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Area of Research: Cover and management research (C factor) on horticultural crops for erosion prediction, nutrient management, and conservation planning; organic farming, carbon buildup on horticultural and switchgrass fields, technology to precipitate *struvite* in organic compost, fruit and nut based agro-forestry, and enhancing fruit quality by organic farming techniques.

Course/s Taught: Crop production, Soil Fertility, Soil management, and Advanced soil fertility

Appointment: Teaching graduate and undergraduate students (40%) and research on horticultural and agronomic crops (60%)

Publications: SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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