

Johnston County Extension Intern

Location: Johnston County

Program Area: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Dan Wells

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Bryant Spivey, Tim Britton, Brandon Parker, Meredith Wood

Position Description/Responsibilities:

Assist with coordinating weekly 4-H livestock judging practices, leading small group quizzes and games to reinforce instruction.

Conduct farm visits to identify nutrient, pest and weed issues and make recommendations to growers.

Plan, design, install, monitor and evaluate on-farm test plots with multiple agents in a variety of agricultural areas.

Identify major annual and perennial forage crops and weed pests.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Coursework in agricultural field.
- Relevant experience in a field of agriculture preferred.
- Experience working with minors in a non-custodial role.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

As a result of this experience, the intern will be able to:

- Describe the process of Extension programming, and the knowledge and skills necessary to be an agent.
- Recite the priorities of livestock judging.
- Identify forages and row crops grown in eastern NC.
- List pesticide licensing categories.
- Maintain references of agricultural chemicals and make safe, effective recommendations for their use.
- Identify plants toxic to livestock.
- Collect hay, plant tissue, soil and nematode samples for analysis.
- Describe breeds of livestock and their origins.

Additional Information

The Johnston County Extension Center has a large staff of experienced and motivated agents to offer a well-rounded Extension internship experience. While Dan Wells, Livestock Agent, will be the primary supervisor, it is expected that the intern will spend some amount of time working with agents in all three areas of Extension; Agriculture, 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences.

