**Crop Production Educator--Position Overview (3 positions available)**

MSU Extension (MSUE) is searching for educators to fill three field crop production positions. As part of the Agriculture and Agribusiness Institute (AABI), these positions provide leadership and expertise in crop production. In these positions, you will identify, design, implement and evaluate programs that meet needs related to the sustainable production of the diverse crop mix, as well as other agronomic crops.

Through collaboration in research, engagement with the community, and dissemination of research, you will implement programs that lead to public knowledge and behaviors that will improve efficiency and sustainability. You will develop, produce, and deliver outreach with content that is accessible, inclusive, and is consistent with AABI messaging. Your work will include collaboration with MSU colleagues and MSU AgBioResearch stations, including the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, the Upper Peninsula Forest Innovation Center, allied industry, producers, and the diverse network of partner groups that include Farm Bureau groups, agribusinesses, Conservation Districts, and tribal communities.

Candidates can indicate their position/location preference within their cover letter.

**Upper Peninsula Crop Production Educator**
MI's Upper Peninsula (UP) is a cropping region where farmers produce corn, soybeans, wheat, dry beans, forages, potatoes, and other vegetables. You will act as an expert for crop production practices for a diverse mix of crops, and some integrated livestock systems. You will work to improve efficiency and sustainability. There is space available for this position to work in an MSUE office in Delta, Menominee, or Dickinson County.

**Forage-Livestock Crop Production Educator**
The eastern Upper Peninsula (UP) has growing conditions that are well suited for forage production. Forages (hay, haylage, corn silage, pasture) for livestock feed or for sale are the principal commercial field crops in the UP. Through your leadership, you will act as an expert providing research and outreach that will improve the efficiency and sustainability of forage production, marketing, and feeding. There is space available for this position to work from the Luce County MSUE office in Newberry, MI.

**Northern Michigan Crop Production Educator**
Northeast MI is a diverse field crop production region in which farmers produce corn, soybeans, wheat, dry edible beans and potatoes. Through your leadership, you will act as an expert providing research and outreach that will lead to efficient and sustainable production of the existing diverse crop mix, as well as explore other agronomic crops, with an emphasis on improving agriculture resiliency. Additionally, your work can include crop and pest scouting, reporting that info to the industry, and troubleshooting field level challenges. There is space available for this position to work from the Presque Isle County MSUE office in Rogers City, MI.

**Minimum Qualifications** (see full description for complete list of requirements)

- Bachelor's degree in crop science, horticulture, soil science, entomology, plant pathology, animal science with an emphasis on forage management and production, or related field, with an expectation to complete a Master's degree within a specified time frame; or Master's degree in crops science, horticulture, soil science, entomology, plant pathology, animal science with an emphasis on forage management and production.

**Application Deadline:** March 30, 2022.