

**Thomas G. Coon**  
Biographic Sketch

Thomas G. Coon joined Oklahoma State University as Vice President of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in July 2014. Before joining OSU, he was director of Michigan State University Cooperative Extension and a professor of fisheries and wildlife at MSU for 25 years. Tom received his Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California-Davis and served on the faculty at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and the University of Missouri before his move to Michigan State. As vice president, Tom has responsibility for the integration of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. These three entities, with responsibilities for research, outreach and academic programs, respectively, embody the land-grant mission that is the heart of DASNR, and include more than 250 faculty, 400 Extension staff and 360 support and administrative staff, both on-campus and in 77 county Extension offices and 18 research stations across the state. The college currently enrolls 2700 undergraduate students and 450 graduate students. In 2016, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension reached 1.18 million Oklahomans with their programs in agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer sciences and 4-H Youth Development.