

EXTENSION SNAPSHOT

Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

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What I Do and Why It Matters

This new Snapshot series serves as a way to re-introduce you to our unit staff. Each month a different staff member will be featured.

Earl Allen's work as county Extension director includes local and state-wide leadership responsibilities. His ag background, business experience, and servant leadership style are benefits to Extension, especially our clients and communities.

What I Do and Why It Matters



"I lead a group of 40 staff and 500 volunteers who are working to make the people and communities of Fulton, Mason, Peoria and Tazewell Counties better through education, facilitation and collaboration. The work accomplished by our group results in the transfer of research-based information, technologies, and best practices from the university arena into public and private arenas, benefiting local people and strengthening our communities."

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Earl has been the county extension director serving Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties since 2010. He has worked for Illinois Extension since 2005 starting his tenure in Woodford County.

EDUCATION

B.S. from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
M.S. and Ph.D. from Texas A & M University

JOB HISTORY

Oklahoma State University—professor and state extension specialist in soil fertility and environmental management
Private sector research and product development scientist—slow release fertilizers, soil amendments, soil remediation
Farming—owner/operator
Illinois Extension county director

RECENT STATE-WIDE EXTENSION LEADERSHIP ROLES

National Extension Leadership Development Program Participant
International Committee Chair
Student Recruitment Work Group Chair
4-H Federation Task Force Chair
Field Staff Executive Advisory Committee
Fiscal and Business Management Committee



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EARL'S LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY

- ◆ Earl employs a leadership style that adjusts based on the situation with servant leadership coming most naturally to him.
- ◆ One word philosophy: Engage
- ◆ Leadership philosophy statement: To engage people in ways that help them find joy and satisfaction in who they are and what they do.