

## Extension Officers

### Client

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) promotes profitable agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries for Queensland. The Department drives policy, strategy and legislation development to support agriculture and fisheries industry development. It also delivers innovative, practical solutions through smart science in collaboration with a range of partners. **There are two positions available.**

### Role

Working within Crop and Food Science, you will assist grains producers across the central Queensland region to identify and implement farming practices which also improve water quality outcomes in streams which flow to the Great Barrier Reef.

### Key responsibilities

- Design, deliver, and evaluate the impact of, extension activities aligned to project milestones to grain growers across the central Queensland region, and support similar activities in the Burdekin and Burnett regions as required
- Provide technical support for grain growers in the development of individual property plans and projects which implement improved farming practices
- Design, implement, and report the outcomes of, on-farm demonstration trials testing the application of improved cropping practices which deliver both water quality and profitability outcomes
- Design relevant and targeted development and extension activities to facilitate on farm change in grower practices
- Package and extend the benefits of best practice adoption by grain enterprises and the wider community including development of information products, using a range of communication approaches
- Develop and implement a range of processes which collate and report changes in grower practices over time to a range of stakeholders
- Work as part of a team to collaboratively deliver project milestones in a timely manner, and provide support other team members as required

### Requirements

- Completed degree qualifications in Agricultural Science, Rural Science or equivalent qualifications in a field relevant to the position
- These roles require a minimum of 3-5 years working in the grains industry
- A current driver licence (Class "C" open). This requirement continues for the duration of employment

- Knowledge of subtropical rain-grown grain farming systems and the interaction between various components
- Understanding of, or the ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of extension methodology and skills, including group facilitation and evaluation
- Understanding of the requirements in planning and executing on-farm demonstration trials
- Must be able to communicate effectively with grain growers

### **Remuneration and Location**

These roles have a remuneration of approximately \$90,000/annum plus super. The Department has a carpool system when required for travel. An away-from-home travel allowance is paid when staff are required to travel, there is also a locality allowance in addition to salary. The location will be at a Departmental site in either Biloela, Emerald or Rockhampton and will be negotiated with the successful applicants for these roles.

### **To Apply**

Please apply online on our website at [www.agri.com.au](http://www.agri.com.au) or on Seek. Please contact me for a confidential discussion if required, Dr. Ray Johnson, Senior Agribusiness Consultant and Managing Director, Agricultural Appointments, on [ray@agri.com.au](mailto:ray@agri.com.au) or mobile 0419012841.