

## Cleveland County Extension Intern

**Location:** Cleveland County

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

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Greg Traywick, County Extension Director

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Heather Schronce, Area Field Crops Agent Dr. Rachel Vann, Extension Soybean Specialist (endorses the internship) Emma Budzinski, Foothills Farmers' Market Director

### Position Description/ Responsibilities:

The intern will assist in the design, monitoring, and data collection on on-farm corn variety trials and applied soybean research under the guidance of the Extension agent and specialist.

They will assist in planning and implementing an area field day for row crop producers, providing agricultural awareness experiences for 4-H youth during summer day camps, and be engaged in farmers' market operations to gain an appreciation for Extension involvement in direct-to-consumer food sales.

The intern will also be introduced to two grant funded projects aimed at improving operations and profits on two local farms.

### Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Demonstrated experience/interest/coursework in production agriculture with a focus on field crops.
- Interest in a future career with NC Cooperative Extension.

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

- Understanding of applied research and dissemination of results to the farming community
- Direct engagement with an innovative row crop farm and regional agribusiness
- Exposure to planning and implementation of a major Extension educational event
- Opportunity to expose & inform youth to production agriculture
- Experience in working with farmers to implement and evaluate grant-funded projects
- Opportunity to engage with a thriving farmers' market that serves 105 local food producers.