers
- leadership skills; strengthen decision-making and critical-thinking skills



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