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Texas AgriLife Extension names new South Plains District Administrator

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LUBBOCK - Miles Dabovich has been named Texas AgriLife Extension Service's administrator for the South Plains district effective March 2. The announcement came from Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, AgriLife Extension associate director for county programs at College Station.

"Mr. Dabovich brings extensive experience to this position having served as an AgriLife Extension agent in five counties," Dromgoole said. "Miles is highly respected for his ability to effectively manage programs, work with people and for his visionary leadership. I look forward to working with Miles in his new role."

The new administrator will be headquartered at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. He will be responsible for all administrative duties in the 22-county district.

Dabovich earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural Extension and education from New Mexico State University in 1988 and a master's degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech University in 1994.

Since 2007, he has served as the AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Wichita County. He currently serves as the county's agriculture program leader and county coordinator. In that role he plans and implements county and area-wide agricultural educational programs in commodities and natural resources including wheat, forages, cotton, beef cattle, horses, meat goats, wildlife and range and pasture.

Dabovich began his AgriLife Extension career as an assistant AgriLife Extension agent in Wilbarger County. He served there from 1988 until 1990 when he was named the AgriLife Extension agent for Kent County. He later served two stints in Crockett County (1996-2000 and 2004-2007). He was the AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in Andrews County between his Crockett County assignments.

Dabovich has earned numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career including the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association's new agent recognition award and result demonstration handbook award; Kent County 4-H Appreciation Award, Crockett County

Commissioners Court Outstanding Service Award, and the Andrews County Employees Award. He is also a graduate of the San Antonio Leadership Extension Program and of AgriLife Extension's Master Marketing Course.

Dabovich fills the position formerly held by Jett Major who recently retired.