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Company Name:	Michigan State University	Industry:	Education / Teaching / Administration
Job Number:	7222	Job Function:	Science
Email Address:	tatro@msu.edu	Job Type:	Full-Time
Position Title:	Meat Scientist/Muscle Biologist	Entry Level:	No
Location(s):	East Lansing, Michigan, United States		

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The Departments of Animal Science and Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University (MSU) invite applications for a tenure-track, academic year position at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Responsibilities: The position will emphasize research. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and maintain an internationally recognized, extramurally funded research program with specific research area(s) that may include but is not limited to fundamental muscle biology, molecular and/or cellular aspects of muscle or fat development, pre- or post-harvest technologies that impact fresh meat quality and the conversion of muscle to meat, or relationships of management or other factors to growth and/or meat quality. Responsibilities will also include revising and teaching a required four-credit undergraduate lecture/laboratory animal products course. It is expected that the person will train graduate students and advise undergraduate students.

The successful candidate will join a diverse and growing faculty team engaged in scholarly activity pertaining to muscle biochemistry, meat animal genetics, animal production, animal behavior and welfare, meat processing, meat product safety, and process optimization. The program is supported by modern USDA-inspected processing facilities, state-of-the-art research laboratories and a developing regional collaboration in meat sciences.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in Animal Science, Food Science, Meat Science or related discipline. Preference will be given to candidates with post-doctoral experience, food industry experience, and clear potential for, or demonstrated commitment to, excellence in research and teaching. Candidates should have a working knowledge of the meat industry and experience in carcass evaluation and meat quality assessment. Evidence of collaboration and ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary research team are also requirements of the position. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications: Due February 1, 2009; late submissions will be considered if a suitable candidate pool is not identified by the deadline. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, a detailed statement of research interests, evidence of and plans for procurement of extramural funding, a statement of teaching experience and philosophy, a detailed curriculum vitae, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to: Dr. Catherine W. Ernst, Search Committee Chair, c/o Kathy Tatro, Department of Animal Science, 1290 Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824. Telephone: (517) 355-8417.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications and letters of reference by e-mail to tatro@msu.edu.

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