

Jackie Burns

Short Biographical Sketch

Jackie is the UF/IFAS Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (FAES), the research arm of the land-grant mission. She was appointed to this position in November 2014. The mission of the FAES is to discover new scientific knowledge, promote innovative study, and to encourage translation of sound science into solutions for our stakeholders. The goals are to enhance scholarly activities that will strengthen our relevance to all that we serve, and to amplify the linkages between research, teaching, and extension. We are committed to training the next generation of researchers that will deliver solutions to the challenges facing agriculture, natural resources, and the life sciences.

Jackie was the Center Director at the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred and IFAS Citrus Programs Coordinator for 4 years. Before that appointment, she was a faculty member at the CREC. She's been at the UF/IFAS for 28 years. Jackie's career research portfolio includes production and post-production agriculture activities with a number of diverse specialty crops. As Center Director, Jackie administered trans-disciplinary, international, and mission-oriented programs that served a diverse stakeholder group. As UF/IFAS Citrus Programs Coordinator, she encouraged development of programs important to stakeholders, obtained support for citrus programs, and promoted the advancement of foundational science that will underpin solutions.