

“The most important motive for work in school and in life is the pleasure in work, pleasure in its results, and the knowledge of the value of the result to the community.”

Albert Einstein
Ideas and Opinions

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni,

On September 18th, I became Interim Chair of Agronomy following 17 years of excellent leadership by Dr. Jerry Bennett. Throughout my career, I have been driven by the belief that strategic, multi-disciplinary interactions lead to excellent science, the best-trained students, and effective outreach programs. Professionally, I have worked toward bridging gaps between research and teaching, and between applied and basic science. I am dedicated to solving real-world problems in the spirit of the land grant philosophy. So, I am happy to be given this chance to facilitate, participate and lead such efforts in Agronomy.

Today, we have a golden opportunity to significantly contribute to solving some of our world’s most pressing needs. Who better to discover solutions for providing more and better quality food in a sustainable manner, and clean energy alternatives for a growing population than scientists in Agronomy? These really are exciting times. Let’s work together to move our science forward and to educate others about the value of our discipline.

I look forward to interacting with everyone. Please never hesitate to share your ideas and enthusiasm with your colleagues and with me.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor and Interim Chair