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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Vegetable IPM Associate

Location: Utah State University Extension, Biology Department, Logan, Utah 84322

Salary: \$24,000 - \$26,625 (based on full-time salary of \$32,000 - \$35,000), plus full

benefits package

To Apply: Job details are at http://usu.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobid=3368. Click on

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Apply by: May 30, 2018, or open until filled

Questions: Contact Marion Murray at marion.murray@usu.edu

The Vegetable Integrated Pest Management Associate (non-faculty, exempt position) is a 100% Extension position with Utah State University. This is a 0.75FTE (30 hr/week), 12-month position, with annual reappointment contingent upon review and the availability of funding. The Vegetable IPM Associate conducts outreach activities targeting both commercial and backyard producers for the Utah IPM Program, and works as a team member with the Utah Pests group.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as editor of the publication, Utah Vegetable Production and Pest Management Guide.
 Coordinate content editing with existing authors through timely correspondence, and seek out
 new authors from Utah and other Intermountain West states. Write original content and edit
 existing content. Gather digital images and graphics, and compile the guide. Coordinate printing
 and distribution. Upload all new changes to the corresponding website.
- Conduct seasonal outdoor work consisting of regular insect and disease monitoring/photography on selected commercial vegetable farms. (May require heavy lifting.) Maintain database of pest monitoring results and keep digital images labeled and organized.
- Maintain communications with commercial and backyard vegetable growers in Utah through: presentations, workshops, and webinars; timely response to email/phone inquiries; and organizing/conducting summer grower meetings. Ensure good working relationships with collaborating producers for on-farm pest monitoring and grower meetings.

- Use pest monitoring information to develop and distribute timely pest information in <u>IPM</u>
 advisories (4 to 10/year). In addtion, contribute newsletter articles to Utah Pests News (4/year),
 write pest fact sheets, and add <u>web content to build the vegetable IPM resources</u> for Utah's
 commercial and backyard growers.
- Conduct evaluations of vegetable IPM outreach through online, written, and/or oral surveys/interviews for the purposes of improvements and gathering impact data.
- Maintain working relationships with IPM colleagues and others in <u>USU Extension</u>, attend monthly staff meetings, and attend the annual Extension conference.

Minimum Qualifications

- B.S. degree in horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, agriculture science, or related
- Knowledge of vegetable production and vegetable pests
- Organized and able to work both independently and in a team
- Strong oral and written communication skills and good interpersonal skills
- Technical writing and editing skills
- Knowledge of Adobe CS or ability to learn
- U.S. driver's license
- Ability to lift up to 40 lb

Preferred Qualifications

• M.S. degree in horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, agriculture science, or related

Required Application Documents: Cover Letter, Resume/CV, Writing Example; in addition, three professional references with contact information will be collected

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