

## Extension Faculty

### Description

Extension faculty work at the university level, conducting research and providing programming on their specialty area. Some may have a small undergraduate teaching assignment, but it is not the primary function of their role. They also seek out agriculture and natural resource needs in counties, inform university and state leadership and specialists of those opportunities and then develop and carry out appropriate responses to meet the identified needs.

### Education/Training Requirements

- Master's degree or Doctorate in a specialty area (i.e., animal science, leadership, agronomy, etc.) (required)

### Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Skills
- English
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Mathematics

### Common Responsibilities

- Conduct research-based educational programs in area of expertise
- Manage budget as it relates to research initiatives
- Investigate, develop and refine value-added content to a variety of delivery platforms
- Support extension educational programming in the state
- Evaluate and report the impact of programs
- Provide assistance in developing youth programming and education
- Seek out agriculture and natural resource needs in the state and then develop and carry out appropriate responses to meet needs
- Develop volunteer networks and support strategies required to sustain programs
- Teach courses at state land-grant universities
- Conduct research that will be helpful to those in the state and produce resources based on that research

### Typical Employers

Extension educators work at land-grant universities, in laboratories and may travel their assigned state to various locations to conduct programs or research.

### Additional Resources

[National Association of County Agricultural Agents](#)  
[National Association of Extension 4-H Agents](#)