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Bob grew up on a large vegetable farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and has been an Extension agent for 41 years. His current position is 50% regional in nature supporting commercial vegetable Extension programs in the Suwannee Valley area of North Florida. The overall responsibility is the development and implementation of educational programs for commercial field and greenhouse vegetable producers that will increase their knowledge of production, incorporating principles of efficiencies, profitability, and environmental awareness. The position's other 50% of responsibility is to serve as the Assistant Center Director at the University of Florida, North Florida Research and Education Center- Suwannee Valley. This Center is a 400-acre facility near Live Oak, FL with a research and Extension program focus on water and nutrient management in agronomic and vegetable crops, alternative enterprises, small farm specialty crops, greenhouse hydroponic culture, integrated pest management systems, and organic/sustainable cropping systems.