

University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Cooperative Extension Service
Assistant Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is seeking its next Assistant Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources. This colleague provides statewide leadership for Extension programs in agricultural and natural resources. We expect our colleague to bring thoughtful and innovative contributions by being a part of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service leadership team while being responsible to the Director and Associate Director of the Cooperative Extension Service. This is a 12-month position based in Lexington, Kentucky with travel within and out of state as needed has an expected distribution of effort (DOE) at approximately 75% Administration and 25% Extension. The annual DOE will be aligned with the colleague's strengths and college needs.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with the director and other leadership team members to develop, conduct, and evaluate a transformative Extension Program that is nationally recognized.
- Mobilize department chairs, Extension coordinators/faculty, specialists, area & district directors, regional program coordinators, and county agents in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating unified efforts.
- Spearhead and support interdisciplinary teams to address existing and identify emerging issues spanning the rural to urban landscape continuum.
- Facilitate educational curricula design and effective professional development programs for employees and volunteer leaders.
- Expand on collaborative efforts with other University of Kentucky colleges and departments, Kentucky State University and other universities, state and federal agencies, and organizations engaged in related activities.
- Foster scholarly and creative development activity in support of relevant programs, faculty, and staff across the state.
- Contribute to the hiring, development, and evaluation of county agents, extension associates, and other selected personnel.
- Serve as a spokesperson through oral and written communication modes when addressing issues facing the commonwealth.
- Demonstrate program participation commitment that is representative of Kentucky's diverse population and provide leadership for programs that meet the needs of clientele regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) is fulfilling the land-grant promise of educational excellence, civic leadership, transformational research, and shared knowledge serving the common good. We serve the people of the Commonwealth and across the world through education, outreach, service, and research by finding solutions to improve lives today and create a sustainable future. We integrate teaching, research, and extension in our work. We recruit, retain, and graduate students who are competent, responsible, and workforce ready. For more than 130 years, CAFE has provided research results to the community. From traditional labs and research farms to high-tech diagnostic and research centers, we offer science-based, practical solutions that affect the everyday lives of Kentuckians and people around the world. Our Cooperative Extension programs are engaged in Kentucky's 120 counties, identifying and addressing needs not only in agriculture and natural resources, but also 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, as well as community & economic development. We create a welcoming and inclusive environment that allows our faculty, staff, and students to reach their highest potential. We recognize people with diverse backgrounds and experiences are essential to decision making, problem solving, and innovation each and every day.

The University of Kentucky is a university with approximately 23,000 undergraduate and 7,000 graduate students. UK is Kentucky's flagship university and a land grant institution. We have a university commitment to improve the lives of Kentuckians and beyond and that is why environmental stewardship and sustainability are core parts of our institution's legacy. We are recognized as a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, a Gold level Bicycle Friendly University by The League of American Bicyclists, and are recognized as a STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System) Silver Rating by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. The university is geographically near downtown Lexington, which offers the vibrancy of an urban location while being in close proximity to working landscapes and recognized wilderness areas. It is a thriving community of 300,000+ with a strong commitment to quality of life, education, and the arts. Lexington is in the Bluegrass Region, an internationally acclaimed cultural landscape and agricultural region.

Lexington Video!

For more information about Lexington and the University's vital role within the community, please Click Here <https://vimeo.com/302892787>.

Coop Ext Video!

To find out more about UK Cooperative Extension, please Click Here <https://extension.ca.uky.edu/>.

To apply for job #RE24489, submit a UK Online Application [http: http://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/294872](http://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/294872). If you have any questions, contact HR/Employment, phone (859) 257-9555 press 2. Application deadline is October 9, 2020.

The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity University that values diversity and inclusion. Individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, women, and members of other underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.