

Iredell County Extension Intern

Location: Iredell County

Program Area: Agriculture and Natural Resources

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Nancy Keith

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Laura Elmore, Livestock/Field Crops Agent; Jenny Carleo, Area Specialized Grains Agent; Taylor Jenkins and Kelly Pierce, 4-H and Youth Development; Andrea Sherrill, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will have the opportunity to work with all program areas to get a total perspective of Cooperative Extension in Iredell County:

- The intern will work with the Livestock Agent and Area Grains Agent with test plots, collecting and recording data as well as assisting with preparation for field days, assisting with yield measurements, scouting for disease and insect damage and weeds in field and forage crops as well as overall assessment of problems.
- The intern will work with the Horticulture Agent and assist with homeowner and commercial calls as well as work with small farms program.
- The intern will have the opportunity to work with the 4-H and Youth summer program, poultry judging, livestock judging and dairy judging training and competition.
- There will also be opportunities to work in the area of Family and Consumer Science with the Health and Wellness and Food Safety Initiative.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Experience in the areas of livestock and field crops would be beneficial.
- Needs to have good communication skills, work ethic and the ability to adapt to different situations from day to day depending on the program area in which they are working.
- Social media and video skills would be beneficial.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Teamwork skills
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Public speaking
- Working with field data (setting up test plots, collecting and analyzing data)
- Obtain knowledge of all program areas and a total perspective of Cooperative Extension

Additional Information

This is a good opportunity to work across all program areas in Cooperative Extension with a greater concentration in field crops, livestock and dairy program areas.