Stougaard takes helm of research facilities

Named the new assistant dean for research for the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in March, Robert Stougaard is responsible for the overall supervision of the college’s seven research centers and farms and three major agricultural experiment stations located across the state.

“We are fortunate to have someone with Bob Stougaard’s depth of experience to manage our extensive network of research stations and farms throughout Georgia,” said Allen Moore, CAES associate dean for research.

“Our research network is vital to Georgia agriculture and allows us to conduct research that is climate- and soil-specific to the numerous growing conditions in a state this size,” Moore said.

UGA Cooperative Extension specialists use the field and laboratory research conducted at the college’s experiment stations and research and education centers to educate and train Georgia agriculturists.

Stougaard earned his bachelor’s degree in soil science from the University of Wisconsin in 1978 and his master’s degree in weed science from Southern Illinois University in 1983. He earned his doctorate in weed science from the University of Nebraska, where he also minored in microbiology.

He joined the faculty at the University of Nebraska in 1987, and his primary duties focused on weed science Extension efforts in agronomic crops. In 1991, Stougaard moved to Montana State University and the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center near Kalispell, Montana, where he rose to the position of professor with tenure. At Montana State, his areas of responsibility included weed science research and small-grain cultivar evaluations.

“We look forward to the wealth of knowledge and fresh perspective Bob will bring to our research program and how he will help us best serve Georgia in the future,” Moore said. - Faith Peppers