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## PROFESSIONAL

<b>Employer/Department</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
University of Florida Soil & Water Science	Associate Professor	2005-present
University of Florida Soil & Water Science	Assistant Professor	1998-2005
Clemson University Faculty of Soils	Research & Extension Soil Scientist	1996-1998
USDA-ARS Environmental Chemistry Lab	Soil Scientist	1995-1996
A.P. Agric. University, India Soil Science	Assistant Professor/ Asst. Soil Chemist (permanent position)	1985-1989
Texas Valve Actuators Ltd., India	Management Executive	1983-1985

## EDUCATIONAL

<b>University</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Year</b>
Clemson University	Soil Science	Ph.D.	1996
G.B. Pant Univ., India	Soil Science	M.Sc. (Ag)	1983
A.P. Agric. Univ, India	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Ag)	1980

## Current Responsibilities

This is primarily an Extension position, with a complementary research emphasis to provide expertise and leadership in soil and nutrient management for economically and environmentally sustainable crop production. This position requires development of a highly visible and progressive educational program promoting the principles of nutrient management in the state of Florida with the following specific responsibilities:

A. Develop and execute progressive and highly visible educational programs in the area of nutrient management targeted to the public and private sectors and to the agricultural, urban, and environmental communities. This program emphasizes a holistic approach in the production of a wide variety of agronomic and horticultural crops. Cooperative research and educational programs will involve strong interaction with county and state faculty on and off campus, commodity specialists, advisory committees, soil/water scientists, and government agencies. The research program will relate to soil-test correlation/calibration, nutrient and soil/ water management and/or analytical methodology. Supervise and advise graduate students by serving as the Chair or a member on their Advisory Committees.

B. Address critical nutrient management issues such as crop nutrient requirements, soil and tissue testing, nutrient related environmental concerns and interdependence with water management.

C. Towards the administrative service assignment, serve as the Director of UF/IFAS Extension Soil Testing and Analytical Research Laboratories (ESTL and ARL). Address all technical and administrative issues at the ESTL/ARL. Successful implementation of the UF/IFAS Extension Soil Testing Program and QA/QC Protocols for NELAP Certification at the Analytical Research Lab through resource optimization is emphasized.

### **Current Assigned Activity - Total - 100%**

Teaching- 5%; Research- 25%; Extension- 45%; Administration- 30%

### **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

Course Title: Soil, Tissue and Water Diagnostic Testing, Course No. SOS 6932 Sec. 0952  
Taught Summer A - 2.0 credit hours.

Topics include basic soil science, soil fertility, soil, tissue and water diagnostic testing, soil water and nutrient management, project work providing interpretations by applying diagnostic testing tools to field samples.

Guest Lectures: 'Precision Agriculture' -AOM 4434 (Ag & Bio-engineering Department), 'Introduction to Soils' -SOS 3022 and 'Tropical Soil Management' -SOS 5132 (Soil & Water Science Department), 'Integrated Plant Medicine -Capstone Course' - ALS 5932 (Integrated Plant Medicine), and 'Applied Field Crop Production' -AGR 4214C (Agronomy Department).

**GRADUATE FACULTY STATUS**            1999-present

### **GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Graduate Student</b>	<b>Research Topic</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Chair, Ph.D. Committees</b>	Ravinder Pannu	Optimization of Nutrient and Water Management in Agroforestry Systems of Ludhiana Watershed, Punjab, India	SWSD	2008-2011
	Murthy Kadiyala (Co-Chair)	Crop Rotations to Optimize Nutrient and Water Uptake Efficiency in Wargal Watershed, AP, India	SWSD	2008-2011
	Yandi Fan	Cover Crop Management to Minimize Nitrogen Loss Potential	SWSD	2006-2009
	Elizabeth Kennelley	Method evaluations and correlations for P species analyses in sub-tropical soils	SWSD	2000 -2006
	Fernando Munoz	Improving Nitrogen Management In Potatoes Through Crop Rotation and Enhanced Uptake	SWSD	2001-2004
	Jaime Sanchez	Water and Nitrate Movement in Poultry	SWSD	2000 -2004

		Litter Amended Soils		
<b>Chair, Master's Committees</b>	Veronica Villasenor	Characterization of Soil and Plant Tissue Properties Using Spectral Reflectance	SWSD	2006-2008
	Subodh Acharya	Lateral Movement of Subsurface Water in Seepage Irrigated Areas in St. Johns Watershed Area	SWSD	2006-2008
	Dennis Gee	N/A (DPM)	SWSD	2003 -2006
	Daniel Herrera	Relationships Among Mehlich-1, Mehlich-3, and Water-Soluble Phosphorus Levels in Manure-Amended, Inorganically Fertilized, and Phosphatic Soils	SWSD	2001 - 2003
<b>Member, Ph.D. Committees</b>	Zhiwei Chen	Improving Nitrogen Use Efficiency Using Slow Release Sources	Hort Sciences	2006-2009
	Sindy M. Interrante	Shoot and Root Dynamics of Bahiagrass Genotypes in Response to Extended Daylength and Fertilization	Agronomy	2003- 2007
	Christine Worthington	Identification of Environmental Stressors and cultural Practices That Influence Development of Internal Heat Necrosis in Potato	Hort Sciences	2002 -2007
	Gisele Martin	Characterization and Manipulation of Root and Shoot Growth Flushes of <i>in vitro</i> and Greenhouse Grown Sweet Viburnum	Environ Horticulture	2000 -2004
<b>Member, Master's Committees</b>	Rotem Sahar	Use of Soil Moisture Sensors for Irrigation Scheduling	Soil & Water Science	2007-2009
	Jamba Gyeltsin	DPM	DPM Program	2004-2006
	Jeffrey Pack	Characterization of Release of Polymer-coated Nitrogen Controlled-Release Fertilizers and Effects on Potato Production and Nutrient Leaching in Florida	Horticultural Science	2002 -2004
	Juan Herrera	Spectral Based Phosphorus sensing in the Lake Okeechobee Basin	Agricultural & Biological Engineering	2002 -2004

## RESEARCH

Soil & Nutrient Management from economically and environmentally sustainable agricultural production. (**CRIS Project: FAES-SWS-03865**)

### Major Regional and Statewide Projects

- Comparison of Southern Soil Phosphorus Indices
- Assessment of Nutrient Requirements for Optimum Economic Production of Bahiagrass on South Florida Soils
- Rapid Analysis of Soil And Plant Tissue Properties Using Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy

- Lateral Subsurface Water Flow in Vegetable Production Areas under Seepage Irrigation in Northeast Florida
- N Mineralization in Poultry Litter Amended Soils for Successful Melon Production under Plastic Mulch in North Florida
- Rapid Assessment Tool for Soil Analysis Using NIR Spectroscopy
- Training for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning for Technical Service Providers
- Evaluating Effectiveness of Best Management Practice (BMP) For Animal Waste Fertilizer Management To Reduce Nutrient Inputs Into Ground Water In Suwannee Basin: Phase I, II & III
- Effectiveness of Tailwater Recovery Systems for Nursery Production Areas in New Jersey to Minimize Nutrient Runoff
- Manure Phosphorus Management for the Suwannee River Basin: A Model For Highly Leachable Soils
- Development of a Reflectance Spectroscopic P-Sensor for Terrestrial And Aquatic Ecosystems in the Lake Okeechobee Drainage Basin
- Utilization of Legumes in Crop Rotation Programs to Reduce Nitrate Leaching From Potato Production into the Lower St. Johns River Watershed
- Towards The Development Of Environmental Soil Phosphorus Critical Levels In Agricultural Soils Of Puerto Rico
- Comparison of Mehlich-1 and Mehlich-3 Soil Extraction Procedures for Sandy Mineral Soils of Florida
- Comparison of Spectroscopic and ICP Methods for Phosphorus Determination

**MAJOR GRANTS**

Total: \$5,212,655 (includes both direct and indirect costs)

<b>Funding Period</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Project/Agency</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2005-2008	PI	Assessment of Nutrient Requirements for Optimum Economic Production of Bahiagrass on South Florida Soils	\$89,000
2006-2008	PI	Rapid Analysis of Soil And Plant Tissue Properties Using Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy (FDACS)	\$554,659
2006-2008	PI	Capacity Building for Environmental Water Quality Laboratory (FDACS)	\$262,000
2005-2007	PI	Lateral Subsurface Water Flow in Vegetable Production Areas under Seepage Irrigation in northeast Florida (St. Johns River Water Management District)	\$128,000 (\$30,000 equipment & supplies)
2004-2006	Co-PI	Rapid Assessment Tool for Soil Analysis: NIR Spectroscopy (FDACS)	\$212,000
2005-2006	PI	N Mineralization in poultry litter amended soils for successful melon	\$14,000

		production under plastic mulch in north Florida (FDACS)	
2005-2006	Co-PI	Rapid Response Project-Nursery Nutrient Management in New Jersey (Rutgers University)	\$10,750
2004-2006	Co-PI	Utilization of legumes in crop rotation programs to reduce nitrate leaching from potato production into sensitive Florida watersheds (FDEP 319)	\$302,575
2002-2006	PI	Training for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning for Third Party Vendors (FDACS)	\$452,638
2003-2006	Co-PI	Manure Phosphorus Management for the Suwannee River Basin:- A Model for Highly Leachable Soils (USDA-IFAFS)	\$671,368
2003-2005	Co-PI	Development of Reflectance Spectroscopic P-Sensor for Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems in Lake Okeechobee Basin (FDACS)	\$399,300
2001-2004	Co-PI	Utilization of Legumes in Crop Rotation Programs to Reduce Nitrate Leaching from Potato Production into the Upper St. Johns River Watershed (FDACS)	\$189,000
1999-2004	Co-PI	Evaluating Effectiveness of Best Management Practice (BMP) for Animal Waste Fertilizer Management to Reduce Nutrient Inputs into Ground Water in Suwannee Basin: Phase II (FDEP)	\$263,863
1998-2004	Co-PI	Evaluating Effectiveness of Best Management Practice (BMP) for Animal Waste Fertilizer Management to Reduce Nutrient Inputs into Ground Water in Suwannee Basin: Phase I (FDEP)	\$755,589
2000-2003	PI	Towards the Development of Environmental Soil Phosphorus Critical Levels in Agricultural Soils of Puerto Rico (USDA-CBAG79)	\$97,480
1999-2000	Co-PI	Best Nutrient Management Practices for Home Lawns in Florida ( Florida FIRST)	\$15,000

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### REFEREED

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- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2003. Role of an Extension Soil Testing Program in the Development of Best Management Practices: A Florida Case Study. *Journal of Extension*. 45(4) pp9.

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- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. Soil Fertility Research Report for South Carolina. Proc. Southern Soil Fertility Conference, October 6-7, Memphis, TN, p64-65.

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- Cornejo, C.\*, R.S. Mylavarapu, and S. Acharya\*. 2007. Measurement of Lateral Flow in Subsurface Seepage Irrigation Potato Production Systems in Northeast Florida. Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference, July 21-25, Tampa, FL, p108-109.
- Cornejo, C.\*, R.S. Mylavarapu, and V. Villasenor\*. 2007. How Soil Moisture Content Affects Near-Infrared Reflectance of Sandy Soils. Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference, July 21-25, Tampa, FL, p127-128.
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- Cornejo, C.\*, R.S. Mylavarapu, Hutchinson, C.M., Li, Y., Ouyang, Y., Acharya, S. 2007. Lateral Movement of Subsurface Water in Seepage Irrigated Fields. National Water Quality Conference, Jan 28 - Feb 1st, Savannah, GA.
- Graetz, D.A., W.D. Graham, G.J. Hochmuth, M.D. Dukes, and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2005. BMP Implementation on Agricultural Lands in the Suwannee River Basin of North Florida: Soil and Groundwater Monitoring for Nitrate-N. In Annual Meetings Abstracts, [CD-ROM]. ASA, CSSA and SSSA, Madison, WI.
- Boetger, S.P. and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2004. Nutrient Management on a Florida Poultry Operation. In Annual Meetings Abstracts, [CD-ROM]. ASA, CSSA, and SSSA, Madison, WI.

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## PRESENTATIONS

### A. INTERNATIONAL

- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2007. Nutrient Management Program. Sustainable Water Management Project Workshop, Agricultural Knowledge Initiative, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, July 16-19. 20 min. Attendance:24
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2007. Water Quality in Florida. Capacity Building for e-Learning Project Workshop, Agricultural Knowledge Initiative, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India, March 5-9. 20 min. Attendance:41
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2006. Nutrients and Water Quality. Invited Presentation. JN Technological University, Hyderabad, India, June 28, 2006. 2hrs. Attendance: 100
- Mylavarapu R.S. 2005. Hazardous Waste Management, invited workshop, International Conference on Environmental Management, Hyderabad, India, October 26-30, 2005, Duration 4 hrs. Attendance: 40
- E.D. Kennelley\* and Mylavarapu, R.S. 2005. Phosphorus Mineralization in a Poultry Manure Amended Soil. Poster Presentation at the 9th International Soil & Plant Analysis Council Symposium, Cancun, Mexico, Jan 30-Feb 4.
- Herrera, D. A\*, R.S. Mylavarapu and W. Harris. 2004. Relationship between Water-soluble, Mehlich-1 and Mehlich-3 Phosphorus in Phosphatic, Manure Amended and Inorganically Fertilized Soils. Sustainable Land Application Conference, Jan 4-8, Lake Buena Vista, FL.
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- Sanchez, J. F\*., R. S. Mylavarapu., D.A. Graetz, and K. Portier. 2004. Soil Nutrient Management Strategies: Scenarios Technique as a Field Tool for Poultry Manure Management. Sustainable Land Application Conference, Jan 4-8, Lake Buena Vista, FL.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. and E.D. Kennelley\*. 2003. Comparison of colorimetric and Inductively Coupled Plasma Techniques for Phosphorus Determination in Mehlich-1 Soil Extracts. Poster Presentation at the 8th International Soil & Plant Analysis Council Symposium, Cape Town, South Africa, Jan 12-17.

- Zinati, G. M., H. H. Bryan, R. McSorley and R. S. Mylavarapu. 2002. Sustainable cropping systems for tomato production in south Florida. Oral Presentation at the International Horticultural Congress, Toronto, Canada, August 10-17.
- Hutchinson, C.M. and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2002. Evaluation of nitrogen best management practices for potato production in northeast Florida. Oral Presentation, Potato Association of America Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada, August 10-17.
- Kennelley, E.D.\* and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2001. Low level Phosphorus Analysis in the presence of Silicates. Poster presentation at the 7th International Soil & Plant Analysis Council Symposium, Edmonton, Canada, July 23-28.

#### B. NATIONAL/REGIONAL/STATE

**Invited** (2 as Panelist)

- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2006. Nutrient Management Team Activities. Southern Region Water Quality Program Review, Orlando, FL., May 11. Attendees: 58
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2006. Organic Nutrient Sources. Certified Crop Adviser Program, Immokalee, FL., April 12. Attendees: 61
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004. The Florida Phosphorus Index. Oral presentation, American Society of Agricultural Engineers-Florida Chapter, Hutchinson Island, FL., June 2-4. Attendees: 30.
- Mylavarapu, R.S., S. Curry\*, S.P. Boetger and T.O. Obreza. 2004. Nutrient Management Training for Technical Service Providers in Florida. Regional Water Quality Workshop on Nutrient Management Coordination, Atlanta, April 4-5. Attendees 35.
- Mylavarapu, R.S., W.G.Harris, D.A. Graetz, V.D. Nair and W. Reve. 2004. USDA-NRCS National Phosphorus Index Committee visit, Oral presentations and field demonstrations, Live Oak, FL, Feb 19. Attendees 15.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2003. UF/IFAS Extension Soil & Plant Tissue Diagnostic Testing Program. Oral Presentation and Panelist, Certified Crop Adviser Training, Seabring, Florida, April 22-24. Attendees 60; Continuing Education Credits-2.0
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2003. Soil Sampling and Interpretation. Precision Agriculture Workshop for Agents and Industry, Cocoa, FL., February 13-14.

- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2002. UF/IFAS Soil Testing Program and Development of Best Management Practices. Oral Presentation, Soil & Water Conservation Symposium, Southern Association of Ag-Scientists Conference, Orlando, Feb 4. Attendees: 25.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2001. Soil Sampling Strategies for Precision Farming. Oral Presentation, Precision Agriculture Workshop for Agents and Industry, Madison, Florida, May 24-25. Attendees 45.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2000. Nutrient Management through Soil Testing: Master Gardeners and consultants Training, Oral Presentation, Largo, Florida, January 23. Attendees 65.
- Mylavarapu, 2000. Micronutrients Supply through Foliar Spraying. Oral Presentation, Growers Meeting, Hendry County Extension (through County Agent Eugene McVoy), SWFREC, Immokalee, Florida, April 19. Attendees 20.
- Mylavarapu, 2000. Nutrient Uptake in Plants. Oral Presentation, In-service Training, SMP FL-107 on Vegetables, IRREC, Ft. Pierce, Florida, April 24-25. Attendees 18.
- Mylavarapu, 2000. Soil Testing as a Diagnostic Tool for Successful Crop Production. Master Gardeners Training for Marion & Citrus Counties (through Carla Chapman, Extension Agent). Oral Presentation and ESTL Tour, Gainesville, FL, October 5. Attendees 22.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1999. Philosophy of Soil Testing. Oral Presentation and Panelist, Certified Crop Adviser Training, Seabring, Florida, April, 21-22. Attendees 65; Continuing Education Credits-2.0
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. High Soil Phosphorus, What's Next? Oral Presentation, Annual Mid Atlantic Soil & Plant Analysis Workgroup Meetings, Richmond, Feb 23-24.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. Nutrient Management for SC: Circular 476. Oral Presentation, Ag Expo, Columbia, SC. Attendees 45; Continuing Education Credits-0.5
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. Verification of Clemson's P & K Fertilizer Recommendations. Oral Presentation, Ag Expo, Columbia, SC. Attendees 45; Continuing Education Credits -0.5
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. Fertility Studies on Collards. Oral Presentation, Ag Expo, Columbia, SC. Attendees 45; Continuing Education Credits-0.5
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. Soil Fertility Status of SC Soils' Oral Presentation, Ag Expo, Columbia, SC. Attendees 45; Continuing Education Credits-0.5
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. High Soil Phosphorus, What's next? Oral Presentation, Agricultural and Natural Resources Forum, Clemson University, SC. Attendees: 30; Continuing Education Credits-1.0

- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. Strategic Value of Soil Testing to Landgrant Universities. Oral Presentation, SERA-IEG-6 Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY, June 9-11. Attendees 45.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1998. Soil Testing Program: A Public Service Mission at Landgrant Universities. Oral Presentation, Southern Region ANR Program Leaders Meeting, Clemson, SC, May 28. Attendees 20.

**Contributed** (2 as Session Moderator)

- Cornejo, C.\*, R.S. Mylavarapu, and V. Villasenor\*. 2007. How Soil Moisture Content Affects Near-Infrared Reflectance of Sandy Soils. Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference, July 21-25, Tampa, FL, Duration: 20 min. Attendance: 30
- Cornejo, C.\*, R.S. Mylavarapu, Y. Fan\* and C.M. Hutchinson. 2007. Reduced Nitrate Leaching by Using Different Crops in Crop Rotation with Potatoes. Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference, July 21-25, Tampa, FL. Duration: 20 min. Attendance: 30
- Cornejo, C.\*, R.S. Mylavarapu and S. Acharya\*. 2007. Measurement of Lateral Flow in a Subsurface Seepage Irrigated Potato Production Systems in Northeast Florida. 2007. Annual Conference of Soil & Water Conservation Society, July 21-25, Tampa, FL. Duration: 20 min. Attendance: 32
- Cornejo, C.\*, R.S. Mylavarapu and S. Acharya\*. 2007. Modeling of Subsurface Lateral Movement of Water on Top of a Shallow Hardpan. Oral Presentation. Annual Meetings of American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers in Minneapolis, MN. June 17-21. Duration 20 min. Attendance: 45
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2007. Near Infrared Spectral Reflectance for diagnostic soil/tissue testing. Oral Presentation, Annual Meetings of the SERA-IEG-6, June 3-6, Auburn University, AL. Duration: 30 min. Attendance: 50
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2007. Reflectance Spectroscopy for Diagnostic Nutrient Testing. Spring CCA Training, April 4, 2007, Lake Alfred, FL. Duration: 1 hr. Attendance: 55.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2006. The Florida Phosphorus Index. Fall CCA Training, October 17, 2006, Lake Alfred, FL. Duration: 1 hr. Attendance: 67.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2005. Role of Extension Soil Testing Program in the Development of Best Management Practices: A Florida Case Study. Oral Presentation, National Water Quality Conference, February 6-11, 2005, San Diego, USA. Duration: 25 mins. Attendance: 45

- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2005. Routine Soil Testing and Water Quality. Oral Presentation, Southern Plant Nutrient Conference, October 3-5, Olive Branch, MS. Duration: 30 mins. Attend: 48.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2005. Can Routine Soil Testing Address Water Quality Concerns? Oral Presentation, Fall CCA Training, October 12, 2005, Ft. Pierce, FL. Duration: 1 hr. Attendance: 65.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004. Basic Soil Science and Soil Fertility. Oral presentation, Technical Fundamentals of CAFOs, US EPA Training, Atlanta, Sep 27-30.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004. The Florida Phosphorus Index. Oral presentation, Annual Meetings, National Association of County Extension Agents, Orlando, FL., June 12-16. Attendees: 12.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004. The Florida Phosphorus Index. Oral presentation, CCA Training, Immokalee, FL., June 10. Attendees: 26. Continuing Education Credits-1.0
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004/2003/2002. Soil and Plant Tissue Diagnostic Testing. Oral presentations (twice a year). Nutrient Management for the TSPs-Florida Practicum Training, May/June and Nov/Dec at Okeechobee and Live Oak, FL. Continuing Education Credits-1.0
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004/2003/2002. The Florida Phosphorus Index. Oral presentations (twice a year). Nutrient Management for the TSPs-Florida Practicum Training, May/June and Nov/Dec at Okeechobee and Live Oak, FL. Continuing Education Credits-1.0
- Mylavarapu, R.S. and E.D. Kennelley\*. 2004. Soil fertility assessments based on analysis at the IFAS Extension Soil Testing Laboratory. Annual Meeting, Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida, May 19-21, Tallahassee. Session Moderator.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004. Basic Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management. Oral presentation, CCA Training, South Florida Community College, Avon Park, FL., Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 hrs. Attendees 28. Continuing Education Credits-2.0
- Mylavarapu, R.S., T. O. Obreza, W.G. Harris, V.D. Nair, J.B. Sartain and W. Reve. 2004. Nutrient management and Water Quality, Oral presentations and field demonstration. IFAS In-service Training, Gainesville, Feb 26, 8 hrs. Attendees 14.
- Sanchez, J.F.\* and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2002. Cacao Production in Ecuador: Soils and Production. Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida, Clearwater Beach, Florida, May 22-24.
- Tripathi, N., S. Bhattarya, W. Lee and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2002. Temporal Variation of Soil Ca, Mg, and K using Precision Agriculture in Florida. Poster Presentation, ASAE Annual Conference, Florida Section, Key Largo, May 9-10.

- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2002. Basic Soil Fertility, Nutrient Management and Water Quality. Oral Presentations, In-service Training, Gainesville, Florida, February 20, 8 hrs. Attendees: 18.
- Mylavarapu, R.S., D. Sotomayor and J.A. Nguyen. 2002. Evaluation of Environmental Impacts through Phosphorus Sorption Capacities of Soils. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, SSSA and CSSA, Indianapolis, Nov 11-14.
- Munoz, F. and Mylavarapu, R.S. 2002. Effect of Soil and Nutrient Management Practices on Collards Performance. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, SSSA and CSSA, Indianapolis, Nov 11-14.
- Herrera, D.A. and Mylavarapu, R.S. 2002. Relationship between Water Soluble and Mehlich1 Phosphorus in Manure Attended and Inorganically Fertilized Soils. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, SSSA and CSSA, Indianapolis, Nov 11-14.
- Hutchinson, C. M., R.S. Mylavarapu and F. Munoz. 2002. Evaluation of BMPs for potato production in Northeast Florida. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, SSSA and CSSA, Indianapolis, Nov 11-14.
- Nair, V.D., D.A. Graetz, W.G. Harris, G. Kidder, Mylavarapu, R.S. and R.D. Rhue. 2001. Florida Phosphorus Index Applied to Soils with High Leaching Risk. Poster Presentation Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Charlotte, October 22-25.
- Sotomayor, D.R., Martinez, G., and Mylavarapu, R. S. 2001. Development of Environmental Soil Tests for Tropical Soils. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Charlotte, October 22-25.
- Zinati, G.M., H.H. Bryan and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2001. Degradation of sunnhemp and its effect on soil organic carbon. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, SSSA and CSSA, Charlotte, October 22-25.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. and Sanchez, J. F. 2001. Spatial and temporal nutrient distribution in North Florida sands under intensive crop management. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Charlotte, October 22-25.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Boetger, S. P., Nair, V. D., Graetz, D. A., Hendricks, G. 2001. Nutrient Management in Florida. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Charlotte, October 22-25.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sotomayor, D. R. 2001. Phosphorus Sorption Characteristics as Indicators of Environmental Impact. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Charlotte, October 22-25.

- Lee, W. D., R. S. Mylavarapu, J. S. Choe, J.D. Whitney. 2001. Study on Soil Properties and Spectral Characteristics in Florida. Oral Presentation, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Sacramento, California, July 3-7.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sanchez, J. F. 2001. Spatial distribution of drainage in uniform soil columns. Oral Presentation, Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida, Stuart, FL, June 10-12.
- Sanchez, J. F., Mylavarapu, R. S. 2001. Robust regression techniques for improved prediction of soil nutrients. Oral Presentation, Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida, Stuart, FL, June 10-12.
- Mylavarapu, R.S., Ngyuen, J. A., Bartos, J. M. 2000. Method Comparison for analysis of organic matter in sandy soils of Florida. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Nov 5-9, Minnesota.
- Kidder, J., R.S. Mylavarapu, J. A. Ngyuen, and J. M. Bartos. 2000. Assessment of Fertility Status Through Client-submitted Soil Samples in Florida. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Nov 5-9, Minnesota.
- Zinati, G. M., Mylavarapu, R.S., Li, Y. C., Bryan, H. H., Basti, B., Codallo, M. M. 2000. Temporal variation of soil microbial biomass under various cover crops. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Nov 5-9, Minnesota.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2000. Correlation between Mehlich-1 and Mehlich-3 extraction procedures for plant available nutrients in acid mineral soils of Florida. Annual Meeting, Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida, Tallahassee. Session Moderator
- Mylavarapu, R.S., G. Kidder and J. M. Bartos. 2000. Fertility Status of Florida Soils-An Assessment through the Extension Soil Testing Program. Annual Meeting, Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida, Sep 19-21, Tallahassee.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1999. Soil Testing Procedures for Successful Turfgrass Production. Florida Turfgrass Association ESTL Tour, Oral Presentation, August 9-12, Attendees 95.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., J. E. Albrecht and R. E. Franklin. 1999. Copper and Zinc Accumulation in SC Soils due to Application of Animal Wastes. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Salt Lake City, Oct 31-Nov 4.
- Isensee, A.R. R. S. Mylavarapu and A. M. Sadeghi. 1996. Effect of burn-down herbicides on atrazine washoff from vetch and rye grass. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Indianapolis, IN, Nov 3-8.
- A. M. Sadeghi, R. S. Mylavarapu and A. R. Isensee. 1996. Influence of texture and tillage practice on herbicide transport. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Indianapolis, IN, Nov 3-8.

- Mylavarapu R.S. and V.L. Quisenberry. 1995. Effect of negative pressures on the spatial variability of the effluent flow in sand and soil columns. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, St. Louis, MO, Oct 29-Nov3.
- O. Mandiringana, R.S. Mylavarapu and V.L. Quisenberry. 1992. Preferential flow characteristics among four classes of soils. Poster Presentation, Annual Meetings, ASA, CSSA, SSSA, Minneapolis, MN, Nov 7-14.

## **EXTENSION PROGRAMS**

### **A. National/Regional Extension Programs**

1. Southern Region Water Quality Program
  - Nutrient Management – Team Leader
  - Animal Waste Management – Team Leader
2. SERA-IEG-6 on Nutrient Analysis of Soils, Plants, Water and Waste Materials
  - Vice Chair- 2006-2008
  - Secretary - 2004-2006
  - (Chair- 2008-2010)
  - Member- representing UF/IFAS- 1999-present
  - Member- representing Clemson University- 1996-1998
3. Soil & Plant Analysis Council  
Elected Board member of the Council, 2006-2009
4. SERA-17 on Phosphorus
  - Member – 2005-present

### **B. State Extension Programs**

1. Training for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning for Technical Service Providers
2. Nutrient Management and Fertilizer Recommendations
  - i. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management through Diagnostic Soil, Tissue and Water Testing
  - ii. CCA Program  
Nominated as the Member of the Florida CCA Board
  - iii. In-service Training
  - iii. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Core Group
3. The 'Florida Phosphorus Index' Committee:  
Co-Chair of the statewide committee, 2008-present.
4. Development of Commodity Related Nutrient BMPs

**Reviewed Extension Publications (96)****(i) Regional**

- 1) Sikora, F.J., H. Bryant, P.S. Howe, R. Henderson, W. Johnson, D. Kissel, M. Mozaffari, R.S. Mylavarapu and H. Zhang. 2008. Phosphorus in Mehlich-1 and Mehlich-3 Soil Tests: An Inter-laboratory Evaluation of ICP vs. Colorimetric Analysis. Southern Regional Fact Sheet, SERA-IEG-6. pp16.
- 2) Mylavarapu, R.S., H. Savoy and C.R. Crozier. 2004. Soils and Soil Fertility. *In* Vegetable Crop Guidelines for the Southeastern U.S. Ed. D.C. Sanders, North Carolina Vegetable Growers Association, NC, pp9.
- 3) Sikora, F.J., D. Hardy, R. Tucker, R. Franklin, R.S. Mylavarapu. 2004. Conversion Equations for Soil Test Extractants: Mehlich-1 and Mehlich-3. Southern Regional Fact Sheet, SERA-IEG-6. <http://soils.rs.uky.edu/M3vsM1.htm>

**(ii) Selected State Extension (Total 93)**

- Mylavarapu, R.S., D. Wright, G. Kidder and C.G. Chambliss 2007. UF/IFAS Standardized Fertilization Recommendations for Agronomic Crops. SL129, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p10.
- E.A. Hanlon, Rao Mylavarapu, I.V. Ezenwa Development of Bahiagrass Fertilization Recommendations: 1990-2005. SL 237, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p9.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2004. Irrigation and Household Water Test and Interpretation. 2004. SL 219, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, pp4.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002 UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index- *Escambia County Florida*. CIRC1280, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index- *Jackson County Florida*. CIRC1281, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p22.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Pasco County Florida*. CIRC1303, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.

- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Polk County Florida*. CIRC1304, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Osceola County Florida*. CIRC1305, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p20.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*St. Lucie County Florida*. CIRC1306, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Martin County Florida*. CIRC1307, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Palm Beach County Florida*. CIRC1308, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p20.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Hendry County Florida*. CIRC1309, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p20.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Broward County Florida*. CIRC1310, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p20.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Hillsborough County Florida*. CIRC1317, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Brevard County Florida*. CIRC1328, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.

- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*St. Johns County Florida*. CIRC1331, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Putnam County Florida*. CIRC1332, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Hurt, G.W., R.S. Mylavarapu and S.P. Boetger. 2004/2002. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Computational Tools for Field Implementation of the Florida Phosphorus Index-*Alachua County Florida*. CIRC1263, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p21.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. and E.D. Kennelley\*. 2002. UF/IFAS Extension Soil Testing Laboratory Analytical Procedures and Training Manual. Soil and Water Science, CIRC 1248, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p19.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. and Wonsuk Lee. 2002. Soil Sampling Strategies for Precision Agriculture. SL190, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p4.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 2002. The Process of Standardized Nutrient Recommendation Development for Successful Crop Production and Environmental Protection. SL189, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p3.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sanchez, J. F\*. *Hoja de Informacion para Analisis de Jardines y Huertos*. (Spanish) SL-136-SP, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p2.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sanchez, J. F\*. *Hoja de Informacion de Analisis para el Productor*. (Spanish) SL-135-SP Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p2.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sanchez, J. F\*. *Hoja de Informacion para Analisis de Medios de Materos*. (Spanish) SL-134-SP Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p2.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sanchez, J. F\*. *Hoja de Informacion para Analisis de Aguas*. (Spanish) SL-133-SP Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p2.
- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sanchez, J. F.\* *Hoja de Informacion para Analisis de Suelos de Viveros de Pino*. (Spanish) SL-132-SP Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p2.

- Mylavarapu, R. S., Sanchez, J. F\*. *Hoja de Informacion para Analisis de Tejidos Vegetables*. (Spanish) SL-131-SP Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS, p2.
- Kidder, G., C.G. Chambliss, and R. Mylavarapu. 2002. UF/IFAS Standardized Fertilization Recommendations for Agronomic Crops. SL129, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p9.
- Mylavarapu, R., T. Yeager and J.M. Bartos. 2001. UF/IFAS Nutrient Management Series: Container Media Nutrient Test Interpretations. SL 180, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p3.
- Kidder, G., H.H. Van Horn, L.W. Schnell, J.P. Jacob, R. Mylavarapu. 2001. Introduction to Preparing Nutrient Management Plans. Circular 1247, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p54.
- C.G. Chambliss, G. Kidder, and R.S. Mylavarapu. 2000. Liming for Production of Forage Crops in Florida. SS-AGR-46, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p7.
- Mylavarapu, R..S. 1999. Plant Tissue Test Information Sheet. SL-131, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p2.
- Mylavarapu, R. S. 1999. Pine Nursery Soil Test Information Sheet. SL-132, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p2.
- Mylavarapu, R..S. 1999. Water Test Information Sheet. SL-133, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p3.
- Mylavarapu, R. S. 1999. Container Media Test Information Sheet. SL-134, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p3.
- Mylavarapu, R.S. 1999. Producer Soil Test Information Sheet. SL-135, Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p3.
- Mylavarapu, R. S. 1999. Landscape and Vegetable Garden Test Information Sheet. Soil & Water Science, Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS. p3.
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## B. WEBSITES (3)

- A website for my soil and nutrient management program consisting of information about the research projects and extension programs, graduate student research, with links to the soil testing labs and other relevant sites. Revised August 2007. URL: [nutrients.ifas.ufl.edu](http://nutrients.ifas.ufl.edu)
- A website for the UF/IFAS Extension Soil Testing Laboratory consisting of information about the laboratory mission, services provided, fee schedules, sample submission forms, personnel, etc. Revised August 2007. URL: [soilslab.ifas.ufl.edu](http://soilslab.ifas.ufl.edu)
- A website for the UF/IFAS Analytical Research Laboratory consisting of information about the laboratory mission, services provided, fee schedules, QA information, instruments, personnel, etc. Revised August 2007. URL: [arl.ifas.ufl.edu](http://arl.ifas.ufl.edu)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE**

a. Administrative Service as the Director of UF/IFAS Analytical Services Laboratories comprising of Environmental Water Quality, Analytical Research and Extension Soil Testing Laboratories (ARL and ESTL), Wallace Building, UF Campus, Gainesville and IFAS Livestock Waste Testing laboratory, Live Oak.

The Analytical Services Laboratories (ANSERV) will have four components operating with specific missions- a) the Analytical Research Lab (ARL), b) the Environmental Water Quality Lab (EWQL), c) the Extension Soil Testing Laboratory (ESTL) and d) the Waste Testing Laboratory (WTL). While the ARL and the ESTL have been in operation for over 25 years, the EWQL has been added only in February 2007. The IFAS Livestock Waste Testing Lab (LWTL) at Live Oak, FL, operating since early '90s will be moved to Wallace Building and be renamed as WTL within the ANSERV Labs. The LWTL has been already placed under the administrative control of the SWSD faculty member since Dec, 2006. New space has been made available to accommodate these two new components and renovations to the facility have started in February 2007. The EWQL is expected to start accepting samples in April and the WTL is expected to start by July 1<sup>st</sup>, '07.

Once operational, all the NELAP certified analyses will be handled by the EWQL on a walk-in basis and the ARL will continue to offer non-certified analyses on a prior-schedule basis. The ESTL offers a variety of packaged tests for soils, water and plant tissue and the WTL will offer manure as well as other waste products to help provide soil fertility, nutrient availability, and interpretations with nutrient management recommendations for all Florida growers.

New mission statements for the new components are currently being developed. The following are the current mission statements for the ARL and the ESTL formulated in 1999-

(i) Mission Statements

In view of distinctly different roles that each of the Labs is responsible for playing, the following two unique mission statements were developed to explicitly set the tone.

The ARL Mission Statement-

*“to offer UF/IFAS researchers high quality analytical services for an appropriate selection of standard tests in a timely manner, through adoption of NELAP Certification protocols”*

The ESTL Mission Statement-

*“to serve the citizens of Florida, by providing selected soil, plant, and water testing,, interpretations and recommendations as an educational component of the Cooperative Extension Service to guide management decisions affecting lime and fertilizer use efficiency”*

(ii) Laboratory Automation

- A fully-functional LIMS software was implemented at the Labs in 2003, after two years of development and testing phases.
- Most functions have been automated, including data acquisition, transfers, QA qualifiers, electronic client reports, and billing and managerial summary reports.
- The ESTL test reports have been re-designed with graphic charts added to significantly improve comprehension and clarity.
- The ARL research reports now contain all of the QA/QC data on the same report as required by funding and regulatory agencies compared to separate manual insertions previously.

- Two web sites, one for each lab, were developed to provide necessary information on various analytical services available, fee schedules and to provide the sample submission forms using grant funds.
- A web site of my nutrient management program provides scientific information in support of the ESTL services on soil fertility, soil testing, interpretations, recommendations, and links to all the educational information through IFAS extension web site (EDIS). This web site serves as a valuable resource, particularly to the county extension faculty in the state.
- Web based request forms for ARL analyses have been developed and are used by majority of the researchers using grant funds. This procedure has vastly improved client-ARL interaction.
- Additional modifications to the LIMS have been made to integrate the new People Soft protocols.
- Currently the NELAC QA/QC protocols are all being programmed into LIMS for a complete automation of the review process.
- New crop code, tests and report with appropriate recommendations has been prepared for established Bahia pastures in the ESTL and implemented July 1, 2007.
- Expansion of LIMS to accommodate the new EWQ and Manure Testing Labs is currently being designed.

(iii) Equipment and Analyses

The number of samples processed at the ESTL increased from a typical 12,000 samples to over 18,400 during the FY2006-07. During the FY06-07, the ARL processed nearly 50,000 samples a year amounting to over 100,000 analyses. Additional analytical instruments were acquired and new analyses were implemented in the ARL. A new Discrete Analyzer and a new ICP were purchased to equip the new EWQL through FDACS grant funding.

The Certification of the ARL was critical for several IFAS researchers and their projects. The ARL acquired Florida Department of Environmental Protection certification (until 2003) and through the Florida Department of Health, the certification under National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) from 2004 onwards.

- A new AQ2 Discrete Analyzer was purchased for certified nutrient analyses for the new EWQL. The machine is operating at its full capacity starting April, 2007.
- A new ICP (Perkin Elmer) was acquired also for the new EWQL, which will be installed in the new area being renovated to establish the Lab.
- Both the Discrete Analyzer and the new ICP will be added to the current NELAC certification after successfully running the PE samples.
- The ARL has successfully obtained the NELAC Certification for its analytical procedures in 2004 and has successfully renewed it through June 2008.
- After a significant testing phase, the ARL has implemented, a low-level (parts per billion) phosphorus analysis, to provide service to researchers working particularly on the Everglades and Okeechobee restoration projects.
- Two new Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrophotometers (ICPs), costing approximately \$100,000 each, have been acquired to replace previous old and inefficient ICPs.

- Two new autoanalyzers (\$45,000 each) have been purchased for nitrate, ammonia and phosphorus analysis in addition to the three already present. One of the machines is dedicated to run low level phosphorus analysis.
- A new autoclave, muffle furnace and digestion block were purchased to increase sample digestion capacity.

(iv) Personnel Resources

Until 1999, the Labs had a total of 8 permanent USPS employees and a Laboratory Coordinator (A&P faculty) managing day-to-day activities. To support the growth of the Labs, additional positions were successfully secured and enhanced, where appropriate. Currently the Labs have

- In 2006/2007, two new positions- Chemist/QA Officers (2 year time-limited positions) have been approved for new EWQL. One of the positions has been filled in Feb, '07 and the other one is expected to be filled by Oct, '07.
- In 2006, a front-office assistant position was created moving from a traditional office assistant to include the accounting responsibilities.
- In 1999, a new chemist and ARL QA Officer position was created and a permanent USPS employee was hired.
- In 2000, a new Coordinator was hired for the Labs.
- In 2003/2004, one computer operator and one laboratory analyst have retired. Replacements were successfully hired in each of those positions.
- Addition of a half-time Program Fiscal Assistant at the Labs has been approved for which hiring process will be initiated shortly.
- Plans are being drawn for 3 more anticipated retirements of the personnel including options such as revamping the positions to reflect the current and future needs.
- Annual evaluation forms for use by the Coordinator were developed. Annual evaluation of the Coordinator is conducted directly by me and recommendations are forwarded to the Chair.
- Have successfully counseled several personnel including the Coordinator with regards to improving the staff morale and efficiency. Several confidence building measures are in place, including one-one and group meetings, open discussions, and one-time bonuses to an employee annually who performs duties over and above the routine assignments. Annual retreats and seasonal food functions for the lab personnel are routinely being organized.

(v) Fiscal Resources

- An estimated \$80,000 a year in 2000 of revenue has now increased to approximately \$400,000 a year between ARL and the ESTL.
- Until 2003, while the ESTL had an Incidental Account, the ARL did not have such an account. The nature of the expense-refund account did not allow for roll-over of funds across fiscal years thereby preventing any planning and savings for critical needs of the Labs such as equipment maintenance, upgrades, augmenting personnel and computer software. Also the cost-reimbursement system did not allow for any purchases other than consumables.
- As retaining the ability to carry-over funds and to plan for Laboratory optimization, it was clear that an appropriate type of account was required for efficient functioning. After several

unsuccessful attempts for several years, approval was given for setting up an ARL Incidental account in 2003. This allowed for an efficient planning for resource augmentations, hiring temporary workers, equipment repairs, maintenance and upgrade.

**Professional Activities/Recognitions:**

- Member, Faculty Senate, 2000-2002
- Member, Certified Crop Adviser Board, Florida
- Hornsby Extension Professorial Award, 2006-2007 awarded by the UF/IFAS
- Member, Board, International Soil & Plant Analysis Council, 2007-2009
- Vice-Chair, SERA-IEG-6, 2006-2008
- Co-Leader, Nutrient Management, USDA-CSREES Southern Region Water Quality Program
- Co-Leader, Animal waste Management, USDA-CSREES Southern Region Water Quality Program
- Member, Editorial Board of 'Communications in Soil Science and Plant Analysis' an international peer-reviewed journal emphasizing soil, plant and water analysis and nutrient management – April, 2004-present.

**University-wide:**

- Member, IFAS Sr. Vice-President's Task Force on evaluation tool –UNIFAS, 2007-2009.
- Member, Task Force on Standardized Fertilization Recommendations for Agronomic Crops, 2007-on-going
- Member, Task Force on Bahiagrass Pasture Fertilization, 2005-present
- Permanent Member, UF/IFAS Plant Nutrient Oversight Committee, 2001-present
- Member, Suwannee River Basin Fertilizer Work Group, 2000-present
- Ex-Officio member ARL/ESTL Oversight Committee, 1998-present
- UF/IFAS Representative to SERA-IEG-6, 1999-present
- UF/IFAS Member on statewide P-Index Committee , 1999-present
- Chair, Search Committee, Senior Chemist, Chemist, and Computer Operator at the UF/IFAS Analytical Research & Extension Soil Testing Laboratories (2004).
- Chair, Search & Screen Committee for Coordinator, Research Programs (A&P) at the UF/IFAS Analytical Research & Extension Soil Testing Laboratories (2002).
- Chair, Search Committee for Coordinator, Extension Programs (A&P), for third party vendor training and certification program, a multi-year grant funded position (2002).
- Member, Editorial Board, Soil & Water Science Department Newsletter, 2000-2001.
- Design Team Member, Nutrient Management, SMP FL 107 on Vegetable Production
- Design Member, Nutrient Management, SMP FL 116 on Turfgrass Management
- Design Team, SMP FL 412 on Comprehensive Water Quality
- Design Team, SMP FL 411 on Irrigation Management
- Design Team, SMP FL 130 on IFAS Diagnostic Services
- Design Team, SMP FL 106 on Animal Manures and Wastes
- Member, Nutrient Management, SMP FL 101 on Agronomic Crops

- IFAS-FDACS Committee member for Forage grass BMP Development
- Member, Limpograss Fertilization Work Group
- Member, Search & Screen Committee for Coordinator, Livestock Waste Testing Lab, NFREC, Suwannee
- Member, Search & Screen Committee for Coordinator, Suwannee Partnership, Live Oak.

### **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 1) Participant in two workshops in 2007- Agricultural Knowledge Initiative- India-US Collaboration for Capacity Building and Water Management by ANGRAU and PAU in India.
- 2) Participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> International Soil & Plant Analysis Council Symposium in Budapest, Hungary in June, 2007 as the Council Board Member organizer.
- 3) Participating in discussions with Earth University, Costa Rica, to develop and implement a soil & nutrient management program, April 2007.
- 4) Participated in an international workshop and a seminar in 2005 and 2006 organized by Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad, India.
- 5) 2000-present - Member, International Continuing Education Credits Committee, Certified Crop Advisers Program, American Society of Agronomy, Madison, Wisconsin,. Members of this committee are charged with the responsibility of evaluating and approving the continuing education credits that can be applied to each of the educational/training events, internationally.
- 6) 2000-present - Member, International Soil & Plant Analysis Council with soil fertility specialists from all over the world that meets every two years in one of the member countries. Participated in 2001 and 2003 International Symposia in Edmonton, Canada and Cape Town, South Africa and presented research papers, one of which is published in a peer-reviewed journal. Planning to attend the 2005 Symposium in Cancun, Mexico and present a paper. Abstract has been approved. Currently a member of the Abstract Review Committee for the 2005 ISSPA Council Conference.
- 7) 1999 - Hosted Japanese officials in-charge of international agricultural marketing with support services such as soil testing and fertilizer recommendations. The officials toured the IFAS Extension Soil Testing Laboratory and discussed the soil testing philosophy, goals of cooperative extension and educational service, and value of soil testing for economically and environmentally sustainable crop production. Possibility for future collaboration for developing a soil testing program for Japanese farmers was explored.
- 8) Working on the invitation by Soils faculty at Earth University to visit Costa Rica (in 2003) to discuss the possibility of collaborating on research projects involving soil, water and nutrient management. Planning to visit to Costa Rica at an appropriate time.

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

- Hornsby Extension Professorial Award, 2006-2007 awarded by the UF/IFAS
- Elected to the Board, International Soil & Plant Analysis Council, 2007-2009

- Elected Vice-Chair, SERA-IEG-6, 2006-2008
- CSREES Liaison to the Technical Advisory Committee, EPA Regions 4 & 6, Nutrient Criteria
- IFAS Image Gold Award 2007, Best Regional Newsletter, Southern Region Water Quality
- Southern Region Water Quality Nutrient Management Team- best team display by CSREES, Washington, DC.
- Jim App Outstanding Team Award 2002- Best Team on Vegetables

## **MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN THE PROFESSION**

Member, American Society of Agronomy, 1992-present

Member, Soil Science Society of America, 1992-present

Member, International Continuing Education Review Committee, American Society of Agronomy, 1999-2005

Member, Werner Nelson Agricultural Productivity Award, American Society of Agronomy, 1999-2001

Member, Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida, 2000-present

Member, Florida State Horticultural Society, 2001-present

Member, Sigma Xi, 2000-2004

Member, Suwannee Fertilizer Workgroup

Member, Suwannee Basin BMP Working Group

Member, Forage BMP Development Group, Suwannee basin

Member, Turfgrass BMP Development Team