

SENIOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

DEFINITION

Under general direction, to plan, organize and conduct educational programs for groups and individuals defining a large variety of agricultural and related problems applicable to rural and semi-urban areas; and to do related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Researches latest experimental work conducted by the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture, the Federal Government and other scientific resources; conducts educational programs to disseminate findings of science and technology resulting from research; typical programs cover the breeding and selection of livestock of higher efficiency of production; improved feeding of livestock and poultry; better methods of sanitation and disease control; higher quality of milk, meat and eggs; up-dated techniques for marketing and distribution of livestock, poultry, and food by-products; plans and organizes Countywide programs at fairs, breed shows and sales, achievement days and camps; assists urban and farm operators on plans for farm building and/or reconstruction, technological advancements in farm operations, and adopting mechanical labor-saving devices; directs accumulation of farm, livestock and dairy production records in Dane County, including milk and butterfat production, results of dairy cattle tests, and rate of gain information on beef and swine breeding animals; cooperates with the University Extension Service, the County Agriculture Committee, commodity and breed groups, and 4-H leaders in implementing County, State, Federal, and University programs; evaluates and reports on programs in progress; may represent the County Extension Agent at meetings, functions and programs as assigned; acts as department head in the absence of the County Extension Agent, assuming responsibilities for personnel, payroll, and general administration.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and Experience: Any combination equivalent to a master's degree in agriculture or a closely related field and three years of increasingly responsible experience in agricultural extension work. (Specific qualifications are determined by the Extension Service of the University of Wisconsin.)

Knowledges and Abilities: Knowledge of the principles and practices of modern agriculture and the ability to apply them to the needs of the county; knowledge of the philosophy, practices and administration of the extension service; knowledge of County, State and Federal regulations and laws concerning agriculture; ability to plan a Countywide agricultural program; ability to organize and develop group activities on both volunteer and professional levels; ability to deal effectively with County officials, University faculty, youth groups, employees, and the general public; ability to speak and write clearly and persuasively; ability to devote a considerable amount of uncompensated overtime to Extension Service work.