

## Iredell County Extension Intern

**Location:** Iredell County, NC

**Program Area:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Nancy Keith

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Laura Elmore, Livestock/Field Crops; Jenny Carleo, Area Specialized Grains; Melinda Roberts, Horticulture; Adreanna White and Kelly Pierce, 4-H and Youth Development; Andrea Sherrill, Family and Consumer Sciences

### Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will have the opportunity to work with all program areas to get a total perspective of Cooperative Extension in Iredell County, with a focus on agricultural programming.

- Work with the Livestock Agent and Area Grains Agent with test plots, collecting and recording data, assisting with field days, assisting with yield measurements, scouting for disease, weed, and insect damage in field and forage crops, along with other assessments of crop issues.
- Work with Horticulture Agent, assisting with homeowner and commercial calls, as well as, work with the small farms program.
- Assist the CED with dairy-related programming, waste management recertification credit workshops, and dairy youth program.
- Work with the 4-H and Youth summer program and assist with training teams for 4-H dairy, livestock, and/or poultry judging competitions; Assist with STEM programming for youth
- Work with FCS Agent to implement the Health & Wellness and Food Safety Initiative.

### Preferred Qualifications/ Previous Coursework:

- Coursework in the areas of Animal Science, Crop Science, and Soil Science would be beneficial
- Experience with field crops and livestock preferred
- Good communication skills (both written and oral)
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to adapt to different work situations from day-to-day
- Social media and video skills preferred
- Dependable, organized, and willing to be a flexible team player
- Must have a positive attitude!

### Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Communication, team-building, and interpersonal skills
- Experience setting up test plots; working with field data; collecting and analyzing data; learning how to interpret data
- Working with general public in analyzing problems

### Additional Information

This internship provides a great opportunity for an individual to work across all program areas, while providing a greater concentration in the areas of livestock, dairy, and field crops.