



Practical Farmers of Iowa is hiring a Livestock Coordinator

Practical Farmers of Iowa is seeking an outgoing professional to serve as our Livestock Coordinator. Practical Farmers offers a flexible, fast-paced work environment with opportunities for independent initiative and professional development.

Duties for this position include:

- Organize and staff PFI's livestock field days, pasture walks, conference programming and workshops (including Holistic Management trainings) (30 percent);
- Feature livestock farmers' experiences in newsletters, blogs and other media, including work on enterprise budgets (20 percent);
- Lead PFI's livestock-related on-farm research and demonstration projects, including facilitating project selection, working one on one with participating farmers, and writing research reports (20 percent);
- Write grants and build partnerships with others offering livestock programming (20 percent);
- Other duties as assigned (10 percent)

Minimum qualifications:

- Excellent communication skills; this person needs to be outgoing, willing to pick up the phone, initiate contact with farmers, and have good interview skills;
- Experience working with livestock;
- Experience organizing events;
- Ability to work well with others and build partnerships;
- Ability to meet deadlines;
- Ability to manage several tasks at once;
- Bachelor's degree in animal agriculture preferred;
- A passion for farmers and farming.

This is a full-time position based in our Ames office. This position requires travel (mostly in Iowa), a valid driver's license, the ability to lift 30 pounds and the ability to walk long distances. The position reports to operations director Sally Worley. Practical Farmers is a family-friendly employer. The position includes full health care benefits, a flex plan, short- and long-term disability, life insurance, and generous paid time off. Employer contribution to a 401k retirement plan is offered after one year of employment. Salary is competitive, based on experience and qualifications.

We are looking for a three-year commitment to this position.

Please apply by sending cover letter, resume and references to Sally Worley at sally@practicalfarmers.org by May 15, 2014.