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### **Education**

B.S. (Ag. Economics), Texas A&M University, 1974  
M.S. (Ag. Economics), Texas A&M University, 1976  
Ph.D. (Ag. Economics), Michigan State University, 1981

### **Employment**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Ag. Economics, Texas A&M University, 1981-86.  
Associate Professor, Dept. of Ag. Economics, Texas A&M University, 1986-91.  
Professor, Dept. of Ag. Economics, Texas A&M University, September 1, 1991- present .  
Associate Head of Undergraduate Programs, Dept. of Ag. Economics, Texas A&M University, June 1, 2002 - August 31, 2006.  
Associate Head, Dept. of Ag. Economics, Texas A&M University, September 1, 2006 – present.

### **Current Position**

Entrepreneurial Economics, Research (36%) and Teaching (64%), Tenure Track; and Associate Head.

### **Teaching and Academic Activities**

Courses: Ag Economics 424 & 425 (Rural Entrepreneurship I & II) – undergraduate rural entrepreneurship, with senior-level two-course capstone sequence focused on students developing a comprehensive business plan for a rural business venture of their individual choosing.

Graduate students advised since 1981: 24 Masters students, 7 Ph.D. students, plus served on 36 other students' committees. Also, mentor to 11 undergraduate research students.

Faculty Advisor to 1<sup>st</sup> (1985 and 1990), 2<sup>nd</sup> (2008), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (1987) Place Entrants in American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) Undergraduate Student Paper Competition and First Place (1991 and 2006) AAEA Undergraduate Student Academic Bowl Competition.

### **Position Description**

**Associate Head and Professor, Rural Entrepreneurship/Farm Management/Production Economics, Research and Teaching, Tenure Track.** The Associate Head responsibilities include curriculum development, projecting teaching needs and assignments, maintaining teaching load reports, assisting Department Head in coordinating Department's development activities, and representing the Department in various administrative meetings. Research responsibilities include applied research designed to identify and assess economic and financial consequences of decision situations extending from firm-level farm and/or ranch situations to agribusiness situations, with a current focus on water and bioenergy economics. Teaching responsibilities presently include a two-course capstone sequence in rural entrepreneurship and direction of graduate students that study water and bioenergy economics, rural entrepreneurship, farm management, and/or production economics.

## Historical Grant Support

### Internal

TAES \$ 1,077,887.  
COALS & TAMU \$ 11,000.

External \$ 4,827,930.

## Professional Awards and Recognition

Rice Technical Working Group Distinguished Rice Research & Education Award, 1986.

USDA Superior Service Award in Washington, D.C., 1987.

Southern Agricultural Economics Association Distinguished Professional Contribution Award in Research, 1989.

Deputy Chancellor's Award in Excellence for On-Campus Research, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University, 1990.

USA Rice Leadership Development Program, 1994.

Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Support of Industry/Agency/Association Partnerships within the Texas A&M Agriculture Program, 1995.

Rice Technical Working Group Economic and Marketing Panel's Outstanding Faculty Research and Education Award, 1996.

Distinguished Professor, Texas A&M University -- Universidad del Valle de Guatemala Masters of Agribusiness program, 1999.

Outstanding Faculty, Agricultural Economics Agribusiness Association, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, April 2000.

Distinguished Professor, Texas A&M University -- Universidad del Valle de Guatemala Masters of Agribusiness program, 2000.

Distinguished Teaching Award, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Texas A&M University Association of Former Students College-Level Awards. Fall 2001.

Distinguished Professor. Selected by 2001 Graduating Class of the Agribusiness Master's Cooperative Program, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala.

Distinguished Teaching Award, Texas A&M University. Texas A&M University Association of Former Students University-Level Awards. Spring 2002.

National Agri-Marketing Association Recognition Award, Department of Agricultural Economics. Spring 2005.

National Agri-Marketing Association Appreciation Award, Department of Agricultural Economics. Spring 2006.

Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Team Research, 2006. College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University, January 2007.

U.S. Department of Agriculture-Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (USDA-CSREES) *National Water Program 2007 Award as the Outstanding Integrated Activities for Water Resources.* February 2007.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). 2008 Texas Environmental Excellence Award. The Rio Grande Basin Initiative (RGBI) project was one of 222 projects nominated to the agency. One award annually in this category. April 2008. Co-recipient with over 150 Texas A&M University, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and Texas Cooperative Extension faculty, staff, and students affiliated with the RGBI.

Honorary Societies: Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi.

## Publications and Presentations

41 Refereed Journal Articles	2 Book Chapters
73 Government & Experiment Station Bulletins	94 Published Abstracts
6 Published Proceedings	17 Invited Presentations Not Published
14 Contributed/Submitted Presentations Not Published	18 Poster Presentations
59 Department, Popular, and Other Articles	27 Microcomputer Software
124 Local Research Presentations	27 Confidential Grant Reports
88 Educational and Research Programs	17 International Presentations