

Caswell County Extension Intern

Location: Caswell County, NC

Program Area: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community and Rural Development

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Travis Hoesli

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Brandi Boaz, Matt Solomon, Bailee Sheffield, Sonya Patterson, and Anass Banna

Position Description/Responsibilities:

- Strengthen the relationship between Extension Office and Local Foods Council by providing assistance with educational programming around food safety, vegetable crop production, and storage and handling procedures at the local Farmers Market.
- Assist with the weekly operations of the local farmers market
- Research and provide information on local foods system networks and present information to the Local Foods Council to help shape strategies for the food system in Caswell County
- Assist 4-H agent to prepare and run a summer Camp that focuses on introducing middle school-age students to STEM and Ag careers
- Assist with planning and presenting summer youth and adult livestock programs
- Shadow and assist Ag agents with on-farm disease and insect issues diagnosis and help provide technical support for emerging production practices in the county
- Assist FCS agent in designing and delivering healthy food options and meals and making connections with locally produced food sources

Preferred Qualifications/ Previous Coursework:

- Strong communication skills
- Ability to identify and prioritize tasks
- Ability to work independently and within a team or collaborative environment
- Operating knowledge of word processing and data management software (both Microsoft and Google)
- Knowledge of social media and digital marketing software.

Benefits/Skills student will gain through this internship:

- Experience the importance of a Rural County Extension Office as a strong collaborator in community development
- See firsthand the importance of communication & collaboration between community organizations in progressing economic and community development initiatives
- Understand the importance of assessing community needs and working to address the needs through educational programming
- Gain experience in developing and delivering educational programming for youth and adults in rural Ag communities

Additional Information

The majority of the internship will focus on local food systems and 4-H youth development in a tier 1 county. Staff will ensure that the intern has other program area experiences.