

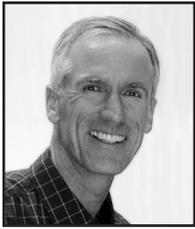


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Bob was appointed head of the Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers in 2006. His research interests include grazing management systems, grassland ecology, and forage establishment.



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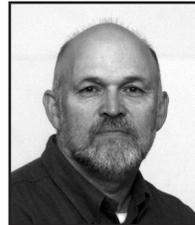


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Randall joined the staff in 1991. His research focus is on weed control in corn.



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AJ joined the staff in July 2015. His extension duties are to provide leadership for extension educational programs in crops, soils, weeds, forages, and rangelands. His main area of expertise is soil fertility, he also has interests in cropping systems management in different environments.



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Bertha joined the staff in October 2009. She delivers nutrition education programs and emphasizes the importance of physical activity for a healthy lifestyle to low-income families from several cultural backgrounds in southwest Kansas.



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