

**Position Announcement (2019)**

**Title:** Community Ag/Local Foods Awareness Educator

The Community Ag/Local Foods Awareness Educator will:

- Assist with developing and providing delivery of educational programming in the field of community agriculture and local foods awareness.
- Assist the Agriculture Issue Leader to coordinate with county and town government, and with local agricultural and environmental groups and agencies to identify issues of concern to agriculture producers and local communities and help develop action plans to address key needs.
- Assist with gathering relevant information and data to prepare agriculture status reports to share with key stakeholders and interested parties.
- Support the work of the Tompkins County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board in implementing the goals of the Tompkins County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.
- Work with all towns on matters related to farming and land use, supports the work of town agriculture committees where they are operating.
- Assist Issue Leader in securing grants to help implement county and town agriculture goals, and works closely with local agriculture organizations such as Farm Bureau, Tompkins County Soil & Water District, USDA NRCS and others serving the agriculture community.
- Collaborate with Agriculture and Food Business Development staff and Nutrition staff, and key stakeholder groups in the county to support local food systems, identifying issues of concern for both producers and consumers and working with all parties to address key needs.
- A key function of this position is to increase public understanding and appreciation of agricultures' contributions to the local economy, local foods, and the environment by coordinating local farm and food tours, Ag awareness events and educational programs, panels and forums, media outreach and publications.
- This individual is a member of the Agriculture and Horticulture team of CCE Tompkins and will work closely with nutrition and 4-H ag educators.
- Works with the regional dairy and field crops team serving Tompkins County, and with relevant Cornell faculty and staff. The position may supervise students, staff and volunteers.

This position is with [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County](#), which serves our community's diverse needs through responsive programs run by committed staff. With about 80 employees and over a thousand volunteers, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County strengthens youth, adults, families and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work. Our office offers a friendly work environment that welcomes all forms of diversity, and places a value on work-life balance. It is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree plus 4 years' transferrable relevant evidence based research experience. (Masters Degree preferred)
- Coursework in agriculture, land use policy, environmental studies, natural resources and local food systems, adult education.
- Knowledge of key issues impacting agriculture and local food systems.
- Experience working with formal and informal committees and groups providing guidance on setting goals and developing action plans to achieve results.
- Experience working with local government.
- Ability to plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate meetings, workshops, conferences, and other such education and outreach programs.
- Experience with data collection and analysis and with preparing reports.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and skills in oral and written communication.
- Experience preparing outreach materials using a variety of social media.
- Demonstrated ability to work with audiences with diverse educational and cultural backgrounds.
- Ability to delegate and supervise tasks to staff and volunteers.
- Ability to participate effectively in professional team efforts.
- Ability to meet travel requirements associated with this position.
- Ability to meet acceptable background check standards.
- Ability to work flexible hours which may include evenings and/or weekends, as appropriate.

**Hours/Benefits:** Position is full-time and includes full benefit package including health and dental insurance, retirement, life insurance and more.

**Inquiries:** Questions in advance of application should be directed to Matthew LeRoux, Interim Agriculture Team Leader, 607-272-2292 or email [mnl28@cornell.edu](mailto:mnl28@cornell.edu).

**Application:** Individuals interested in this position should apply on-line. A link to the full position description and application process is available at: [ccetompkins.org/jobs](http://ccetompkins.org/jobs). The posting will remain open until we have a suitable pool of candidates. Resume review will begin on April 24, 2019.

**Individuals who bring a diverse perspective and are supportive  
of diversity are strongly encouraged to apply.**

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