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## Lee County Extension Intern

**Location:** Lee County

**Program Area:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Minda Daughtry

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Bill Stone, Mitchell Williams

### Position Description/Responsibilities:

This intern will work primarily with Agricultural Agents to coordinate and implement hands-on and virtual education programs, events and activities. Although their primary focus will be agricultural programming, the intern will experience each Extension program area, with an effort made to highlight the value of multidisciplinary programming across disciplines.

Activities will include participation in team meetings focused on identifying and prioritizing local issues; program planning; and determining impacts/outcomes.

The intern will also assist in preparing planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling materials and soliciting support from external sources.

The intern will take the lead on developing and implementing programs and activities while also teaching, training, and facilitating small and large groups either in person or virtually. Interns will experience a unique hands-on learning opportunity with mentorship and guidance from experienced Extension

### Additional Information

Since the program's inception, Lee County has hosted a number of successful NCSU Extension internship experiences. Both our team and the interns have finished the summer with new skills, valuable experiences and increased confidence in their personal and professional abilities.

Our approach is a very immersive Extension experience, where the intern is valued and respected as a true team member from the very start. They will be challenged to assist, co-lead, and lead projects and will be provided support and guidance along the way from each staff member.

At the conclusion of their experience, we feel confident that the intern will leave us with a thorough understanding of Extension; well-rounded knowledge of each program area and how they function together; and career management skills.

### Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Enrolled in agronomy; animal science; horticultural science; agribusiness/economics; biological and agricultural engineering; agricultural education; and/or other agricultural related fields.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Able to work effectively in a team setting and build collaborative relationships with others.
- Organization and planning skills.
- Ability to apply concepts from their coursework and classroom experiences into program planning and implementation.
- Deductive reasoning skills and an ability to analyze and synthesize information to find solutions.
- A personal commitment to working with diverse clientele and colleagues will also be essential to the intern's success.

### Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

Specific projects may include:

- Assist in modifying traditional face-to-face educational programs into interactive virtual programming;
- Research converting no-longer in use tobacco barns or other structures into mushroom grow house enclosures;
- Develop business management/ marketing tools for small growers to access local and direct to consumer/ online customer base;
- Assist with article development for both consumer and commercial grower applications;
- Assist with Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Recruitment and Training;
- Develop collaborative and multidisciplinary programs with 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences.

