PhD Position with Dr. Meredith Niles  
Start Date: Fall 2023

Dr. Meredith Niles is seeking a PhD student to work with her on multiple projects related to farmer’s adoption of sustainable management practices, including climate mitigation in US dairy systems, and cover crop adoption among US row crop farmers. The projects, both funded by the US Department of Agriculture, involve multi-institutional teams across other Land Grant institutions in the US, and using quantitative social science approaches to understand farmer adoption. The projects utilize nationwide surveys of farmers and consumers, and quantitative statistical methods for analysis and understanding. Each project also includes diverse outreach and education initiatives with farmers and the agricultural community about the barriers and pathways for implementing adoption of sustainable agriculture practices. A pre-requisite for this position is prior experience in survey design and analysis, especially including experience working with quantitative social science data using STATA, R, or Python. Interested candidates should send an email of interest, along with a CV/resume to Dr. Niles at mtniles@uvm.edu.