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ALTUS, Ok., Dec. 6, 2007--Terry Pitts, who has worked professionally for both university ag extension services as well as in the private sector, began work this week in integrated pest management at the OSU Southwest Extension and Research Center south of here.



"We have been needing an entomologist who will be doing both research and extension work in cotton statewide and in other areas such as livestock, wheat, alfalfa, canola, pasture and rangelands in our southwest district," said Dr. J. C. Banks, OSU Ag Extension state cotton specialist and director of the Southwest Extension and Research Center.

"Terry will be a valuable addition to our research and extension demonstration team. We are fortunate to have him."

Other responsibilities included in Pitt's job description will be pests affecting consumers and residential areas in the southwest district.

Pitts comes from a farming family in north-central Oklahoma. He has BS and MS degrees in entomology and plant pathology from OSU. He also has done graduate work at Texas A&M University.

His work experience includes working as an ag extension area entomologist for OSU and as a Texas A&M area extension specialist in integrated pest management. More recently, he worked as a senior field development manager and an insecticide product manager for Bayer CropSciences and Gustafson, both prominent agriculture commodity corporations.

Integrated pest management, Pitts explains, is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information with available pest control methods to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

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