



CONSERVATION CROPPING SYSTEMS AGRONOMIST

Job Description:

Serve as the point-person for the Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI), which is a program of the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP). Provide Extension education on conservation cropping systems to a variety of audiences and assist with research demonstrations and data collection from farmer-cooperators. Participate in at least 44 soil health educational events per year in Indiana. Work with farmers, researchers, and others to collect and analyze data. Establish working relationships with other agricultural enterprises. Write technical fact-sheets, bulletins, or newsletter articles about specific topics in soil health and conservation cropping systems.

Qualifications

Required:

- Master's degree in Agricultural Science, Agricultural Engineering or related field.
- Three years' experience with conservation cropping systems (cover crops, no-till). Related thesis work and/or internships will be considered.
- Consideration will be given to an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Knowledge of the science and practice of no-till, cover crops, and other conservation cropping system practices.
- Ability to conduct on-farm research trials, analyze results, and communicate findings to the cooperators.
- Ability to conduct literature reviews and interpret research and information from universities, agencies and non-profits.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision, with strong organizational skills and ability to prioritize work load to meet deadlines.
- Strong facilitation, leadership, and teamwork skills.
- Excellent oral/written communication skills.
- Flexibility and creativity in the workplace.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), and other computer software programs used to prepare reports, presentations, and data analysis/retrieval.
- Valid driver's license and ability/willingness to travel.

Preferred:

- Experience with or knowledge of the Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) and/or the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP).

Additional Information:

- A background check will be required for employment in this position.
- FLSA: Exempt (Not Eligible For Overtime).
- Retirement Eligibility: Defined Contribution Waiting Period.
- Purdue University is an EEO/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.

Additional Information

- This is a one year limited duration position, extension contingent upon additional funding.
- This position is located in West Lafayette, IN.
- Screening of applicants will begin December 29, 2014.
- Starting date will be January or February 2015.

For more information about the position, and to apply, go to :

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