LSU AgCenter & College of Agriculture

Organization Chart

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Dean, College of Agriculture

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- **Kurt Guidry**
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  LAES
- **Glen Gentry**
  Associate Director - LAES
  Director, CRS
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  Associate Vice Chancellor
  Strategic Initiatives
- **Gillian Eggleston**
  Department Head / Chair
  Audubon Sugar Institute
- **Jeff Kuehny**
  Department Head / Chair
  Burden Museum and Gardens

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LCES Director

- **Melissa Cater**
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  LCES
- **Todd Tarifa**
  Associate Director
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- **Gina E. Eubanks**
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  Nutrition & Community Health
- **Tara Smith**
  Interim Associate Director
  Ag & Natural Resources
- **Chiquita Briley**
  Assistant Director
  Urban Extension Programs

Regional Directors
NW, NE, C, SW, SE

64 Parish Offices
14 Research Stations

Mike Stout
Executive Associate Dean
College of Agriculture

Department Heads + Chairs

- Ag Chemistry*
- Ag Economics
- Ag Extension Educ & Eval
- Animal Sciences
- Bio & Ag Engineering**
- Entomology
- Exp Statistics
- Nutrition & Food Sciences
- Plant Envir & Soil Sciences
- Plant Pathology
- Renewable Natural Resources
- Textile Apparel Design & Merch

Jennie Sparks
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College of Agriculture

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*AgChem - 100% AgCenter, no teaching function
** BAE - AgCenter responsible for research & extension, not teaching