

North Central (NC)

Dr. Steven Slack

Former Associate Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Director OARDC (Ohio Research and Development Center), The Ohio State University
(recently retired)



Steve is approachable, generous, sincere, smart, and has the vision to fully reflect his quality leadership. He routinely goes beyond the individual, taking great pride in advancing organizational success. Within NCRA, he has served on nine Multistate Committees, and Chair across nearly two decades of active participation. Nationally, he has served on the Partnership Working Group, CREATE 21 Executive, CLP, Science Roadmap Steering, Chair/member of the Budget and Legislative Committees and represented ESS across two terms on the Policy Board of Directors. Steve's research leadership has exemplified and promoted the Land-grant tradition of integrated service through the tripartite mission of teaching, research and Extension. His peers acknowledge that Steve simply makes everyone around him better with lasting advancements.

Steve Slack served on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, started his administrative career as the Henry and Mildred Uihlein Endowed Chair and then Chair of the Department of Plant Pathology, all at Cornell University, and as Associate Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Director Ohio Agricultural Development Center, retiring in 2016.

Slack has been recognized as an AAAS Fellow, American Phytopathological Society (APS) Fellow, honoree in the NIFA Hall of Fame and Honorary Life Membership with the Potato Association of America. Steve received the Outstanding Alumnus from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He also served as the President of APS, of the Northeastern Division of APS and of the Potato Association of America.

Slack earned his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Arkansas–Fayetteville and Ph.D. from the University of California–Davis.