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## **Dale Monks named associate director of NC State Extension**

Raleigh, N.C. – Dale Monks has officially been named associate director of NC State Extension, formally starting in the position on October 23, 2019. As part of his role, Monks also will serve as state program leader for Extension's agriculture and natural resources (ANR) and community and rural development (CRD) programs.

NC State Extension Director Richard Bonanno announced the appointment, touting Monks' extensive experience in agricultural extension, research and education at land-grant institutions.

"Dale brings a deep understanding and passion for Extension that will enhance our efforts to support North Carolina agriculture and grow our state," said Bonanno. "He's a veteran leader and problem-solver, and I'm excited to have him on the leadership team helping to guide our long-term success."

Monks joins NC State Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at NC State University after more than 25 years at Auburn University. While at Auburn, Monks worked as a professor, extension specialist and, most recently, director of research operations for outlying units of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station.

"When you talk about premier agricultural extension and research colleges in the country – the institutions that are moving the needle and making a difference – CALS is always in the conversation," said Monks. "North Carolina and NC State Extension are the ideal destination for me and my family, we're proud to be a part of the Wolfpack."

Prior to joining Auburn in 1993, Monks served as an assistant professor and extension weed scientist at West Virginia University and University of Georgia Extension, respectively. He holds doctoral and master's degrees in weed science from Auburn University and the University of Arkansas, respectively, as well as a bachelor's degree in plant and soil science from Middle Tennessee State University.

His extension, teaching and research work has focused on addressing practical problems experienced by cotton and soybean producers in the Southeast. Monks has been awarded Extension Cotton Specialist of the Year and is past president of the Alabama Extension Specialists Association.

Monks grew up on a diversified farm in rural Tennessee, and has continued to farm throughout his career in academia. Together with his wife, Terri, the couple have four children ranging from 14 to 26 years old.

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