



Ruminant Livestock Specialist (Beef and Sheep)

As a true Nova Scotian company **Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc.** provides production, food safety and value-added product development services to the agricultural, seafood and food processing sectors in Atlantic Canada. Our highly skilled and collaborative field crops and livestock team focuses on superior customer service, proactive solutions and innovative approaches to meet client needs.

To assist in this effort, Perennia is looking for a talented, innovative professional with an understanding and expertise in ruminant livestock/forages. We have an opening for a full-time Ruminant Livestock Specialist based in our Truro office, who will be responsible for working with team members and clients province-wide. Specific responsibilities include working with beef, sheep, and forages.

This position works as part of a livestock and field crop team conducting extension, applied research and offering consulting services to producers. The primary focus for this position is a comprehensive extension program that will assist Nova Scotia ruminant livestock producers develop the capability, understanding and skill needed to improve productivity, enhance competitiveness and create new opportunities.

Specific duties include: technology transfer; facilitation of farmer education; field and institutional research; development of educational materials using various technologies; remaining current on industry trends and research-based knowledge; participation on various committees and boards; and other initiatives as required to support industry including proactively developing applied research projects for outside funding. This position requires a self-starter with a strong work ethic, positive attitude and high personal standards of excellence.

The ideal candidate will possess:

- M.Sc. (preferred) with at least one degree in a field that relates to the
- responsibilities of this position such as animal science with emphasis on beef and sheep production
- Background and knowledge in ruminant livestock (nutrition and animal husbandry) and forage production
- Minimum of five years' experience working in the livestock/forages industry
- Experience in technology-based knowledge transfer to the agriculture industry would be an asset with demonstrated experience or aptitude in blogs, videos, podcasts and/or webinars
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage multiple projects
- Demonstrated skills in interpreting and applying evidence-based information and research findings
- Demonstrated skills (paid or volunteer) in planning, implementing or teaching and evaluating educational programs, and knowledge of adult learning principles
- Ability to develop and maintain effective partnerships or relationships with individual producers, commodity groups, agribusiness, provincial and federal representative and researchers, and academia
- Good observational and diagnostics skills
- Experience in project management
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to prioritize, multitask and resolve problems efficiently and effectively
- A member or eligible for P.Ag. Status with the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrology

- Superior Microsoft Office Suite skills with an emphasis on Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Perennia is an equal opportunity employer and offers a competitive compensation package based on the candidate's skill and experience. This includes base salary, benefits, employer matching RRSP plan, flexible schedules, personal days and three weeks' vacation to start.

To apply for this exciting new position at Perennia, please email a combined PDF or Word cover letter noting compensation expectations to Janice MacMullin, HR Generalist jmacmullin@perennia.ca by noon on **Friday, July 10, 2020**.

Only those granted interviews will be contacted. For more information about Perennia visit their website at www.perennia.ca

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