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Farm Liaison Officer
Agricultural Research (Ruminant Livestock)

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Dear Applicant,

Ref: Farm Liaison Officer – Information and Application Pack

Thank you for your interest in the position of Farm Liaison Officer at AgriSearch. The information pack includes the following documents which you should refer to when completing your application:

- Job description
- Person specification
- Application form.

Completed forms should be submitted by **2pm on Monday 16th May 2022** .

Interviews will be held on week beginning **Monday 30th May 2022** in the Greater Belfast area,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in AgriSearch. We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,

Jason Rankin
General Manager

Farm Liaison Officer – Job Description

The Company

The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research and Development Council (T/A AgriSearch), is a charitable organisation whose mission is to drive innovation and sustainability in ruminant livestock farming, as a trusted, valued conduit of knowledge and innovation based on sound science, and widely applied research.

Purpose of Role:

We are looking for a highly motivated and ambitious candidate to join our team as a Farm Liaison Officer, bringing energy and enthusiasm to our on farm research programme.

As a Farm Liaison Officer, you'll come from a background in agriculture, with a sound knowledge of farming practices. The role primarily field based, travelling to farms, but allocation for office time to organise farm visits, undertake data validation and analysis will be required.

Reporting to the General Manager the Research Manager will have responsibility for:

- Visiting farms to collect and collate data across a range of ongoing projects;
- Validating and cross checking data and uploading information onto AgriSearch's secure database;
- Undertaking analysis of data (under the direction of the Statistical Officer);
- Providing data feedback and information to farmers;
- Reporting and escalating to management as needed
- Liaising with farmers regarding the future direction of research projects and programmes; and
- Helping arrange dissemination / knowledge exchange activities including events, website, social media, press articles, etc. This may include personal participation as relevant.

Person Specification:

Essential:

- Tertiary level qualification in agriculture or related discipline or pending result in 2022
- At least one year's recent relevant experience within the ruminant livestock sector, with a good working knowledge of animal husbandry
- An Interest in application of technology in farming systems
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills with an inquisitive nature, including ability to handle conflict
- Ability to work on own initiative
- Ability to maintain farmer confidentiality
- Effective organizational skills including attention to detail and ability to multitask

- As travel throughout Northern Ireland is essential the successful candidate must have a full valid driving licence and access to a form of transport that will permit them to meet the requirements of the post in full.

Desirable:

- Experience of agricultural research and / or knowledge exchange to farmers

Hours of work: 37.5 hours per week

Based at: Hillsborough

Salary: Circa £22,000 depending on experience

Contact Term: Two years (Option to renew or extended subject to performance and business need at the discretion of AgriSearch)