

KBREC Faculty & Staff Biographical Sketch

Name: William Riggs
Job Title: Associate Professor, Center Director,
Agricultural Economist



Professional

Background: Employed by Oregon State University Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center beginning May 2007. Associate Professor, University of Nevada Reno, Cooperative Extension, Eureka County August 1997-April 2007. Associate Professor Oregon State University, Lake County Extension Agent 1991-1997, Assistant Professor, Oregon State University Area Farm Management Agent Southern/Central Oregon 1989-1991. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, New Mexico State University, 1987, Master of Science, Economics and Agricultural Economics New Mexico State University 1989. Raised in a rural agricultural based community, continue to own and operate agricultural enterprises.

Administrative, Research and Educational Expertise:

Administrative responsibilities for Klamath County Cooperative Extension Office and Klamath County Research Station. Research/Education interests are related to agricultural economics at the farm and ranch level with an emphasis on risk management, cost and return analysis, profitability, and sustainability. Additional programs relate to impact analysis at the community level and public policy impact analysis.

Current Program Assignments:

Klamath County Agriculture Economic values and impacts. Evaluation of Cost/Return analysis of agricultural commodities, public policy impact analysis. Continual public relations with stakeholders and decision makers relating to funding and management of OSU outreach and research activities.

Emerging Areas of Interest:

Public Policy Impact Analysis, Sustainable Communities, Risk Management, Generational Transitions of Farms and Ranches

Professional Principles:

If given a chance, people will do the right thing.
Change strategies, not character
Never ask anyone to accomplish a task that you are not willing to accomplish yourself
Listen to your clients, you may be answering the wrong question
Organizations win together and lose together, make it a team effort