Extension Assistant/Graduate Research Assistantship—Lubbock, Texas
(Extension & research portion, Texas A&M University System; Academic portion, Texas Tech Univ.)

Position Overview: Position is covers dual duties as full-time extension assistant with opportunity to work on graduate studies. Candidate will supervise day-to-day activities of the Texas A&M AgriLife—Lubbock extension agronomist while pursuing an M.S. in the Plant & Soil Sciences Dept. at Texas Tech Univ. Extension field duties will cover diverse crops that will serve as an excellent foundation for broad cropping practices including grain sorghum, corn, sunflower, wheat, winter canola, summer annual forages, guar, sesame, cover crops, soil fertility, irrigated and dryland, and reduced tillage systems. Position includes health insurance and other benefits. The position is expected to cover three cropping seasons. Graduate coursework would be two courses in the spring, one in the fall. Candidate will be provided the resources to conduct an M.S. field research project.

Position Duties: Responsible for organizing, planting, managing, harvesting, and data management as necessary for applied research and/or demonstration trials under the direction of supervisor. Assist Lubbock Extension Agronomist and County Extension Agents in compiling results and conclusions of applied research. Coordinates and assists with in-season collection of data. Utilizes various computer programs for data management and statistical analysis of data. Assist preparation of summaries for extension publication and posting on A&M Ag. Program websites. Coordinates and assists the development of project reports. Prepares preliminary reports and periodically presents results at industry and extension meetings as needed. Overarching duties will lead to solid training on numerous crops providing an excellent background for professional work in agronomy. Experience with farm and small plot research equipment is strongly preferred.

Required Education: B.S. degree in a campus-based scientific agricultural discipline or closely related science. Must have good academic preparation to pursue an M.S. degree in agronomy. Candidates with M.S. will be considered. Several potential research topics are available pending applicant interest.

Required Licenses: Texas driver’s license (to be obtained if applicant holds a license from another state). Employer will provide time and support to successfully obtain required commercial/non-commercial pesticide applicator’s license from Texas Dept. of Agriculture as well as obtain a Texas Commercial Driver’s License (needed for hauling field equipment).

Please mail/email the following documents: Cover letter of interest, resume, all college transcripts, and names/contact of four professional references.

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The position can be filled as early as March 1, 2019, but candidate must start by May 13, 2019.