

North Central Region

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Doug is a positive, innovative and engaging leader who continually strives for unique solutions and holistic impacts across a spectrum of state, regional, national and international programs. He joined Michigan State University (MSU) in 2000 as Chair of the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences and has progressively advanced as Associate Director and Associate Dean, Director and Senior Associate Dean and to Director of AgBioResearch and Assistant Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. Doug was also MSU Interim Dean (twice), had a successful appointment with USDA ARS as a Research Agronomist and started his career as an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. On a professional level in Michigan and beyond, Doug is well-known as a tireless advocate for agriculture and natural resources and champion's efforts to catalyze and sustain partnerships that advance the fundamental and applied research missions of MSU AgBioResearch and positively impact the agricultural experiment station network.

The North Central Regional Association (NCRA) of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors has benefited from his leadership through his term as Multistate Research Committee chair, NCRA Chair, NCRA Executive Director Search committee member, NCRA representative to the NRSP Review Committee and as an active NCRA member. Doug has also contributed as an administrative advisor to four North Central multistate committees and two national research support projects on Atmospheric Deposition and Specialty Crop Pest Management. Buhler is an inaugural Board of Director's member with the Foundation

for Food and Agriculture Research, while also serving on boards addressing water, food integrity, sea lamprey control, quantitative fisheries, technology transfer, US Wheat and Barley Scab, Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Michigan Sea Grant and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development. Internationally, he has developed programs and participated in collaborative activities in Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle/Far East and Central America.

Buhler is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Weed Science Society of America and the North Central Weed Science Society; and was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Honorary Alumni of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU, Honorary Member of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, and Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan State Horticultural Society; and Master Farmer Associate Award from the Michigan Vegetable Council.

Buhler earned a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.