



Agroscope Job Vacancy

Position

Head of 'Farm Management' Research Group

Introduction

The 'Farm Management' Research Group is responsible for monitoring the annual income of the Swiss agricultural sector, and is concerned with the analysis and management of family farms in Switzerland. Among other things, this involves the evaluation of the accountancy data collected each year, as well as additional datasets, in order to identify success factors in the production of marketable commodities and non-marketable services, including off-farm income, whilst bearing in mind possible future framework conditions. In addition to publishing scientific articles in the relevant peer-reviewed international journals, the Research Group creates the scientific bases and tools for extension, agricultural practice and administration. The successful candidate will contribute to the ongoing development of the work programme and incorporate methodological innovations in agro-economic research. Your experience, your subject and leadership skills and your creativity will shape the future success of our Group.

Tasks

- Technical, organisational, financial and human-resource management of the 'Farm Management' Research Group. The Research Group consists of nine permanent employees and additional third-party-funded employees.
- Organisational structuring and ongoing strategic development of the Group and its research activities
- Responsibility for monitoring the annual income of the Swiss agricultural sector (collection, analysis and publication of farm accountancy data)
- Target- and solution-oriented cooperation with national and international research partners
- Networking with extension, practitioners and administrators; knowledge transfer
- Publication of research findings in national and international journals
- Acquisition of third-party funds.

Requirements

- University degree with a PhD and proven scientific track-record in the research field of the Group
- Methodological competence in the sectors of agricultural economics (particularly farm management) with a special focus on empirical methods, e.g. statistical and econometric analysis of farm-level bookkeeping and census data
- Experience in the acquisition and management of national and/or international research projects
- Achievement-oriented, team-minded and loyal personality
- Management experience as well as excellent communication skills
- Very good knowledge of an official Swiss language as well as English (workplace language is German), plus knowledge of a second official Swiss language.

Information on the Employer

Agroscope is an innovative research institute for agricultural and nutritional sciences run according to the principles of New Public Management. Part of the Swiss Federal Administration, Agroscope reports to the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research EAER. Agroscope is headquartered in Bern-Liebefeld and carries out its activities at a number of sites in Switzerland.

Operating at the Tänikon site (village of Ettenhausen, canton of Thurgau), the 'Farm Management' Research Group is responsible for monitoring the annual income of the Swiss agricultural sector. Analyses based on the farm-level bookkeeping data as well as on additional datasets aim to improve the competitiveness of Swiss agriculture.



We offer a varied job in an interesting work environment, as well as thorough training. You will enjoy flexible working hours and good social benefits.

Start date: 1 January 2019 or as agreed.

Place of Work	8356 Ettenhausen (TG)
Salary Category	26
Employment Level	80-100%

Contact

If you are interested in this challenge and meet the requirements profile, we look forward to receiving your online application (www.stelle.admin.ch, Ref. No. 35606). Closing date for applications: 7th September 2018

Please note that we cannot consider applications from recruitment agencies.

Have we piqued your interest? Would you like to learn more about this job? Dr Nadja El Benni, Head of the 'Competitiveness and System Evaluation' Research Division, +41 (0)58 466 17 69, nadja.el-benni@agroscope.admin.ch, would be pleased to give you further information (please do not send applications to this email address!).