

**MSU EXTENSION
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AGRIBUSINESS INSTITUTE****Position Information****Position Title**

Extension Educator

Salary\$55,000 or Commensurate with
education and experience**Benefits**Comprehensive benefits package:
<https://www.hr.msu.edu/benefits/index.html>**Location**Berrien County or Southwest
Michigan Research and Extension
Center**To Apply****Current MSU Employees:**Access the EBS portal. Under the My
Career and Training section, select
the Careers @ MSU tile to view
Internal Job Postings.**External Applicants:**Visit <http://careers.msu.edu>**Posting Number:**

874809

Application Deadline:

8/1/2023

Contact for Questionsmsue.hr@msu.edu**Beginning Farmer & Small Farms Extension
Educator****Position Overview**

Conduct programming to support beginning and small farmers to help them consider different production and commodity options within their farm business, help them develop the appropriate business recordkeeping system to understand their business financial status, including evaluating different crops or livestock options, the marketing of those products, and the return to their farming business.

This position will provide educational programs and assistance to beginning farmers in Berrien County where a diverse agriculture production economy thrives. Programming will support individuals in considering different production and commodity options within their farm business and help these farmers develop the appropriate business recordkeeping system to understand their business financial status. This position will collaborate with the Farm Business Management Team, the MSU Product Center, and other subject matter teams within the Agriculture & Agribusiness Institute, along with other teams within MSU Extension that support local food marketing chains.

The duties will include assessing the needs of beginning farmers to connect them with educational resources within MSU Extension and with programs available from other farm support organizations. In addition, the position will be part of a team assisting with needs assessments and educational programs for farm markets (such as the development of a farm market assessment process) and other direct marketing opportunities, and act as an agriculture liaison for MSU Extension with other farm support organizations and community food system groups in the region.

This position will be housed at the Berrien County Extension Office, or the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center, both of which are located in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

This position may be eligible to utilize a flexible work environment.

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

- Master's degree from an accredited institution in a field of study related to animal or plant sciences, agriculture economics or related field must be earned by date of hire.

Application Process

View full description and apply through the [MSU careers](#) page. **Search for posting 874809 using the Job Search field.**

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