The College of Agriculture's Department of Poultry Science at Auburn University is seeking candidates for the position of Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in the area of Poultry Processing. This position will be housed in the College of Agriculture’s Department of Poultry Science and will work collaboratively with the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) and perform functions of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES), the primary Extension organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University. ACES is dedicated to delivering research-based educational programs designed to empower individuals to improve their quality of life and economic well-being. The Extension Specialist-Poultry Processing will directly support our food safety and quality efforts as related to poultry processing, with broad support of our mission to provide a sustainable, wholesome and abundant supply of poultry meat to the consumer. The expected start date is January 1, 2016.

Responsibilities: This is a 12-month tenure-track position with 75% extension and 25% research responsibilities. The successful candidate will work closely with poultry processors in the state. A minor component of the duties will be to support small red meat processors in Alabama on regulatory compliance and food safety/quality issues. Thus, this position will work closely with Animal Scientists and Food Scientists in the College and will also provide work force training and technical assistance to the poultry processing industry and the red meat processing industry (10% assignment). Collaboration with faculty in the School of Veterinary Science is also expected.

Research responsibilities include the development of an independent research program with relevance to processing of commercial poultry. Research areas that are of high priority currently would include, are not limited to: effects of live production practices (e.g. antibiotic free production) on safety, quality, and yield; evaluation of alternative processing methods for broilers; validation of process critical control points; role of processing variables on muscle (meat defects); methods for reduction of field- and plant-based condemnations; Improved processing for Improved carcass quality; Improvement in pre-slaughter handling of broilers; and resource management and reduction (e.g. water, energy, labor) in processing. Successful pursuit of extramural funding will be required to support the research program.

Qualifications: Minimum qualifications include an earned Ph.D. from an accredited institution in Poultry Science, Food Science, Animal Science, Veterinary Science or closely related field by the expected position start date. The successful candidate will have documented experience in poultry or other muscle food processing and products. Documented evidence of individual and collaborative research resulting in peer reviewed publication and scientific abstracts are required. In addition, the successful candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively with faculty, students, Industry and government entities (e.g., USDA FSIS) to develop collaborative extension and research programs. Demonstrated experience in developing and delivering educational materials is critical. The successful candidate must meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the term of employment. Desired qualifications include a DVM degree, poultry industry experience and the ability to communicate in Spanish.

Application: Applicants must apply for the position electronically through: [http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/1128](http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/1128) and submit the following: 1) cover letter addressing the candidate’s experience pertinent to the responsibilities of the position, 2) current curriculum vita, and 3) copies of all academic transcripts. When prompted during the on-line application process, please provide names, phone numbers and email addresses of three professional references. Only complete application materials will be considered. Active review of applications will begin September 1, 2015, but the search will continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be directed to:

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The University: Auburn University is a land-grant Institution with a student enrollment of more than 24,000. The University provides instruction in approximately 70 academic departments and maintains graduate research and public service programs of a broad scope. The University is located in the city of Auburn in east-central Alabama near the metropolitan areas of Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama, and Columbus and Atlanta, Georgia.
The Department: The Department of Poultry Science consists of 15 full time faculty and 24 staff conducting programs in research, teaching and outreach/extension activities. More Information can be found at www.ag.aubum.edu/

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