

Martin Named Interim Head At Delta Research Center

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Dr. Steve Martin, agricultural economist at the Delta Research Center in Stoneville, Miss., has been named the interim head of the center, replacing Dr. Joe Street who has moved to the main campus as associate director of the extension service.

Mississippi State University has four research and extension center locations, northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest centers.

"Those experiment stations actually also cover the extension counties in those districts," Martin said. "Our research center here primarily focuses on row crop agriculture such as cotton, corn, soybeans and rice as well catfish. We have a little bit of wheat research and then we have several acres of catfish ponds. We do a lot of research on catfish."

Martin served the center as an ag economist at the station for a little over eight years. His position as interim head of the center is temporary until a new head is selected.

As interim head, Martin will focus on keeping programs already underway going.

"We'd like to move forward on our main office building which was set up to be renovated and that's starting next week," he said. "We've got that, and the rest of this year's crops to get out.

"I'll be limited time-wise with my own projects,

but we're going to try let nothing go undone and if we need something done ag economically related, I'll try to cover that," he said. "However, time-wise I have found I am fully employed."

Dr. Steve Martin, Agricultural Economist at the Delta Research Center in Stoneville, Miss., has been named the Interim Head of the center. Martin served the center as an Ag Economist at the station for a little over eight years.

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There is roughly 250 to 280 employees in this district counting extension in the county. He explained the way things work at the station.

"Basically, we hire people in a particular area, for example soybeans or cotton where we have a need, and the individual researcher develops his own research program," Martin said. Δ