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Dr. Thomas A. Obreza is Senior Associate Dean and Associate Director, Univ. of Florida/IFAS Extension. He served as Interim Associate Dean for Extension from 2009 to 2013 before assuming his current role. Dr. Obreza is also a Professor in UF's Soil and Water Sciences Department.

Dr. Obreza has been with UF/IFAS for 30 years. For the first 13 years, he was located at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee, where he worked on improving nutrient and water management of citrus, vegetable, and sugarcane crops. In 2002, Dr. Obreza moved to the main UF campus in Gainesville to assume the duties of statewide water resources extension coordinator. His extension education program covered plant nutrient use efficiency to protect water resources. His major responsibilities as Senior Associate Dean are managing Florida's 374 county and regional Extension faculty and helping direct the Florida Cooperative Extension service.

Dr. Obreza holds a B.S. degree in Agriculture from the Ohio State University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Soil Science from the University of Florida. He and his wife, Laurie, have two grown daughters and two granddaughters.