



**Job Vacancy #25-10:
Extension Specialist (Agricultural Economics) Director
Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC)
Denver, Colorado**

The Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) began in 1955. It is a national cooperative effort involving 28 Land-Grant University Extension programs (see map), six USDA agencies, and special related industry organizations. The LMIC enhances overall quality and quantity of resources and information devoted to livestock and meat marketing issues, outlook, and reduction of duplicative efforts. The LMIC is a non-advocacy center devoted to distribution of unbiased, research-based information and analysis to academic, government, and industry partners.

The LMIC's materials are internationally recognized for their evaluation of livestock, meat, and feedstuff markets. The LMIC staff continuously produces unbiased and science-based materials to strengthen and supplement education and livestock research activities of cooperating institutions. In particular, the LMIC staff maintains a comprehensive database and conduct applied market analysis. The LMIC maintains a website (www.lmic.info) and other forms of electronic distribution of data and market analysis.

Denver is located on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Several Federal and state government agencies are located in the area. The Denver metropolitan region is an important regional center for transportation and recreation as well as agricultural and cultural activities.

This position is supported by a combination of funds from the participating cooperating institutions and is administered by Colorado State University Extension. The LMIC is co-located with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at the Denver Federal Center in Colorado.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE: All materials must be **RECEIVED** no later than Noon Mountain Time, October 6, 2010 for full consideration. Please submit the following via e-mail to apply:

- Cover letter
- Statement (no more than 5 pages) of how you meet all the "Required" and "Desirable" criteria listed in the Vacancy Announcement
- Resume
- Name, address, telephone, e-mail address, and your relationship to at least four (4) references
- Transcripts of college(s) course work **showing degrees conferred**

E-mail all materials to cepersonnel@ext.colostate.edu. If you are unable to e-mail your materials, please call 970-491-1617 for alternate delivery methods.

For questions regarding the application process, contact 970-491-1617 or cepersonnel@ext.colostate.edu.

For questions regarding the job vacancy and responsibilities, please contact Darrell Mark at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (Chair of the LMIC Executive Committee) at 402-560-3922 or dmark2@unl.edu.

PURPOSE OF POSITION: Analyzing, reporting and publishing unbiased economic outlook and marketing/management information related to the livestock and feedstuff industries. Directing Center staff and operations and serving as a member of the Executive Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS: The individual in this position is the leader of the LMIC staff with program direction and guidance from the Executive Committee of the LMIC's Technical Advisory Committee. A significant responsibility is serving as a senior economist and resource person. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Conducting market analysis including situation and outlook.
- Providing critical Center administrative functions regarding personnel, budgets and planning.
- Supporting state extension specialists in program development and presentation.
- Overseeing development, maintenance and management of an extensive database system.
- Responding to information or assistance requests that are directed to the Center.
- Developing outstanding working relationships with industry organizations.

SALARY: Compensation will be commensurate with education level and prior experience.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

- Masters degree (Ph.D. preferred) in the area of agricultural economics or other relevant discipline (must show evidence of completion of master's degree by date of appointment). Formal training must include agricultural commodity marketing and price analysis.
- Ability to analyze and integrate data and information from diverse sources.
- Experience or strong interest in livestock industry and evidence of ability to develop strong relationships with industry.
- Skill in working with individuals, groups, and staff (teamwork) to accomplish individual and/or group goals as indicated by experience and references.
- Evidence of drive and initiative as demonstrated by employment and personal experiences (must be a self-starter).
- Ability to communicate (oral, written, and listening skills) with both technical and non-technical audiences as demonstrated by formal training, publications, experience and application materials.
- Knowledge and experience of computer applications (spreadsheet, database, word processing) and the Internet.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE DESIRED:

- Training and experience in analytical forecasting techniques (e.g. econometric analysis).
- Knowledge of U.S. livestock, poultry, feed grain and forage markets.
- Experience with USDA and industry data/information sources.
- Evidence of administrative interest and ability including planning processes and provision of motivation and evaluation of employees.
- Knowledge and familiarity with Cooperative Extension and the Land Grant University system.
- Broad knowledge of management and policy issues in food and agriculture system.
- Experience in or knowledge of key countries that import and export meat and livestock to the U.S.
- Evidence of successful grant funding and grant program administration.
- Familiarity with different socioeconomic and ethnic groups, an interest in working with people and clientele groups from diverse backgrounds, and a commitment to diversity.
- Leadership ability as demonstrated by experience and elected and/or appointed positions of responsibility.

BENEFITS: Based on full-time employment. Twenty-four working days vacation each year, 15 days sick leave. Enrollment in group health, life and accident insurance, various retirement plans, work injury benefits, and disability insurance are all available. Available personal transportation required, travel allowance provided.

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Colorado State University Extension operates in compliance with the same laws and executive orders as the University as administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture relations. As a part of the USDA regulations, the Extension Equal Employment Opportunity representative may be contacted at 1311 South College Avenue, Room 102, Colorado State University.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO AN INVESTIGATIVE BACKGROUND CHECK BY COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY AND MUST SECURE FEDERAL SECURITY CLEARANCE THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Application process and additional information may be obtained at our Web site:

www.ext.colostate.edu (click on Employment) or by contacting:

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