



NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF  
TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE

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## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Assistant Professor in Agricultural Production Systems**

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, NE, is seeking candidates for a 9-month faculty position in Agricultural Production Systems (APS) starting August 19, 2019. Review of applications will begin on May 28, 2019, and continue until a suitable candidate is identified or the search is closed.

#### Core Duties and Responsibilities:

Develop and teach Animal Science courses within the Agricultural Production Systems major, including the development and updating of course outlines, lesson plans, presentations, and course materials for both lecture and laboratory formats. Implement a series of educational experiences, which result in graduates who are successful entrepreneurs or employees in profitable, commercial livestock enterprises. Provide campus leadership for the operation of a small custom-exempt meat processing laboratory. Teach students meat processing procedures, from hanging carcass to retail cuts, in a small custom-exempt facility. Develop and coach a competitive student team such as a meat judging team or rodeo team. Assist with academic advising, recruiting, internship experiences, committee assignments, student organizations, and other departmental and college activities.

Teaching activities will generally focus on facilitating student engagement in experiential learning activities on the college farm, in college livestock facilities, in the college meat processing facility, and at local agricultural businesses. Developing and teaching interactive distance education courses may also be required.

#### Qualifications:

This position requires a Master's degree in animal science, meat science or closely related field from a regionally accredited institution; proficiency with computer technology applications in the teaching environment; and excellent communication skills.

Preferred qualifications are a doctorate in a related agricultural discipline; relevant industry experience; previous college teaching experience; successful experience facilitating student engagement through agricultural teams such as meat judging, livestock judging, or rodeo team; recruiting experience; and fundraising success.

### College Description:

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a small, rural, residential two-year college offering programs in agriculture and veterinary technology. NCTA is the only two-year campus in the University of Nebraska system. The college has received significant national recognition for the quality of its academic programs and the success of its graduates. College faculty rely heavily on skills-based experiential learning activities. Members of the college community celebrate the traditions and lifestyle of the rural Great Plains region.

The animal science division utilizes campus resources such as the college cattle herd, feedlot, horses, small ruminants, cattle processing facilities, meats lab, indoor livestock arena, and associated classrooms and offices. The college farm is immediately adjacent to campus and consists of approximately 250 acres of rangeland and 250 acres of irrigated row crop agriculture. The campus also leases an additional 300 acres of hay ground.

The animal science division works closely with the NCTA veterinary technology program, which has been accredited by the AVMA for more than 40 years. Veterinary Technology facilities include a clinic, a surgery suite, x-ray rooms, a necropsy laboratory, a clinical pathology laboratory, a teaching amphitheater, and extensive animal holding facilities.

As a college within the University of Nebraska system, NCTA faculty enjoy generous system benefits, including a tuition waiver for 15 credits per year for employees or dependents attending any system university. Two NCTA faculty are currently utilizing this benefit to complete their PhDs.

NCTA faculty are eligible for promotion, with appropriate raises, through traditional academic ranks. As an institution, NCTA does not award tenure. NCTA faculty work closely with our system land grant university, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, located 3 ½ hours to the east.

NCTA is located in rural western Nebraska, in the bucolic town of Curtis with a population of approximately 900. The town is 45 minutes south of North Platte, approximately 4 ½ hours east of Denver and the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, and 4 ½ hours west of Omaha. Characteristic of the rural Great Plains ecosystem, the region is largely composed of cattle ranches, irrigated row crop agriculture, and wildlife habitat. The area is known for its abundant turkeys, whitetail deer, mule deer, and a small but growing population of elk.

To apply, go to UNL employment website, <http://employment.unl.edu> and search for requisition F\_190043. Click “Apply for this Job” and complete the faculty form. Attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and contact information for three professional references, including phone numbers and email addresses.

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