

**Position Description  
Sheep Unit Manager  
North Dakota State University**

North Dakota State University is seeking an enthusiastic individual to manage the Department of Animal Sciences Sheep Unit that rests on 180 acres of pasture land on the NDSU campus in Fargo and houses purebred Columbia, Hampshire, Katahdin, and Dorset ewe flocks. The purpose of this unit is to support the university's teaching, research, and Extension missions.

**Title: Assistant Experiment Station Specialist**

Position Description: Sheep Unit Manager – Supervise and provide associated husbandry skills in coordinating and executing teaching, research and outreach programs in relation to the Department of Animal Sciences Sheep Unit. The work days are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with occasional work on weekends and early and late hours.

**Duties Include:**

- Perform the normal feeding, breeding management, marketing, and health programs of the sheep flocks and other livestock associated with the Sheep Unit.
- Support Department of Animal Sciences teaching faculty by providing sheep for classroom needs and assisting with instruction of sheep production and management labs.
- Support Department of Animal Sciences research faculty by properly recording animal performance, feed consumption, pregnancy status, and other required data.
- Support Department of Animal Sciences outreach programs provided to clientele involved in the sheep industry.
- Supervise student employees and report to the Farm Manager who is the immediate supervisor for the position.
- Maintain all Sheep Unit equipment and facilities in conjunction with the Animal Sciences Farm Manager.
- Direct the fiscal management of the Sheep Unit within the budget.
- Communicate regularly with the Animal Sciences sheep committee, department Head, faculty advisor, and Farm Manager on matters that affect the mission of the Department of Animal Sciences.
- Communicate regularly with the Animal Sciences sheep committee and the faculty advisor to establish long-term goals for the Sheep Unit that meet the mission of the Department of Animal Sciences.

**Minimum Qualifications Required:**

- B.S. degree in animal science or related discipline
- Strong background and experience working with sheep and sheep producers
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills
- Ability to lift a weight of 50 pounds
- Must possess a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain one
- Capability and desire to work toward an advanced degree in animal science

**Qualifications Preferred But Not Required:**

- M.S. degree in animal science or related discipline

- Past experience in time management and managing student personnel to meet established goals
- Demonstrated skills in sheep evaluation, husbandry techniques, and personnel management
- Strong interest in learning a variety of ultrasonography and artificial insemination techniques

**Salary and Benefits:** Starting salary is \$40,000. House and utilities (electricity and heat) are provided. Excellent benefit package is provided.

**Application:** Application must be made at the NDSU Jobs Site at <https://jobs.ndsu.edu>. The following items must be included:

- letter of application
- resume
- transcripts
- 3 letters of reference (may alternatively be mailed or faxed directly to Search Committee Chair)

**Date Open:** March 20, 2009

**Screening Date:** Screening of applicants begins April 20, 2009, and continues until a suitable candidate is found.

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