

Chizek Is New ISU Extension Regional Director



Jerry Chizek
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AMES, Iowa – Jerry Chizek has been selected as a regional extension education director for Iowa State University Extension, according to Jack Payne, vice president for ISU Extension and Outreach.

"We are happy to announce Jerry Chizek has accepted the regional extension education director position for Region 6 and will begin his duties on Aug. 1," said Payne. "We are excited by the enthusiasm he brings to this position as we begin to direct programming to lowans in new ways."

Chizek comes to the regional position having served most recently as an ISU Extension education director in Calhoun County. He received a bachelor's degree and master's degree in agricultural education from Iowa State University.

As a regional director, Chizek will work with county staff and councils, and ISU Extension staff to reach beyond county borders and plan programming in Region 6 around common priority issues. This region includes Cherokee, Buena Vista, Pocahontas, Ida, Sac and Calhoun counties.

The regional director position was created by the ISU Extension restructuring plan as a way to facilitate an issue-based approach to delivering ISU Extension programming and resources. Chizek will work directly with the county extension council members to meet their legal obligations as an elected body. He will work with councils and extension program specialists to identify new ways to work across county borders and provide educational programming that addresses issues of most significance, and evaluate the results of multi-county and regional efforts.

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