



Biography

Gary Pierzynski

Gary Pierzynski is the CFAES Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education & Director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station. As Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, he is the principal administrative officer of the CFAES research enterprise and drives the future strategy for enhancing and expanding research and graduate education within the college, as well as supporting undergraduate research. He also oversees the college's outlying research stations and the Grant Development Support Unit.

Gary came to The Ohio State University from Kansas State University, where he was a university distinguished professor and head of the Department of Agronomy - a comprehensive unit with a \$14 million budget having significant roles in teaching, research, and extension. As department head, he had many successes: undergraduate enrollment more than doubled, the department achieved a 100% graduate placement, he enhanced graduate student stipends, and he created an advisory board for the department. He has received national awards for both teaching and research.

Gary received his Ph.D. in soil chemistry from The Ohio State University in 1989, and his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Michigan State University in 1982 and 1985, respectively. He is currently the president of the American Society of Agronomy and a member of the Soil Science Society of America.