

## **Livestock Extension Co-op 2024**

### **Job Description:**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Extension and Support Services Branch (the Branch) identifies and promotes sustainable agriculture and food production/processing systems that enhance the economic benefits to the province. The Branch maintains operations in all agriculture regions of the province to deliver Ministry programs and services through a network of regional agrologists, and technical and industry specialists. The Branch works through a variety of strategic partnerships and is the primary point of contact for the Ministry's agriculture clients, both businesses and associations. The Branch also provides professional agrologist support to local government planning and emergency response processes, to both the Agricultural Land Commission and the Farm Industry Review Board, and provincial livestock marketing boards in B.C.

This position will be part of the Livestock Team and will support Livestock Industry Specialists by:

- Working with the Livestock Industry Specialists Team to develop livestock extension materials for internal government use, and for external clients. This may include:
  - Support agrologists with regional extension projects related to climate and environment.
  - Researching relevant extension material online or within existing Ministry data bases with a focus on the needs of livestock producers.
  - Attending livestock industry events, meetings, and/or field days.
  - Liaising with other Ministry colleagues to locate information and obtain feedback on drafted resources.
  - Researching emerging issues (e.g. livestock and the environment, etc.).
  - Reviewing existing material for accuracy and relevancy to audience.
  - Supporting colleagues with formatting content and preparing material for publication.

### **Job Requirements:**

- Currently working towards a post-graduate degree in Agriculture, Environmental/Natural Resources, or a related area.
- Valid class 5 driver's licence or equivalent.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Experience with agricultural and/or livestock production.

### **Preference may be given to applicants with the following:**

- Experience with agriculture communications and/or publications.

### **Provisos:**

- To be flexible regarding ongoing changes in responsibilities and assignments.
- To be motivated and able to work independently, as well as engage and collaborate with the Livestock Team as needed.
- To keep current on emerging livestock issues and trends.
- To take in-house training as required.

**Salary:** Level 2 Coop- \$30.52/hour

For questions regarding this position, please contact [Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca) , Team Lead, Livestock Industry Specialists.

**About this Position:**

One four-month position available with the possibility of a four-month extension. Hybrid working arrangement is available based out of the Vernon or Kamloops Ministry of Agriculture and Food office.