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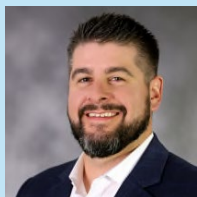
David Anderson is a Professor and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Economist in the department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M. His work involves the analysis of livestock market economics and policy. He has authored or co-authored more than 1000 journal articles, publications, symposiums, presented papers, popular press, and other articles. He has chaired or co-chaired 32 graduate student's research committees and been a member of 101 other graduate student committees. For the past 25 years he has taught Agricultural Economics 614, Ag Policy. He has received awards from the American, Western, and Southern Agricultural Economics Associations for quality of research and Extension programs and is a 5-time recipient of the Extension Superior Service award. He is originally from Coolidge, Arizona where his father is a cotton farmer.



Kyle Benson

Crop Insurance Agent, Double B Crop Insurance

Kyle Benson is a Crop Insurance Agent for Double B Crop Insurance, LLC. Prior to this Kyle worked in the banking industry as the Market President of Agricultural Markets for Vista Bank and an Agricultural Lender for Wells Fargo Bank. He also has sales experience with Iowa Beef Packers. Kyle is from Plainview, TX and has a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University. His hobbies include spending time with family, raising cattle and golfing.



Jeff Braune

LEEDS Product Manager, Bechtel

Jeff Braune is the LEEDS Product Manager responsible for bridging the development of Bechtel's proprietary desalination technology with commercialization. In this role, he is drawing on his Project Development, Product Development, Strategic Supply Chain, and Project Execution experience to lead the transition from an R&D program to a full commercial offering.

Prior to this role, Jeff worked in various roles within Bechtel's Materials Management organization on ExxonMobil's NAGOR project, Shell's Pennsylvania Chemicals project, Woodside's Pluto Train 2 project, and the Sabine Pass Stage 4 project.

Jeff's experience at Bechtel in Materials Management has given him a deep understanding of cross-functional project delivery. Prior to joining Bechtel, Jeff was part of a startup software company, Atlas RFID Solutions, where he acted in a hybrid Business Development and Project Management role delivering novel Materials Management software solutions to the EPC industry.

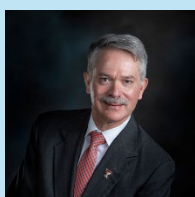


Krishna Jagadish

Thornton Distinguished Chair, Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Texas Tech University

Dr. Jagadish is the Thornton Distinguished Chair of Plant & Soil Science with Texas Tech University, directing research and coordinating the TeCSIS-TAWC program (Texas Coalition for Sustainable Integrated Systems Research and the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation).

Dr. Krishna Jagadish received his M.S. from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharward, India, and his Ph.D. in Agriculture (Crop Physiology) in 2007 from University of Reading, UK. Before joining Texas Tech University, he served as Scientist I, II and Deputy Division Head of the Crop and Environmental Sciences Division at the International Rice Research Institute, Philippines for 7 years and moved to Kansas State University as a tenured Associate Professor in 2015 and promoted to Professor in 2021. During his tenure at K-State his research focused on enhancing abiotic stress resilience, particularly heat and drought stress in different crops including sorghum, wheat, soybean, canola, corn and alfalfa. Dr. Jagadish's research has resulted in 144 international peer-reviewed publications with more than 8500 citations and a H index of 50. He has generated more than 16 million USD in grant funding, mentored more than 25 graduate students and serves as an associate editor for Field Crops Research. His research program at Texas Tech focuses on optimizing forage-based cropping systems, developing new tools to enhance water conservation and improve soil health. The goal of his program is to effectively integrate forage-crop-livestock components to enhance economic benefits and environmental sustainability in the Southern High Plains.



Clint Krehbiel

Dean of Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Texas Tech University

Clint Krehbiel, a professor and administrator with decades of experience in animal science and ruminant nutrition at universities throughout the Southwest and Midwest, joined the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources at Texas Tech University as Dean in January 2023. He arrived in Lubbock after serving as the Marvel L. Baker Department Head and Professor of Animal Sciences at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln since 2017. A native of Kansas who grew up on a diversified farm near McPherson, Krehbiel has an extensive history in agriculture. He earned his bachelor's (1988) and master's (1990) degrees in animal science and industry from Kansas State University and his doctorate in animal science with a concentration in ruminant nutrition from the University of Nebraska in 1994. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Nebraska, Krehbiel served on the faculty at Oklahoma State University for 17 years, leaving as the Regents Professor and Dennis and Martha White Endowed Chair of Ruminant Nutrition and Health and the assistant head of the Department of Animal Science. Before Oklahoma State, Krehbiel served three years as an assistant professor of ruminant nutrition at New Mexico State University. He also has held positions at the University of Nebraska while pursuing his doctorate and as a postdoctoral research associate at the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Neb. He is a member of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), the American Dairy Science Association, the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists and the Plains Nutrition Council. Krehbiel has received the ASAS Southern Section Outstanding Young Animal Scientist Award for Research, the Oklahoma State Department of Animal Science Tyler Award, the James A. Whatley Award for Meritorious Research in Agricultural Science, the Gamma Sigma Delta Research Scientist Award of Merit, the Sarkey's Distinguished Professor Award, the OSU University Service Award and the AFIA ASAS Ruminant Nutrition Award.



Adrienne Lopez

Manager of Research and Development, Texas Pacific Water Resources

Adrienne Lopez is the manager of research and development at Texas Pacific Water Resources and runs their desalination and beneficial reuse program. Adrienne has worked with TPWR for over 6 years in treatment, water quality analysis, construction, project management, and now beneficial reuse. She and her team have developed a new-to-oil-and-gas method of desalinating produced water as an alternative to traditional disposal practices and is currently working on multiple projects to investigate various uses for produced water when treated to different quality standards including agriculture, restoration, and discharge to waters of the US. She and TPWR also work closely with TX regulators to assist in the development of regulation specific to produced water.



Gunner May

Zone Agronomist, NRCS

Gunner May is the Zone Agronomist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He covers the Texas Panhandle, Southern High Plains, and the western side of the Rolling Plains where he assists both NRCS employees and producers with getting conservation on the ground. He grew up in Bay City, Texas down on the coast. He holds BS in Plant Science from Southern Arkansas University and MS in Agronomy from Iowa State University. His wife, Brenda, also works for NRCS and together they have a daughter.



Marissa Pazos

Warning Coordination Meteorologist, NOAA

Marissa Pazos is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Lubbock with 13 years experience in the NWS. She focuses most of her time on vulnerable populations across the South Plains and National Weather Service retention. Marissa is a Texas A&M graduate and prior to becoming the Warning Coordination Meteorologist in Lubbock she was a senior meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Atlanta, GA and a forecaster here in Lubbock and at the National Weather Service in El Paso, Texas.



Bridget Scanlon

Research Professor, Bureau of Economic Geology

Bridget Scanlon is a Research Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. Her degrees are in Geology with a focus on hydrogeology. Her research focuses on various aspects of water resources, including groundwater recharge, irrigation impacts and linkage to food production, effects of energy production, drought and flood impacts, using field studies, regional models, and satellite data, in the High Plains aquifer and other major aquifers globally. She has authored ~ or co-authored ~170 publications. Dr. Scanlon is a Fellow of AGU and a member of NAE and AAAS.



Layton Schur

TAWC Cooperating Producer, Hale County

Layton is a fourth-generation farmer, raised on the family farm near Plainview, Texas. Layton graduated from Texas Tech University in 2017 in Agricultural and Applied Economics with the full intention of returning to production agriculture following graduation. Layton is now one of our young up and coming agricultural producers and part of the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation Project. Layton is also licensed by the State of Texas as an Auctioneer.
