

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 Agent, Grains; Melinda Roberts, Horticulture Agent; Adreanna White-Foxx and Kelly Pierce, 4-H and Youth Development; Andrea Sherrill, Family and Consumer Science 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 but will be focused on agriculture programming:

- Work with the Livestock Agent and Area Grains Agent with test plots, collecting and recording data as well as assisting with field days, assisting with yield measurements, scouting for disease and insect damage and weeds in field and forage crops as well as assessment of problems
- Work with the Horticulture Agent and assist with homeowner and commercial calls as well as work with the small farms program.
- Work with CED in dairy related programming and waste management recertification credit workshops and work with youth dairy program.
- Opportunity to work with the 4-H and Youth summer program, poultry judging, livestock and dairy judging providing assistance with training teams for competition.
- Opportunities to work with Family and Consumer Science Agent with Health and Wellness and Food Safety Initiative.

Preferred qualifications/ previous coursework:

- Experience in the areas of livestock and field crops would be beneficial (Animal Science, Crop Science and Soil Science classes) as well as experience working with livestock.
- Good communication skills (both written and oral), strong work ethic and the ability to adapt to different situations from day to day depending on the program area in which the intern is working.
- Social media and video skills would be beneficial.
- Must have a positive attitude, be dependable, organized, and willing to be a flexible team player.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Working with field data and learning to interpret the data collected (setting up test plots, collecting and analyzing data)
- Working with the general public in analyzing problems
- Teamwork skills

Additional Information

This internship provides a great opportunity for an individual to work across all program areas in Cooperative Extension while providing a greater concentration in the areas of livestock, dairy and field crops.