Position: Assistant or Associate Professor in Small Farm Horticulture. This is an eleven-month, tenure track, 75% teaching and 25% extension position in the Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Department. Closing date for applications is August 15 and preferred start date is January 2020 but this position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Applicants may apply prior to obtaining their Ph.D. degree but must complete the degree prior to hire for this position. This position focuses on small scale food crop production with an emphasis on vegetable crops but may also include fruit and ornamental crops suitable for small farm production systems.

Program Description: Teaching is conducted within the framework of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) and extension programming is part of the statewide Oklahoma Cooperative Extension System (OCES). Both CASNR and OCES are in OSU’s Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Department (HLA) offers B.S. degrees in Horticulture and Landscape Management, and a BLA degree in Landscape Architecture. The HLA graduate program offers a M.S. degree in Horticulture. Ph.D. students advised by a HLA faculty member matriculate through the Crop Science program or interdisciplinary Environmental Science or Food Science programs.

Duties & Responsibilities: The successful candidate will contribute to both the undergraduate and graduate curricula in HLA by teaching two to three classes per semester. Courses will include Vegetable Production and Urban Horticulture Production and development of new undergraduate courses covering Small Farm/Sustainable Horticulture and small scale production and marketing systems focusing primarily on vegetables but may include fruits and ornamental crops. Other new and/or existing courses will be identified to reflect departmental needs and the incumbent’s expertise, to support a new Small Farm Horticulture emphasis area in Horticultural Food Science. Graduate courses in food crop production will also support the departmental emphasis area in Horticultural Food Science. The faculty member will actively participate in graduate education by recruiting and advising graduate students, serving on graduate committees, and supervising thesis and dissertation efforts. Additional responsibilities include academic advising for undergraduate students, student recruiting, and student club advising. Embedded in CASNR’s philosophy is a strong commitment to teaching, mentoring, and building student leadership skills.

The candidate will expand the HLA extension portfolio by implementing small acreage Horticulture food production and community regenerative programming to help small acreage producers grow and market crops for better yield in a safe and sustainable manner. The incumbent is expected to develop a nationally recognized extension program and to actively participate as a member of a multidisciplinary horticulture food crops team. Publishing refereed articles, securing extramural funding from public and private sources, and interacting with the State’s industry are required. Participation in departmental applied research efforts and collaboration with other institutions and state and national agencies is expected. Developing and sustaining a positive relationship with Oklahoma’s small acreage horticultural
A Ph.D. (by the time of employment) in Horticulture or a related field with an emphasis on food crop production; a passion for teaching and student mentoring; willingness to develop a nationally recognized small acreage food crops production extension programming effort; an appreciation for teamwork and interdisciplinary collaboration; and excellent interpersonal, communication, and computer skills. Previous experience in teaching and involvement with small scale food production industries, especially with vegetables and integrated vegetable/fruit production systems, are considered beneficial.

Salary and Fringe Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and is contingent on available funding. Opportunities to participate in retirement, long-term disability, medical, dental, vision, and life insurance programs are available.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Submit application materials to: https://jobs.okstate.edu (Search by keyword/requisition ID 6772, position # BF9917).

*A letter of application that includes qualifications, associated teaching, extension and research activities, and vision for the position.
*A separate statement of teaching interests and philosophy
*A separate extension philosophy statement.
*A copy of official transcripts – transcripts may be scanned and attached or mailed to: 358 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078, Attn: Barbara Goodnight.
*A listing of three names, with telephone number and e-mail address, for those whom may be contacted for additional information.

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