



Area Extension Specialist/ Cropping Systems

North Central Research Extension Center

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Provide leadership for dynamic Extension crop production programs in north central North Dakota

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Position: Full-time

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Benefits include retirement plan and full coverage for family health insurance

Location: Minot, ND

To apply

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Position Information

The area specialist will provide crop production education and information about small grain, row, and alternative crops grown in the region working closely with the extension agents. The North Central Research Extension Center Director will provide supervision for this position.

This position includes, but is not limited to, the following responsibilities:

- Provide leadership for the identification, assessment, coordination, and delivery of crop production programs in the region. Assist in providing leadership and assistance to statewide crop production related programs. This will be accomplished through cooperation with appropriate area and state extension specialists, research faculty, extension agents, and North Research Extension Center staff and faculty. Provide program leadership in crop production for extension agents in north central North Dakota.
- Provide crop and pest management and soil science information to extension agents, producers, and industry personnel through personal contact and a variety of educational media including meetings, field tours, news releases, videos, publications, electronic delivery, and other methods, as appropriate.
- Communicate with other extension specialists and appropriate research extension center researchers and producers about issues that need new or additional research. When appropriate, provide leadership for the development of demonstration and applied research as an educational tool to address the needs of clientele.
- Collaborate with agencies, industry, crop organizations, and crop commodity groups, as appropriate, to teach and provide comprehensive cropping systems programming.
- Secure grant funding to support applied research projects that enhances extension programming efforts.

The North Central Research Extension Center is one of seven out-state NDSU research extension centers. The center is located one mile south of Minot, North Dakota. Minot is a city of 45,000 in north central North Dakota. Minot is an All-American City with excellent health, educational, recreational, and community facilities and a modern international airport. The area is noted for small grain, oilseed, livestock, and energy production. More information about the area is available at <http://www.minotchamber.org/community/>.

A similar position is currently open at the Langdon Research Extension Center in Langdon, ND. More information can be found at <http://jobs.ndsu.edu/postings/1823>.

Minimum Qualifications

- Master's degree in agronomy or related discipline.
- Course work and field experience in agronomy and crop disease, insect, and weed management.
- Ability to demonstrate professional and technical competency in agronomy and pest management.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Experience with and commitment to enhancing skills in anticipatory planning, needs assessment, interdisciplinary program delivery, networking and coalition building, program evaluation, and distance learning strategies.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in working with varied audiences, with individuals and groups, as a team member.
- Demonstrated skills in computer, web-based education and communication, and other electronic equipment usage.
- Valid driver's license.

Preferred Qualifications

- Ph.D. in agronomy or related discipline.
- Work experience in an extension and/or land-grant university system.
- Experience with Midwest or Northern Great Plains agriculture.
- Experience in field crop research.
- Documented success in securing grant funds.