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Dr. Randy Weigel is a professor and extension specialist in the Family & Consumer Sciences department at the University of Wyoming (UW) in Laramie, Wyoming, USA. He has been at UW since 1987 as faculty and administrator for UW Extension. He has a B.S. degree in psychology from Colorado State University, a M.S. degree in human development and family life from Kansas State University, and Ph.D. in professional studies from Iowa State University. Randy has taught the human risk management section of the Western Integrated Resource Education (WIRE) course. He is a contributing author for *AG Help Wanted: Guidelines for Managing Agricultural Labor*. He is the author of two Extension publication series: *The Personal Nature of Agriculture* and *Agricultural Producers and Stress*.

Dr. Weigel also developed the web-based teaching resources and fact sheets for *Inclusive 4-H: Involving Youth with Disabilities in 4-H* and contributes to the *Enterprising Rural Families* online educational resources for family businesses. He currently serves as project director for *Wyoming AgrAbility: Cultivating Accessible Agriculture*.

Prior to coming to UW, he worked for Iowa State Extension and taught techniques for addressing farm stress to Iowa farmers during the farm crisis of the mid 80s. His current extension and research interests include human relations in agricultural families, generational differences in the workplace, rural male psychology, behavioral health issues in rural environments and disability in agriculture.