
Auburn University Job Description

Job Title: **Ag Economist**

Level I Grade 32 \$34,300 - \$57,300

Job Code: **GA03**

Level II Grade 33 \$38,500 - \$64,200

FLSA status: Exempt

Level III Grade 34 \$44,300 - \$73,700

Job Summary

Provides analyses and economic content concerning current agricultural issues.

Essential Functions

1. Provides analysis, research, and historical/current data on economic content.
2. Generates marketing newsletters, profit profiles and other informational documentation for print and/or web page.
3. Maintains database for agricultural commodity future prices with daily future closings.
4. Coordinates and updates Alabama enterprise budgets.
5. Serves as liaison with agribusiness providers and professionals in the state of Alabama to receive and provide information concerning agricultural economic interests.

Supervisory Responsibility

May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.

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Job Family Levels

Level	Responsibility	Knowledge	Education and Experience*
I	Under immediate supervision, performs standard tasks using established methods, principles, concepts and procedures related to a specialized field. Judgments are made on routine matters of relatively small impact.	Knows fundamental concepts, practices and procedures of particular field of specialization.	Bachelors degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.
II	Under close supervision, performs varied duties and assignments involving some judgment. Resolves routine questions or problems, referring only complex issues to higher level. Some evaluation, originality and ingenuity required.	Knows and applies fundamental concepts, practices, and procedures of particular field of specialization, with awareness of related fields.	Bachelors degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.
III	Under minimal supervision, performs complex assignments and fulfills broad responsibilities where required outcomes are defined, but methods and procedures may vary based on professional judgment or precedent. Considerable latitude for unreviewed action. Confers with supervisor on unusual matters. Coordinates the work of others on projects and may assign work to and assist less experienced professionals or support staff. May act in an advisory capacity to managers or faculty.	Possesses and applies a broad knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of a particular field of specialization to the completion of difficult assignments. Also possesses knowledge of related fields and areas of operation which affect, or are affected by, own area.	Bachelors degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

* See the "Minimum Required Education and Experience" section of the job description for any substitutions that may be allowed for education and experience.

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Minimum Required Education and Experience

- Level I** Bachelors degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.
- Level II** Bachelors degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.
- Level III** Bachelors degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

Focus of Education

Degree in Management, Business, Agricultural Business, or related field

Focus of Experience

Experience related to agriculture and economic analysis

Substitutions allowed for Education:

Indicated education is required; no substitutions allowed.

Substitutions allowed for Experience:

When a candidate has the required education, but lacks the required experience, they may normally apply additional appropriate education toward the experience requirement, at a rate of one (1) year relevant education per year of required experience.

Certification or Licensure Requirements:

None Required.

Physical Requirements/ADA

Occasional and/or light lifting required. Limited exposure to elements such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals, etc., but none to the point of being disagreeable. May involve minor safety hazards where likely result would be cuts, bruises, etc.

Externally imposed deadlines; set and revised beyond one's control; interruptions influence priorities; difficult to anticipate nature or volume of work with certainty beyond a few days; meeting of deadlines and coordination of unrelated activities are key to position; may involve conflict-resolution or similar interactions involving emotional issues or stress on a regular basis.

Job frequently requires walking, sitting, reaching, talking, hearing, handling objects with hands,

Job occasionally requires standing, climbing or balancing, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, and lifting up to 100 pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

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