

RESUME

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SUMMARY

6th Generation Family Farm - Beef Cattle Producer

Our family operates a 6th generation cow-calf operation with approximately 150 head. We annually keep 60-80 cows/heifers and sell 50+- feeder steers and heifers annually. We harvest our own hay and rotationally graze pastures. We received the 2021 Clean Water Farm Award for our BMP installations and conservation efforts.

Estes Company- Agriculture-Agronomy Services/Consulting

In 2017 I began working as an independent agronomy specialist providing agronomy services to farmers, farm cooperatives and farm suppliers as requested. This service includes nutrient management plans, farm management plans, and technical investigations and resolution of agronomy issues and complaints. I also conducted training in agronomy for agronomy employees (150) in Virginia, North Carolina, and Kentucky. I am a certified as a Crop Adviser (American Society of Agronomy) and in Nutrient Management Planning with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Government Affairs Specialist

In 2019 I began representing the Virginia Cattlemen's Association as a Government Affairs Specialist and consultant. I work with producers, industry leaders and partners to influence public policy at the state level. I work directly with General Assembly members and the Executive Branch agencies in order to address the legislative, regulatory, environmental and social needs of the beef cattle industry in Virginia.

Agronomy Specialist with Cooperatives

For six years after retiring from Virginia Tech in 2010 I worked for Southern States Cooperative as well as Orange Madison Cooperative as an agronomy specialist providing inputs, including fertilizer, seed, and crop protection products and technical advice to Virginia producers. I was a troubleshooter and agronomy specialist charged with investigating problems, complaints, and providing technical training for producers and agronomy employees. My work took me all over Virginia including the Shenandoah Valley, Northern and Southern Piedmont and the Coastal Plains.

Virginia Tech Faculty, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

As Assistant Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) I was the state leader for Agriculture and Natural Resource (ANR) programs This included coordination of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education programs in Virginia.

I provided leadership for the educational programs supported by Extension specialists in the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Natural Resources, Veterinary Medicine, and for the Agriculture and Natural Resource Extension Agents stationed in 107 counties and cities.

EDUCATION

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
M.S., Career and Technical Education, 2003

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
B.S., Animal Science, 1977

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - Government Affairs Specialist, Consultant Virginia Cattlemen's Association
- 2017 - Estes Company, Independent Agronomy Specialist and Consultant
- 2011 – 2016 Agronomy Specialist, Southern States Cooperative and Orange Madison Cooperative
- 2004-2010 Assistant Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 2003-2004 Northern District Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 1977-2003 Unit Director, Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources (Orange, Madison, Greene, Louisa)

GRANTS RECEIVED FOR NEW AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES

2004 – 2009 \$780,000.00

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021 Clean Water Farm Award, Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water District
- 2020 Alvin Blaha Distinguished Service Award, Virginia Agribusiness Council
- 2006 Distinguished Service Award, Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents

- 2003 Wall of Fame, Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents
- 2003 Commendation, Virginia House of Delegates, Commonwealth of Virginia
- 2002 Best In-State Promotional or Educational Activity Aimed at the General Public, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
- 2000 Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District Dedicated Service Award
- 1999 State Team Award, Outstanding Service to Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 1999 Commendation, The Virginia Senate, Commonwealth of Virginia

MEMBERSHIP/OFFICES PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Current: National Cattlemens Beef Association, Virginia Cattlemen’s Association, Virginia Agribusiness Council, Virginia Farm Bureau, Virginia Crop Producers Association

- 2010-2023 Director, Virginia Agribusiness Council
- 2010-2020 President, Louisa County Farm Bureau
- 2004-2006 Director, National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 1997-1998 President, Virginia Extension Service Association
- 1989-1995 Chairman, State Legislative Committee, Virginia Extension Service Association
- 1989-1995 Chairman, Legislative Affairs Committee, Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents
- 1989 President, Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents

STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS

- 2004-2007 Commonwealth of Virginia, Animal Identification Task Force
- 2004-2007 Virginia State Land Evaluation Advisory Committee
- 2003-2004 Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center Board of Directors
- 2003 Virginia Forage Council Board of Directors
- 2001-2007 Commonwealth of Virginia, Task Force on Preservation and Protection of Agricultural Lands
- 1999-2003 State Forestry Assessment Project Committee
- 1997-2003 Educational Advisor, Board of Directors, Central Virginia Cattlemen Association
- 1994-2003 Lake Anna Hydrilla Committee, Lake Anna Commission

1993-2000 Vice-Chairman, Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District
1993-1998 Congressman Norman Sisisky Agricultural Advisory Committee
1993- 1994 Appointed by Governor, Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, Agricultural Initiative

UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE COMMITTEES

2004 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Academic Leadership Council
2004 Search Committee, Northern District Extension Director
2004 Search Committee, Director of Operations, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
2004 Search Committee, Human Resources Director, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
2001-2004 State Technology Leadership Team, Electronic Village Project
2000-2004 Member, Internal Advisory Committee, Northern Piedmont Agricultural Research and Extension Center
1999-2007 Member, Natural Resources and Environmental Management Commission, Virginia Tech

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2005-2006 Extension Agent Delegations to South Africa
2003 Hosted Delegation from India, Agricultural Tour
2002 Hosted Japanese Agriculture and Business Delegation and Agricultural Tour
1999 Hosted Virginia Tech Senegal Delegation/Natural Resource Tour
1994 Presentation: "Successful Livestock Production Using Land Applied Biosolids," at International Water and Wastewater Conference

PERSONAL

- Deacon, Louisa Baptist Church
- Adult Sunday School Teacher
- Married, two grown daughters, 4 grandsons