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## **Texas Cooperative Extension Leader Retires**

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SAN ANGELO – Renee Sanders, Texas Cooperative Extension’s west regional program director for family and consumer sciences, retired on Aug. 31.

Dr. Judy Warren, Extension associate director for human sciences at College Station, said Sanders has been a strong advocate of the family and consumer sciences program throughout her career.

“Renee is the ultimate champion for family and consumer sciences agents and the great work they do to improve the lives of children, youth and families,” Warren said. “She has been an effective educator of Extension clientele and of the agents she has served in the west region. She leaves pretty big shoes to fill.”

Sanders began her Extension career in 1973 as an assistant home demonstration agent in Johnson County. She became the county’s home demonstration agent in 1975.

She transferred to Wise County in 1977, serving first as the home economics agent and later as the family and consumer sciences agent. In 1998, she moved to San Angelo as the District 7 Extension director for family and consumer sciences. In 2003, she was named west regional program director for family and consumer sciences and held that position until her retirement.

“Upon being named the west region program director in 2003, Renee became a role model and enthusiastic supporter of family and consumer sciences and Extension within the region,” Warren said. “As a team member, she excelled in gaining good support for innovative program development of an interdisciplinary nature.”

Sanders earned a B.S. degree in home economics education from Texas Christian University in 1973, and a M.S. degree in human development from North Texas State University in 1979.

She is a 1984 recipient of the Texas A&M University System deputy chancellor honor for Extension education, county agent-home economics.

A native of Crowell, Sanders is the daughter of the late Crews and Eva Cooper. Sanders and her husband Mike have two children, Ryon and Hilary. The couple plan to retire in Granbury.