



Dr. Gary Pierzynski serves as Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of K-State Research and Extension. Pierzynski joined K-State in 1989 as an Associate Professor in the Department of Agronomy. He continued to rise within the department to Professor, Interim Head, and finally Department Head of Agronomy beginning in 2007.

In his current role as Interim Dean, Pierzynski is responsible for overall program leadership, strategic direction, fiscal stewardship, policy formulation, and impact assessment. The CoA has over 235 faculty in 9 academic units. KSRE comprises the Kansas AES and CES. AES supports programs in 21 departments/units within 5 colleges and at 4 off-campus research centers. CES supports activities in 4 colleges and 5 area offices, and more than 265 extension agent positions that are jointly funded with offices in all 105 Kansas counties.

Pierzynski is a member of the KSU Department Heads Steering Committee. He also is a member of the Soil Science Society of America Board. Pierzynski keeps active in his spare time by reading, running, and gardening.